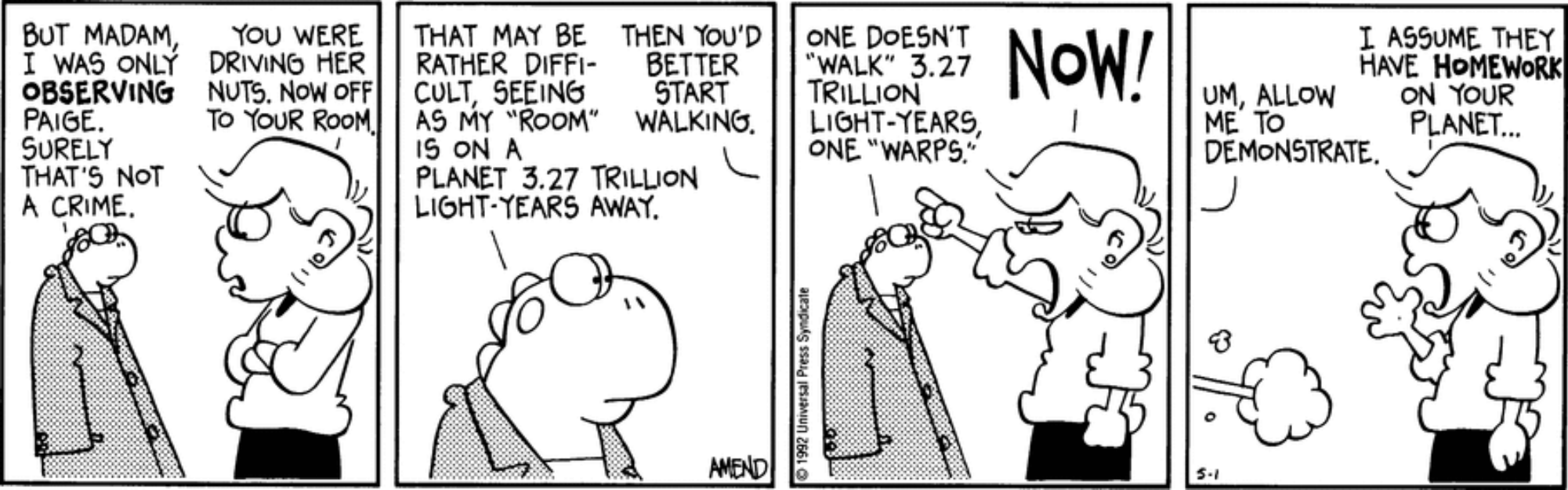
BUT MADAM, I WAS ONLY OBSERVING PAIGE. SURELY THAT'S NOT A CRIME.
YOU WERE DRIVING HER NUTS. NOW OFF TO YOUR ROOM.
THAT MAY BE RATHER DIFFICULT, SEEING AS MY "ROOM" IS ON A PLANET 3.27 TRILLION LIGHT-YEARS AWAY.
THEN YOU'D BETTER START WALKING.
AMEND
ONE DOESN'T "WALK" 3.27 TRILLION LIGHT-YEARS, ONE "WARPS."
NOW!
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UM, ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE.
I ASSUME THEY HAVE HOMEWORK ON YOUR PLANET...
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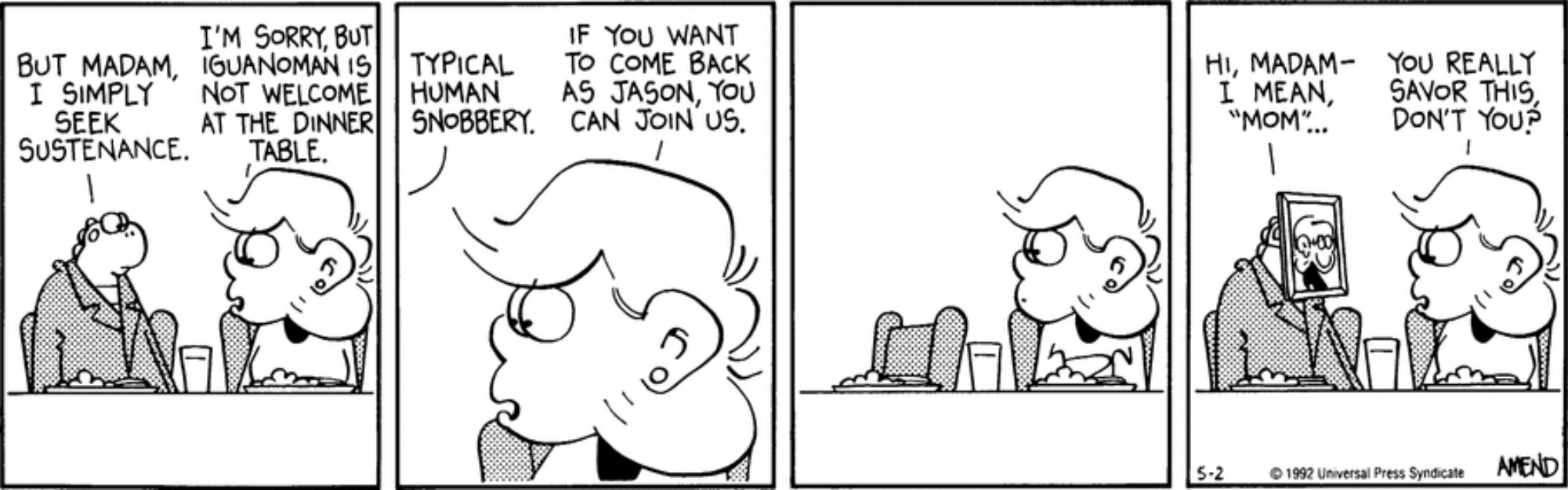
BUT MADAM, I SIMPLY SEEK SUSTENANCE.
I'M SORRY, BUT IGUANOMAN IS NOT WELCOME AT THE DINNER TABLE.
TYPICAL HUMAN SNOBBERY.
IF YOU WANT TO COME BACK AS JASON, YOU CAN JOIN US.
HI, MADAM- I MEAN, "MOM"...
YOU REALLY SAVOR THIS, DON'T YOU?
5-2
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AMEND

HAVE YOU SEEN THAT NEW ART GALLERY OVER ON MAIN STREET?
NO. WHY?

MARCUS AND I WANDERED IN THERE TODAY. IT WAS INCREDIBLE.
OH?

I MEAN, TALK ABOUT INSPIRING. TALK ABOUT EYE-OPENING. THE TWO OF US WERE JUST STANDING THERE IN AWE.
OF THE ART?
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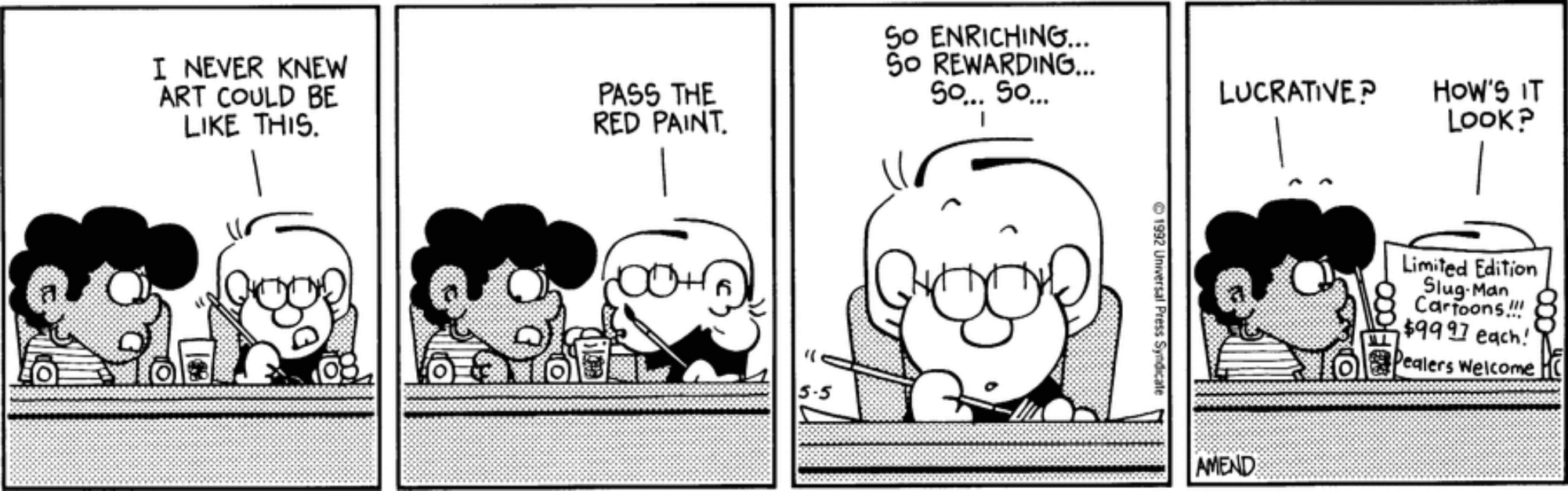
OF THE PRICES. WHERE'RE MY CRAYONS?
LOOK, LEROY, BEFORE YOU GET **TOO** EXCITED...


I NEVER KNEW ART COULD BE LIKE THIS.
PASS THE RED PAINT.
SO ENRICHING... SO REWARDING... SO... SO...
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LUCRATIVE?
HOW'S IT LOOK?
Limited Edition Slug-Man Cartoons!!! $99.97 each!
Dealers Welcome
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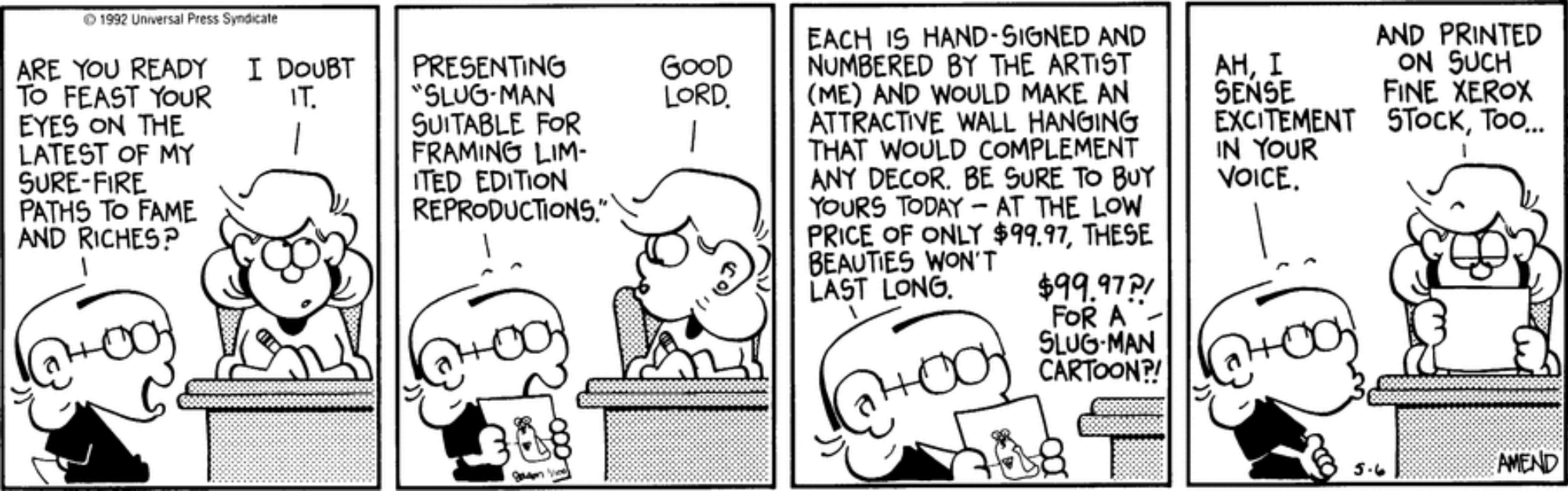
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ARE YOU READY TO FEAST YOUR EYES ON THE LATEST OF MY SURE-FIRE PATHS TO FAME AND RICHES?
I DOUBT IT.
PRESENTING "SLUG-MAN SUITABLE FOR FRAMING LIMITED EDITION REPRODUCTIONS."
GOOD LORD.
EACH IS HAND-SIGNED AND NUMBERED BY THE ARTIST (ME) AND WOULD MAKE AN ATTRACTIVE WALL HANGING THAT WOULD COMPLEMENT ANY DECOR. BE SURE TO BUY YOURS TODAY – AT THE LOW PRICE OF ONLY $99.97, THESE BEAUTIES WON'T LAST LONG.
$99.97?! FOR A SLUG-MAN CARTOON?!
AH, I SENSE EXCITEMENT IN YOUR VOICE.
AND PRINTED ON SUCH FINE XEROX STOCK, TOO...
5-6
AMEND

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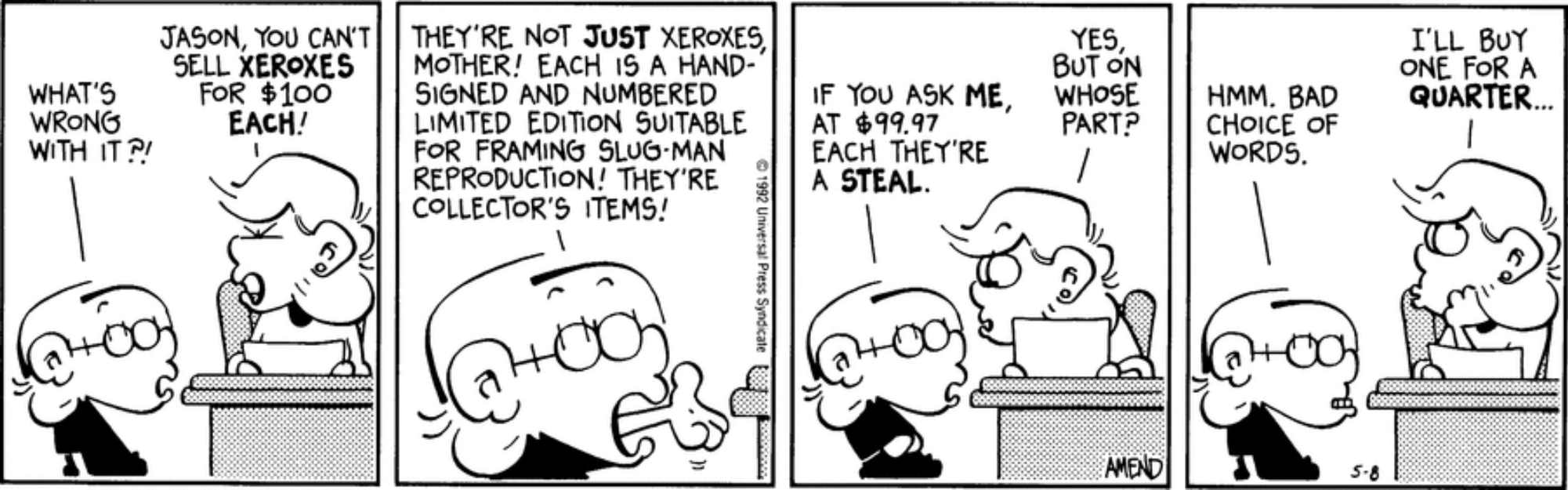
WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?!
JASON, YOU CAN'T SELL XEROXES FOR $100 EACH!
THEY'RE NOT JUST XEROXES, MOTHER! EACH IS A HAND-SIGNED AND NUMBERED LIMITED EDITION SUITABLE FOR FRAMING SLUG-MAN REPRODUCTION! THEY'RE COLLECTOR'S ITEMS!
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IF YOU ASK ME, AT $99.97 EACH THEY'RE A STEAL.
YES, BUT ON WHOSE PART?
AMEND
HMM. BAD CHOICE OF WORDS.
I'LL BUY ONE FOR A QUARTER...
5-8

A QUARTER?! MOTHER, YOU INSULT ME!
JASON, C'MON— HOW MUCH DO YOU HONESTLY THINK THESE ARE WORTH?!
WELL... THE LIMITED EDITION STUFF THEY HAD AT THE ART GALLERY COST LIKE $1,000. SELLING THESE FOR $99.97 SEEMED LIKE A BARGAIN.
AND MAYBE IT WILL BE SOMEDAY.
SOME-DAY?
JASON, IT TAKES AN ESTABLISHED ARTIST TO COMMAND THOSE BIG PRICES AND IT TAKES YEARS OF HARD WORK TO BECOME ESTABLISHED. YOU'RE JUST STARTING OUT- GIVE THINGS TIME.
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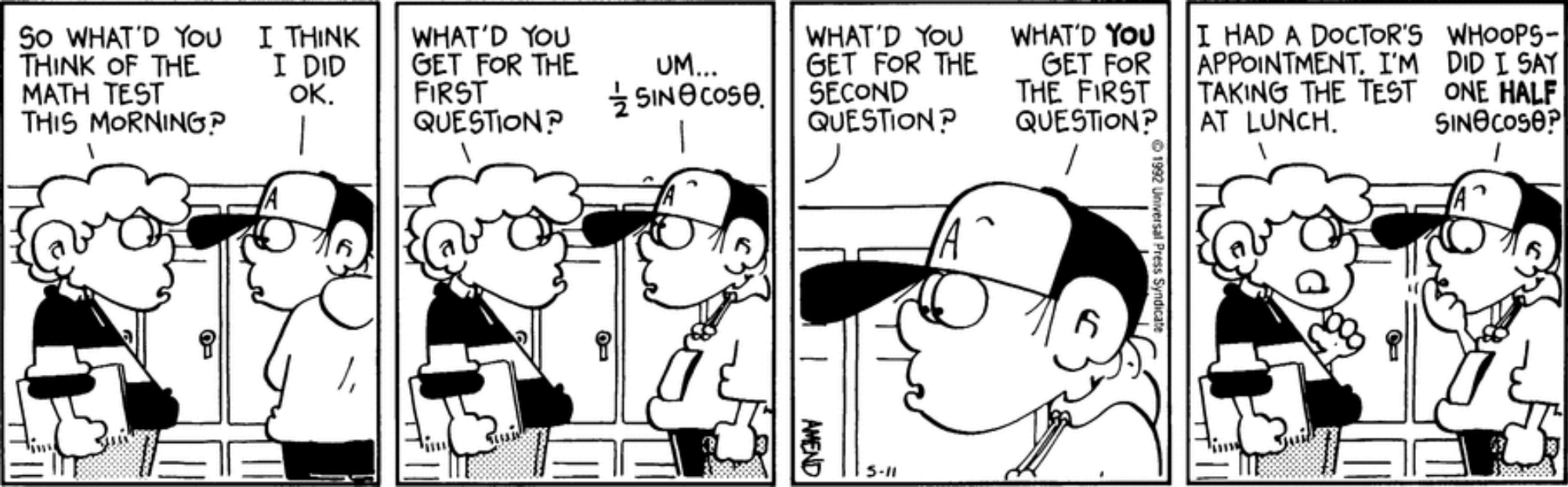
I SUPPOSE IT WOULDN'T HURT TO HOARD THEM FOR A LITTLE WHILE...
I CAN EVEN GUARANTEE APPRECIATION.
AMEND


SO WHAT'D YOU THINK OF THE MATH TEST THIS MORNING?
I THINK I DID OK.
WHAT'D YOU GET FOR THE FIRST QUESTION?
UM... $\frac{1}{2}$ SIN θ COS θ.
WHAT'D YOU GET FOR THE SECOND QUESTION?
WHAT'D **YOU** GET FOR THE FIRST QUESTION?
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AMEND
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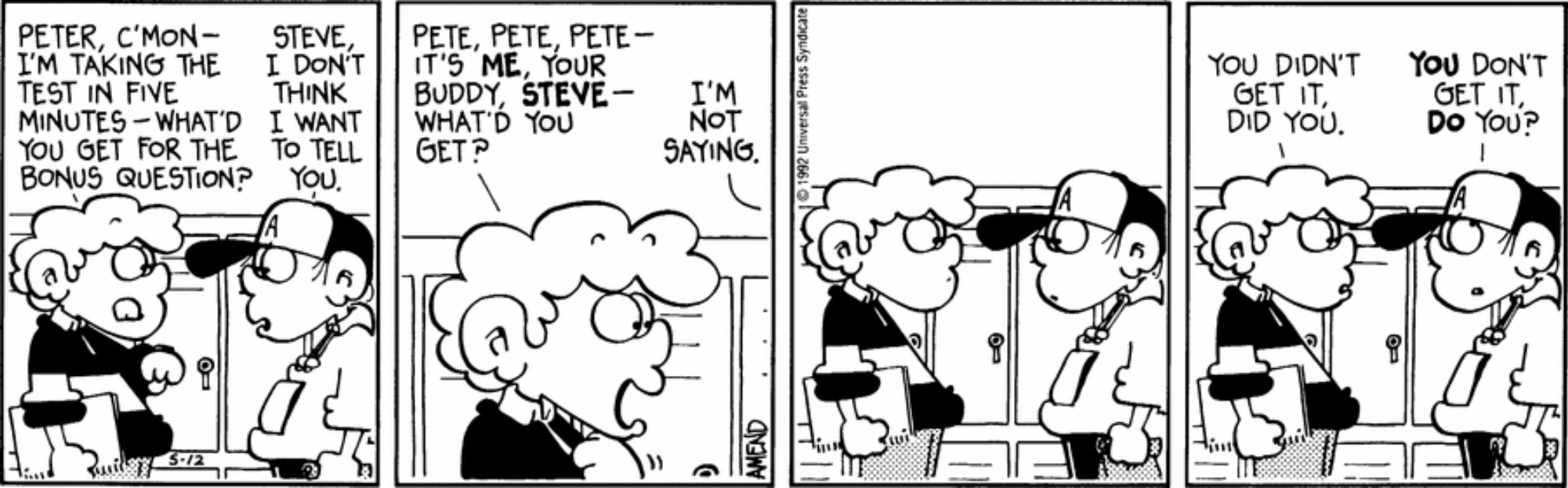
I HAD A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT. I'M TAKING THE TEST AT LUNCH.
WHOOPS- DID I SAY ONE **HALF** SIN θ COS θ?


PETER, C'MON— I'M TAKING THE TEST IN FIVE MINUTES—WHAT'D YOU GET FOR THE BONUS QUESTION?
STEVE, I DON'T THINK I WANT TO TELL YOU.
5-12
PETE, PETE, PETE— IT'S **ME**, YOUR BUDDY, **STEVE**— WHAT'D YOU GET?
I'M NOT SAYING.
AMEND
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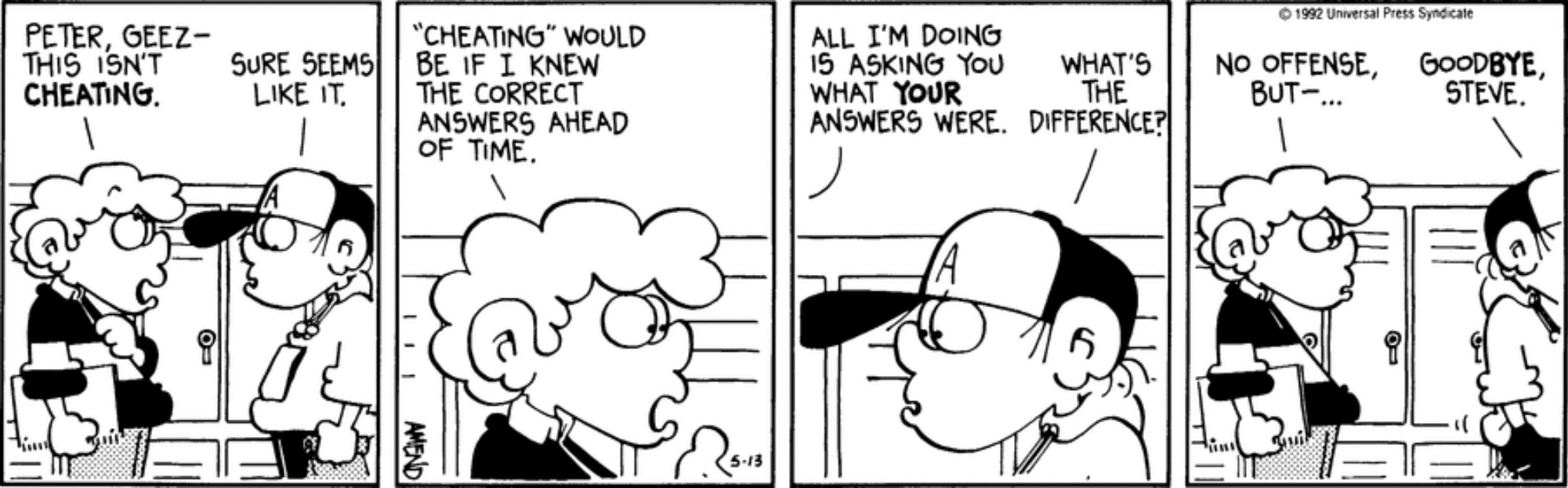
YOU DIDN'T GET IT, DID YOU.
YOU DON'T GET IT, **DO** YOU?


PETER, GEEZ– THIS ISN'T **CHEATING**.
SURE SEEMS LIKE IT.
"CHEATING" WOULD BE IF I KNEW THE CORRECT ANSWERS AHEAD OF TIME.
5-13
ALL I'M DOING IS ASKING YOU WHAT **YOUR** ANSWERS WERE.
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
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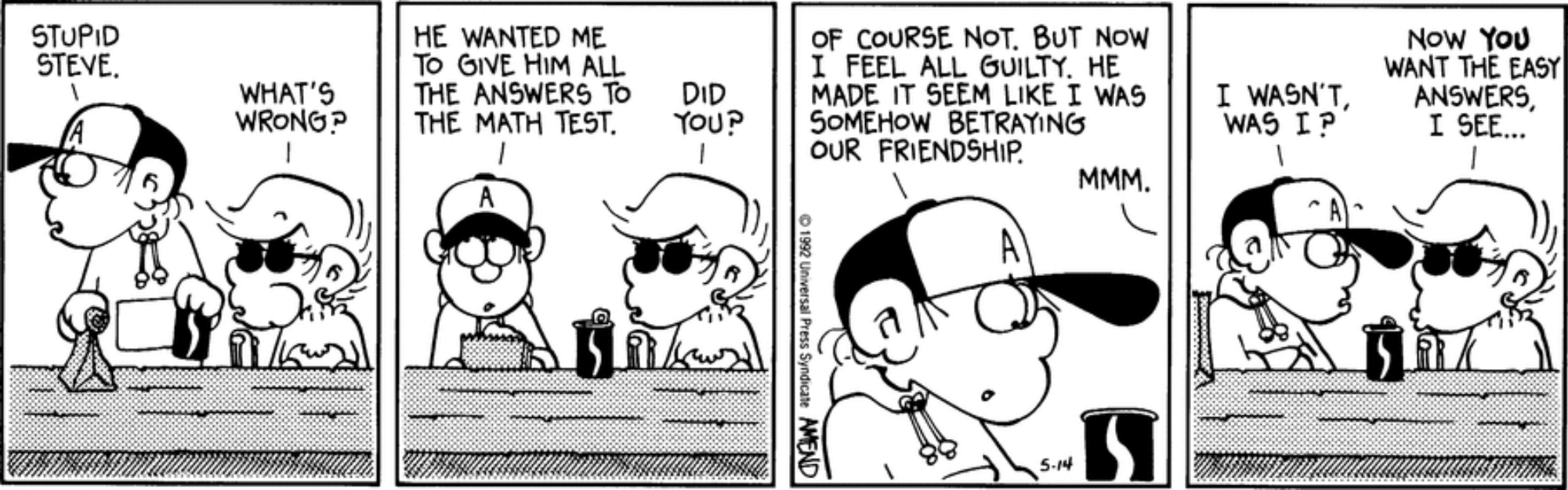
NO OFFENSE, BUT–...
GOOD**BYE**, STEVE.


STUPID STEVE.
WHAT'S WRONG?
HE WANTED ME TO GIVE HIM ALL THE ANSWERS TO THE MATH TEST.
DID YOU?
OF COURSE NOT. BUT NOW I FEEL ALL GUILTY. HE MADE IT SEEM LIKE I WAS SOMEHOW BETRAYING OUR FRIENDSHIP.
MMM.
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AMEND
5-14
I WASN'T, WAS I?
NOW YOU WANT THE EASY ANSWERS, I SEE...

I CAN'T BELIEVE STEVE PUT ME IN THIS SITUATION.
TELL HIM THAT.
IF I'D GIVEN HIM THE ANSWERS, I'D HAVE COMPROMISED MY INTEGRITY, DONE HIM A DISSERVICE AND SCREWED UP MY AND EVERYONE ELSE'S GRADE.
TELL HIM THAT.
BUT BY NOT HELPING HIM CHEAT, I NOW FEEL LIKE I'M SOME SORT OF TRAITOR — AND I SHOULDN'T. I MEAN, HE'S THE ONE WHO SHOULD FEEL BAD. HE'S THE ONE WHO CROSSED THE LINE, NOT ME.
TELL HIM THAT.
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SO, UM, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
TELL ME SOMETHING...
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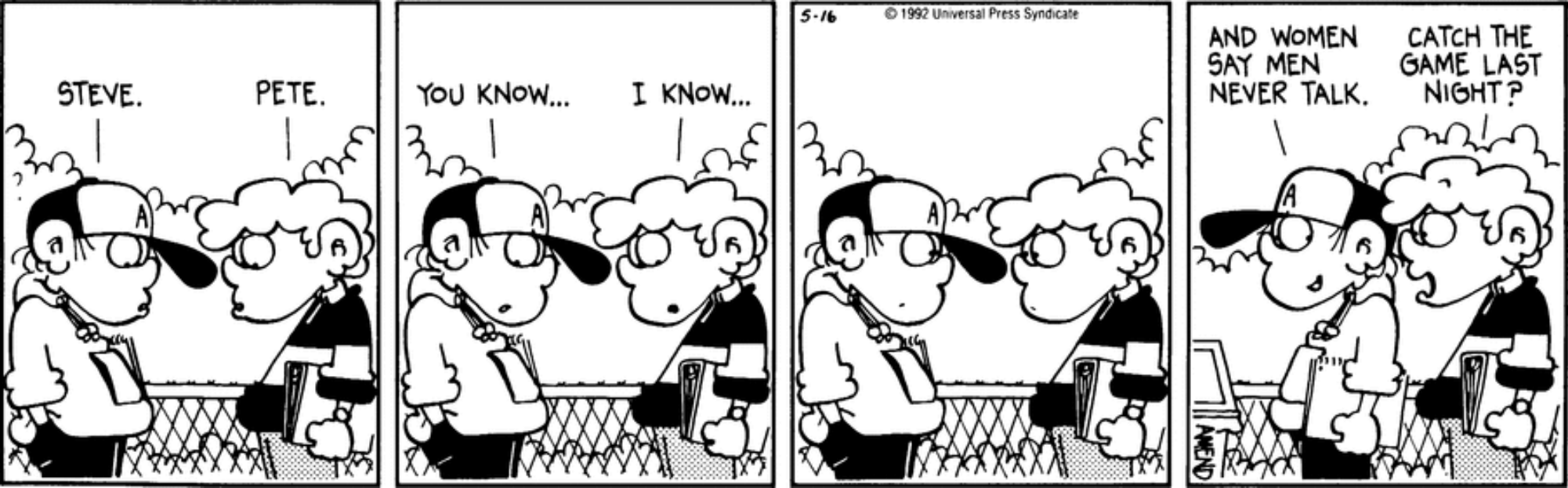
STEVE.
PETE.
YOU KNOW...
I KNOW...
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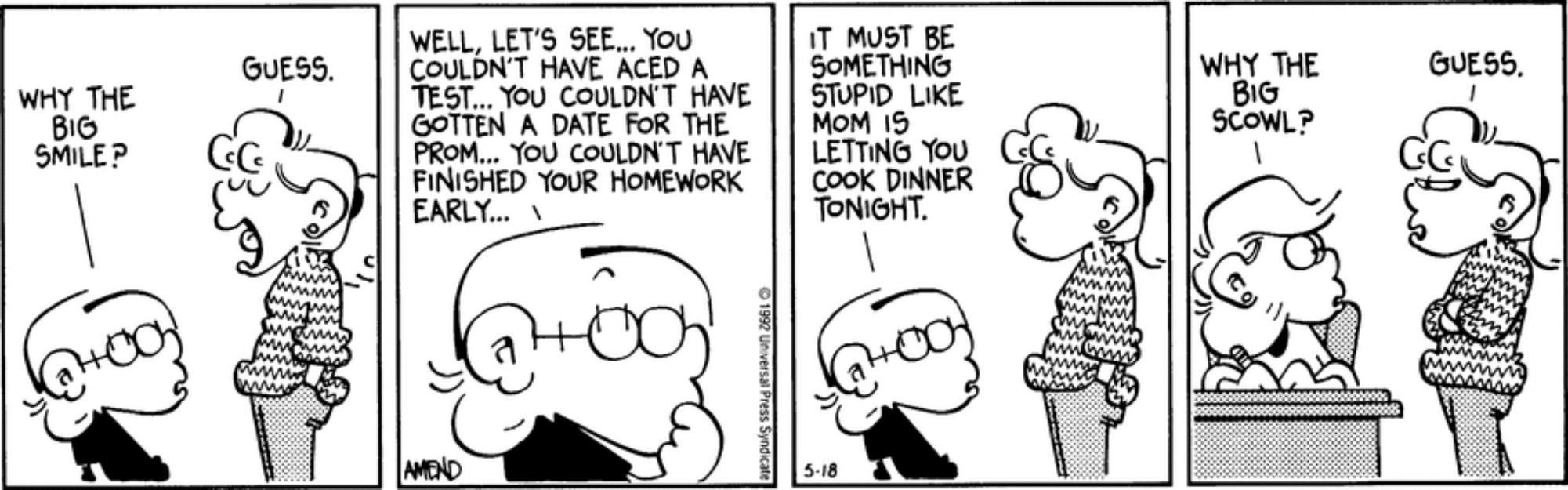
AND WOMEN SAY MEN NEVER TALK.
CATCH THE GAME LAST NIGHT?


WHY THE BIG SMILE?
GUESS.
WELL, LET'S SEE... YOU COULDN'T HAVE ACED A TEST... YOU COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN A DATE FOR THE PROM... YOU COULDN'T HAVE FINISHED YOUR HOMEWORK EARLY...
AMEND
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IT MUST BE SOMETHING STUPID LIKE MOM IS LETTING YOU COOK DINNER TONIGHT.
5-18
WHY THE BIG SCOWL?
GUESS.

WHATCHA DOING?
TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT I WANT TO COOK FOR DINNER.
COOKING make EZ
I WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING SPECIAL. UNFORGETTABLE.
5-19
SOMETHING EVERYONE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT FOR YEARS TO COME.
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COOKING
LIKE, SAY, LAST SUMMER'S BLACKENED EGG SALAD.
THINK DAD'LL SPRING FOR LOBSTERS?
AMEND

DON'T GO IN THE KITCHEN.
WHY?
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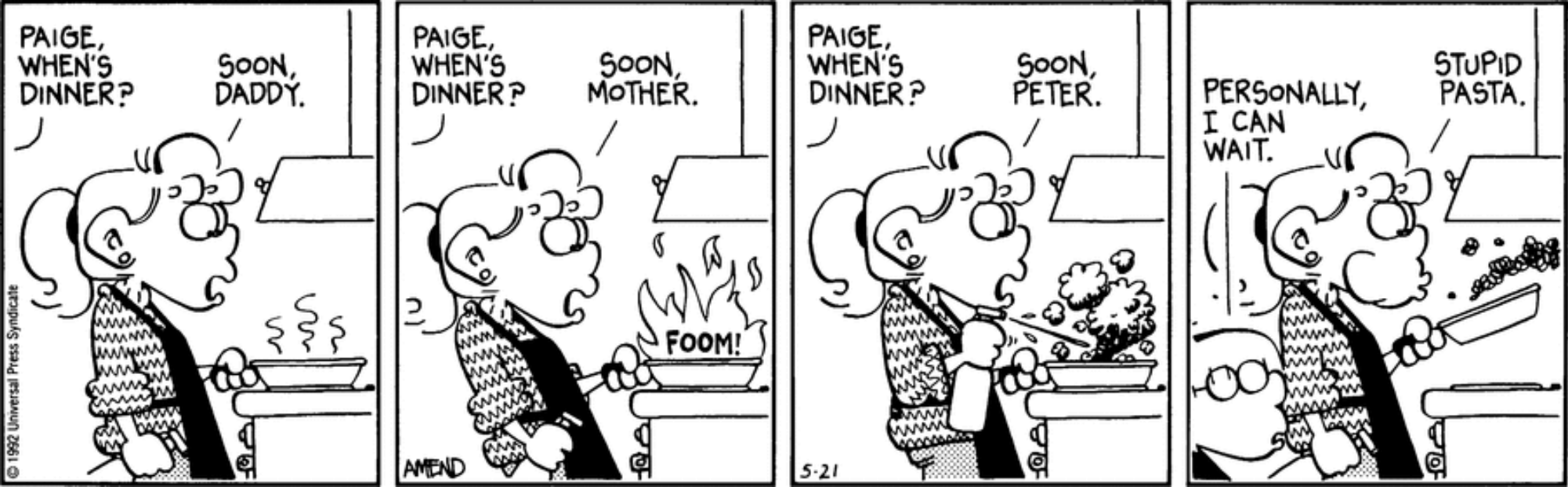
PAIGE IS COOKING DINNER.
AND SHE WANTS IT TO BE A SURPRISE? SHE WANTS IT TO BE A SECRET?

UM, SHE JUST KINDA WANTS TO LIVE.
I SAID GET OUT!
MY FEET ARE STUCK.
5-20
AMEND


PAIGE, WHEN'S DINNER?
SOON, DADDY.
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PAIGE, WHEN'S DINNER?
SOON, MOTHER.
FOOM!
AMEND
PAIGE, WHEN'S DINNER?
SOON, PETER.
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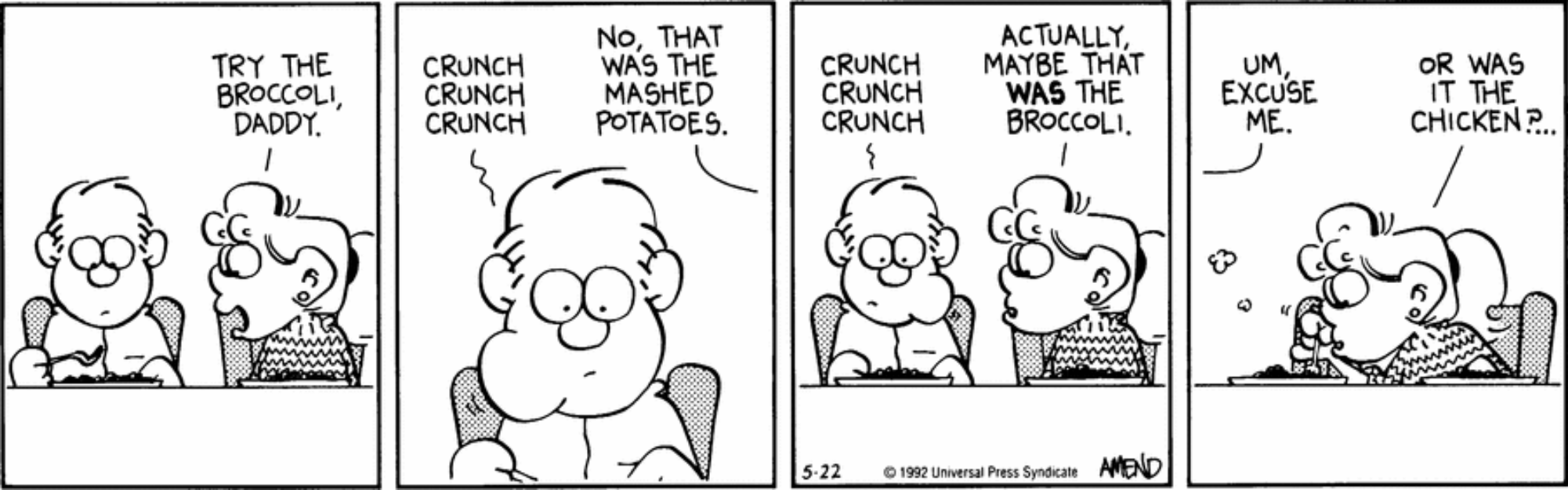
PERSONALLY, I CAN WAIT.
STUPID PASTA.


TRY THE BROCCOLI, DADDY.
CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH
NO, THAT WAS THE MASHED POTATOES.
CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH
ACTUALLY, MAYBE THAT WAS THE BROCCOLI.
5-22
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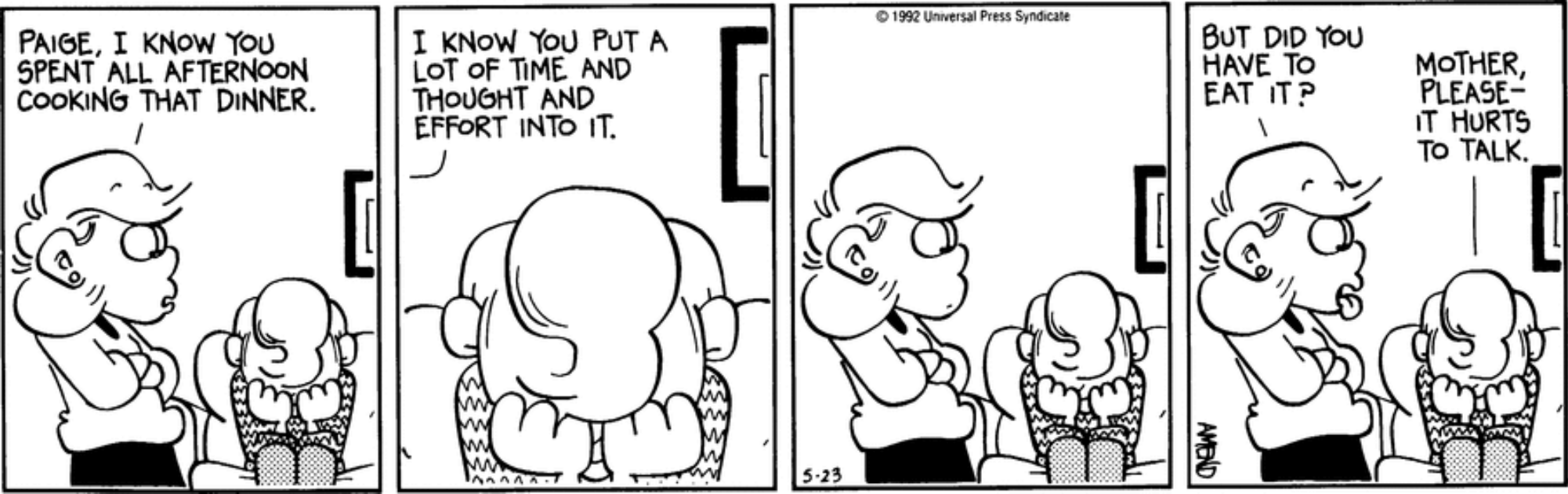
AMEND
UM, EXCUSE ME.
OR WAS IT THE CHICKEN?...


PAIGE, I KNOW YOU SPENT ALL AFTERNOON COOKING THAT DINNER.
I KNOW YOU PUT A LOT OF TIME AND THOUGHT AND EFFORT INTO IT.
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5-23
BUT DID YOU HAVE TO EAT IT?
MOTHER, PLEASE– IT HURTS TO TALK.
ARNOLD

AAAAA!
PAIGE, CALM DOWN.
I'M SORRY, MOTHER, BUT I CAN'T STAND IT — THE PRESSURE... THE ANXIETY... THE NEED TO EXCEL...
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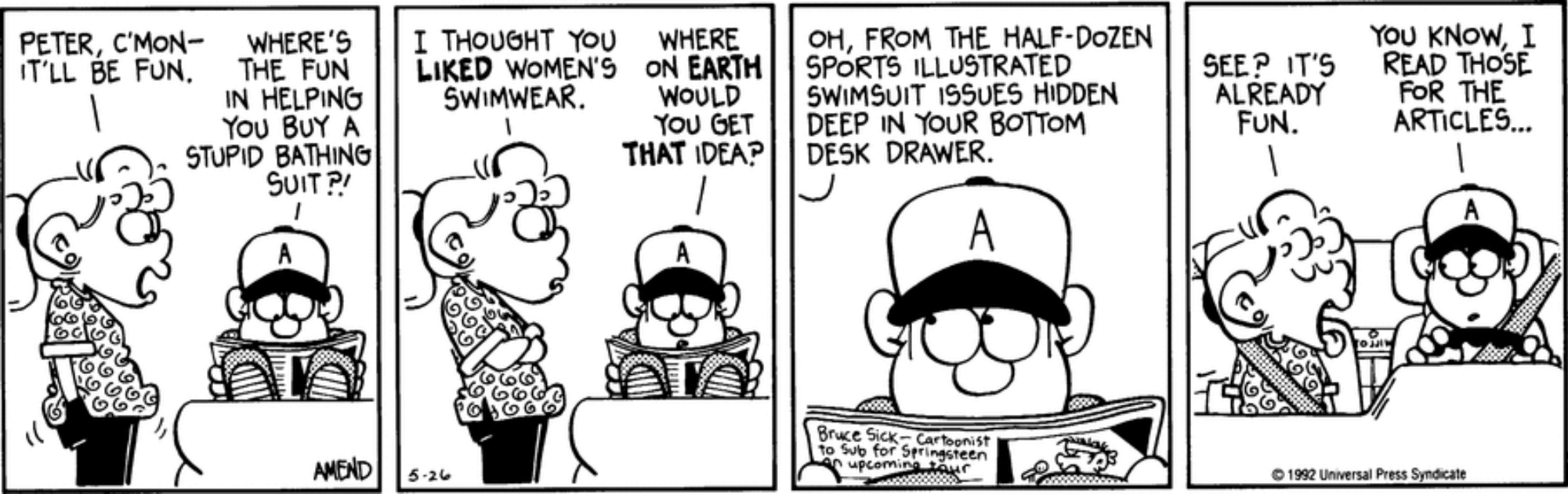
I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
UNTIL FINAL EXAMS?
AMEND
UNTIL BATHING SUIT SEASON! DO I GO ONE-PIECE? DO I GO TWO-PIECE?
ANDY, CALM DOWN.
5-25


PETER, C'MON— IT'LL BE FUN.
WHERE'S THE FUN IN HELPING YOU BUY A STUPID BATHING SUIT?!
AMEND
I THOUGHT YOU LIKED WOMEN'S SWIMWEAR.
WHERE ON EARTH WOULD YOU GET THAT IDEA?
5-26
OH, FROM THE HALF-DOZEN SPORTS ILLUSTRATED SWIMSUIT ISSUES HIDDEN DEEP IN YOUR BOTTOM DESK DRAWER.
Bruce Sick— Cartoonist to Sub for Springsteen on upcoming tour
SEE? IT'S ALREADY FUN.
YOU KNOW, I READ THOSE FOR THE ARTICLES...
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PAIGE, WHY ARE WE RUNNING?!
BECAUSE SWIMSUITS WENT ON SALE MONTHS AGO.
IF WE DON'T HURRY UP, ALL THE GOOD ONES WILL BE GONE AND I'LL BE STUCK WEARING SOME GROSS THING ALL SUMMER.
NORDSTROM
TALK ABOUT YOUR NIGHTMARES.
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5-27
RIGHT DOWN TO THE MUZAK.
I'VE NARROWED MY SEARCH DOWN TO THREE DOZEN STORES...

PETER, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HUBBA HUBBA.

REALLY?!
WOO WOO.
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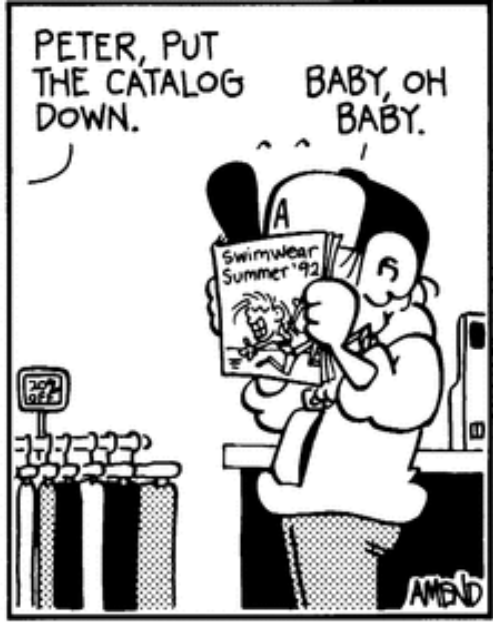
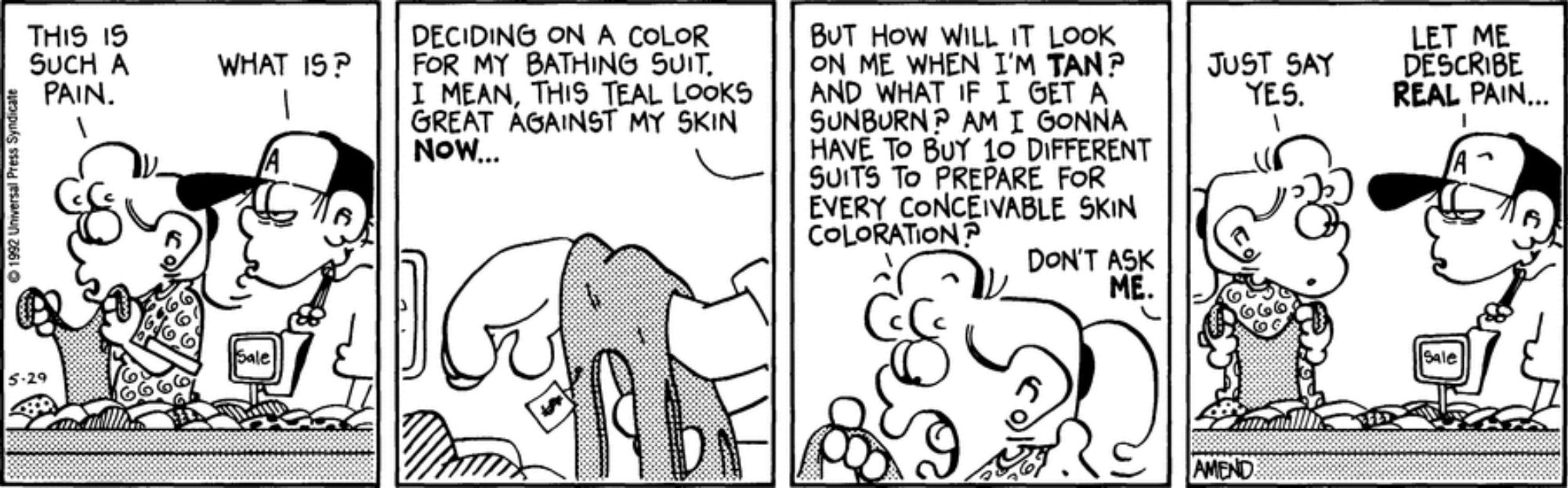
HONEST?
YOWZA YOWZA.


PETER, PUT THE CATALOG DOWN.
BABY, OH BABY.
Swimwear Summer '92
AMEND


THIS IS SUCH A PAIN.
WHAT IS?
Sale
5-29
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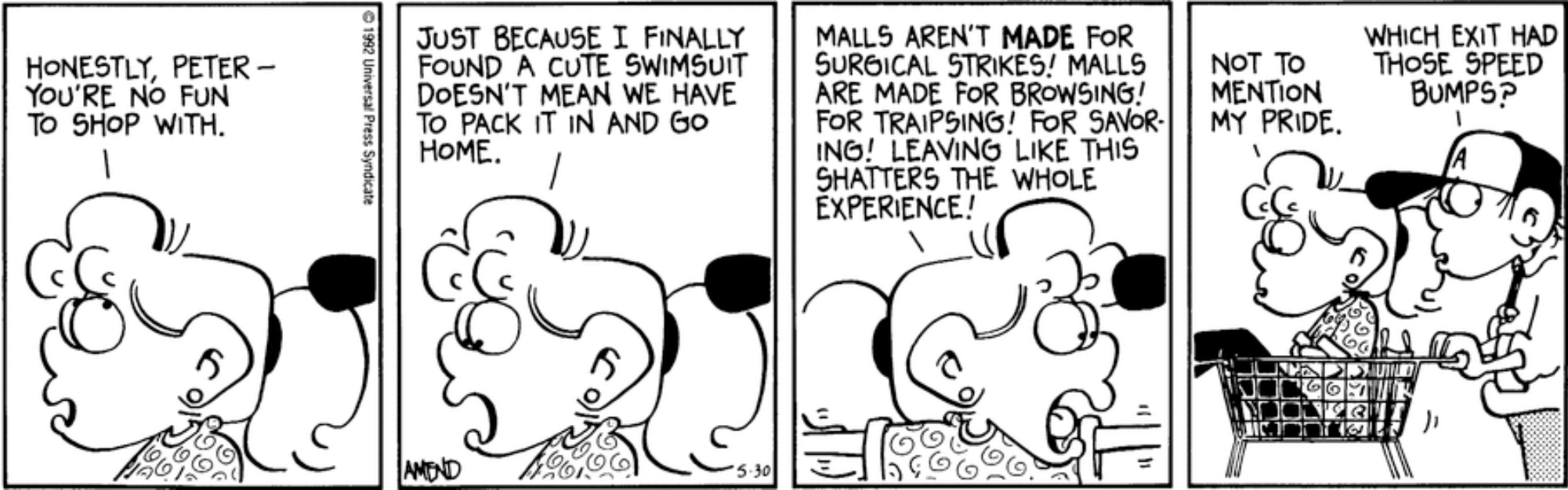
DECIDING ON A COLOR FOR MY BATHING SUIT. I MEAN, THIS TEAL LOOKS GREAT AGAINST MY SKIN **NOW**...
BUT HOW WILL IT LOOK ON ME WHEN I'M **TAN**? AND WHAT IF I GET A SUNBURN? AM I GONNA HAVE TO BUY 10 DIFFERENT SUITS TO PREPARE FOR EVERY CONCEIVABLE SKIN COLORATION?
DON'T ASK **ME**.
JUST SAY YES.
LET ME DESCRIBE **REAL** PAIN...
Sale
AMEND


HONESTLY, PETER – YOU'RE NO FUN TO SHOP WITH.
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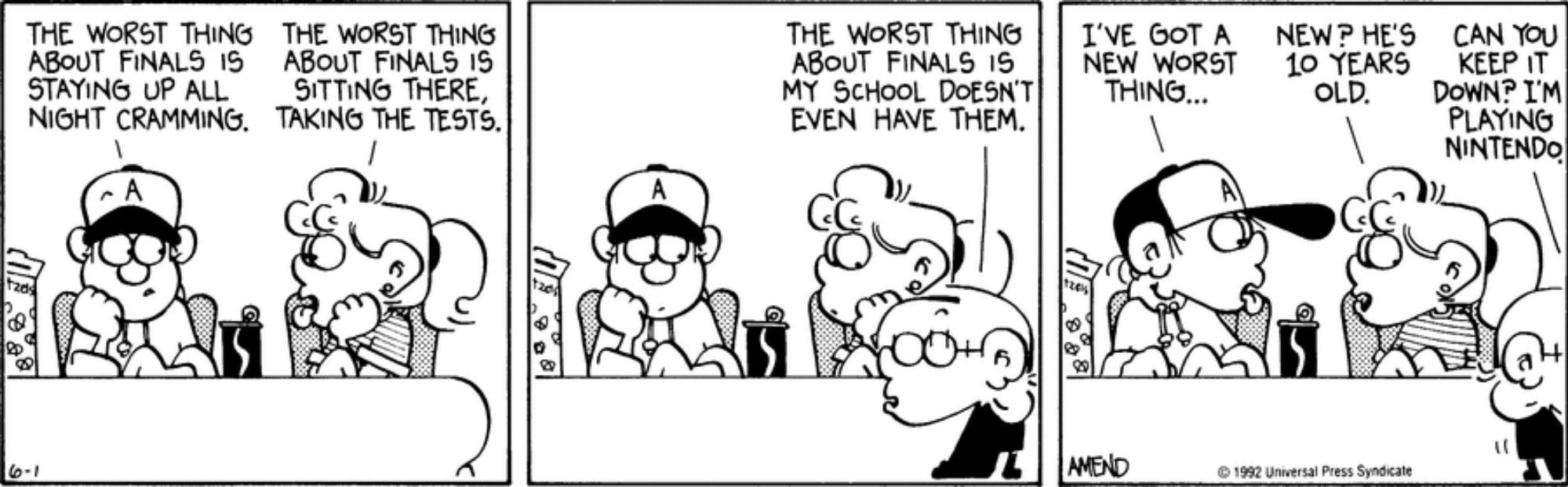
JUST BECAUSE I FINALLY FOUND A CUTE SWIMSUIT DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE TO PACK IT IN AND GO HOME.
AMEND
5-30
MALLS AREN'T MADE FOR SURGICAL STRIKES! MALLS ARE MADE FOR BROWSING! FOR TRAIPSING! FOR SAVORING! LEAVING LIKE THIS SHATTERS THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE!
NOT TO MENTION MY PRIDE.
WHICH EXIT HAD THOSE SPEED BUMPS?


THE WORST THING ABOUT FINALS IS STAYING UP ALL NIGHT CRAMMING.
THE WORST THING ABOUT FINALS IS SITTING THERE, TAKING THE TESTS.
THE WORST THING ABOUT FINALS IS MY SCHOOL DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THEM.
I'VE GOT A NEW WORST THING...
NEW? HE'S 10 YEARS OLD.
CAN YOU KEEP IT DOWN? I'M PLAYING NINTENDO.
6-1
AMEND
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OK, WE'VE GOT A THERMOS FULL OF COFFEE, A BOX OF CHOCOLATE POP-TARTS, A SIX-PACK OF JOLT COLA...
OP ARTS
PHYSICS II
LET THE LAST-MINUTE CRAMMING FOR FINALS COMMENCE!
6-2
OP ARTS
PHYSICS
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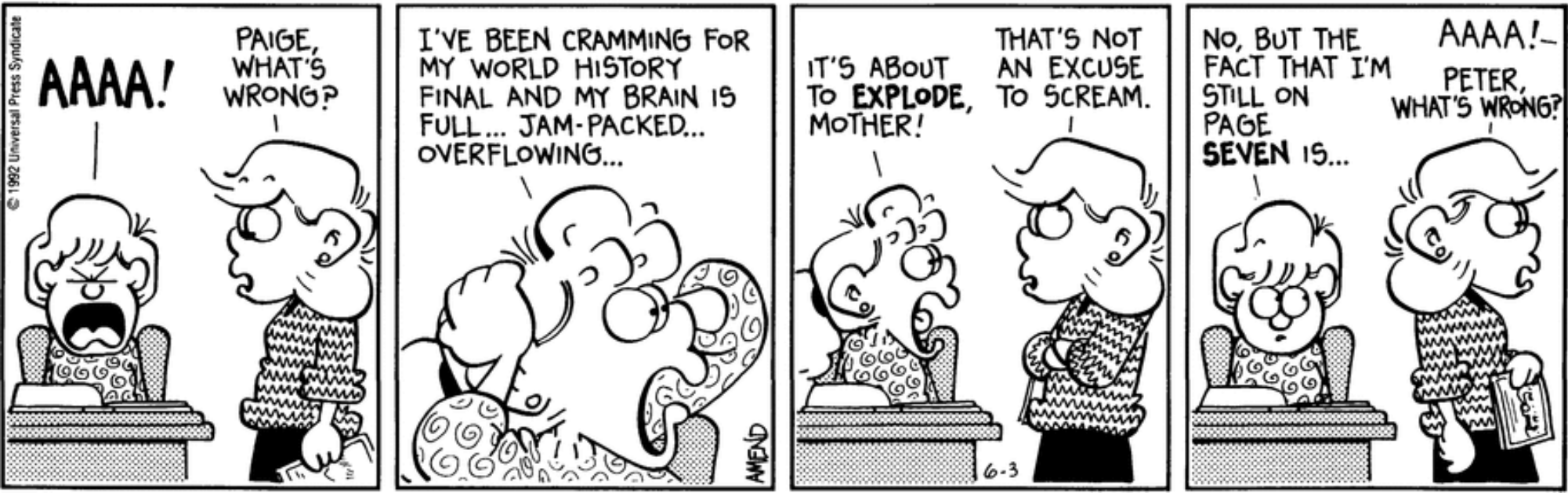
"CHAPTER ONE"...
HEY, DID YOU KNOW "BIOLOGY" MEANS "THE STUDY OF LIFE"?
Jolt
Jolt
Jolt
PHYSICS II
PHYSICS
BIOLOGY
AMEND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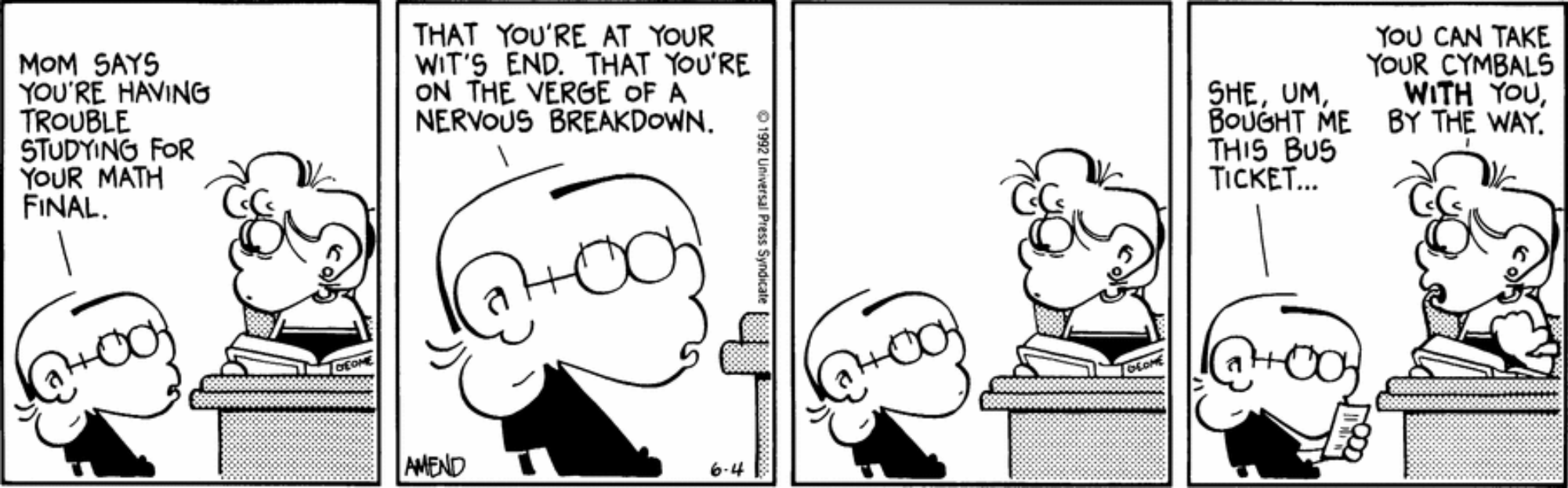
AAAA!
PAIGE, WHAT'S WRONG?
I'VE BEEN CRAMMING FOR MY WORLD HISTORY FINAL AND MY BRAIN IS FULL... JAM-PACKED... OVERFLOWING...
AMEND
IT'S ABOUT TO EXPLODE, MOTHER!
THAT'S NOT AN EXCUSE TO SCREAM.
6-3
NO, BUT THE FACT THAT I'M STILL ON PAGE SEVEN IS...
AAAA!–
PETER, WHAT'S WRONG?


MOM SAYS YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE STUDYING FOR YOUR MATH FINAL.
THAT YOU'RE AT YOUR WIT'S END. THAT YOU'RE ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.
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AMEND
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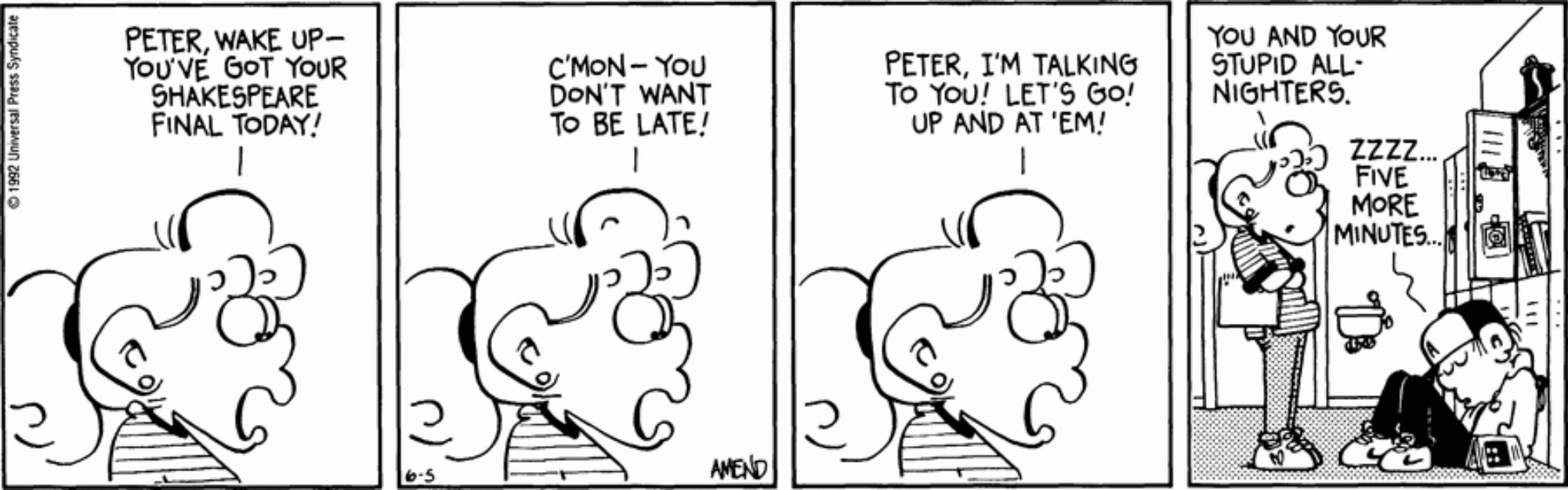
SHE, UM, BOUGHT ME THIS BUS TICKET...
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR CYMBALS WITH YOU, BY THE WAY.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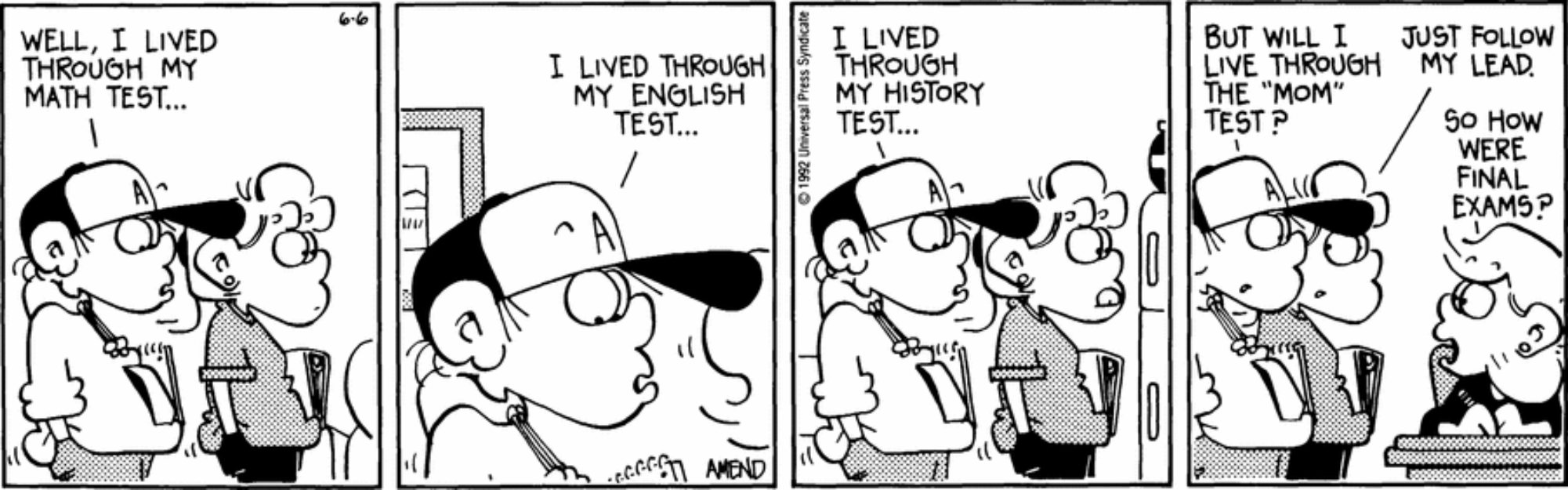
PETER, WAKE UP— YOU'VE GOT YOUR SHAKESPEARE FINAL TODAY!
C'MON— YOU DON'T WANT TO BE LATE!
6-5
AMEND
PETER, I'M TALKING TO YOU! LET'S GO! UP AND AT 'EM!
YOU AND YOUR STUPID ALL-NIGHTERS.
ZZZZ... FIVE MORE MINUTES...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WELL, I LIVED THROUGH MY MATH TEST...
I LIVED THROUGH MY ENGLISH TEST...
AMEND
I LIVED THROUGH MY HISTORY TEST...
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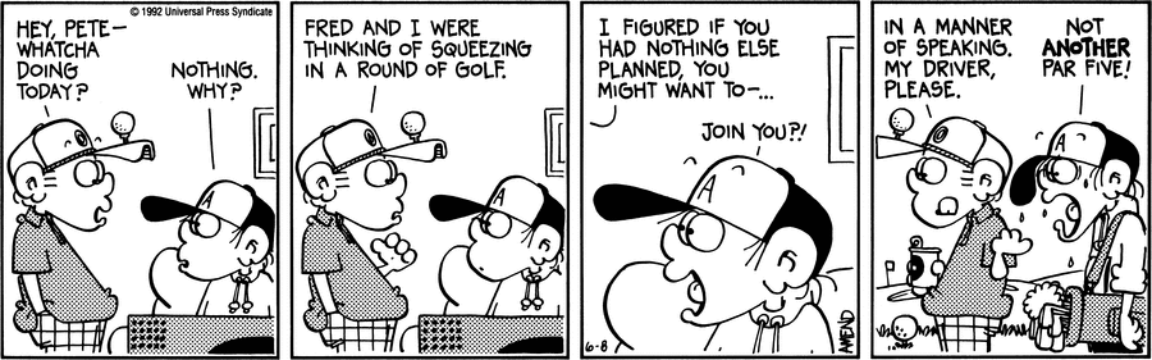
BUT WILL I LIVE THROUGH THE "MOM" TEST?
JUST FOLLOW MY LEAD.
SO HOW WERE FINAL EXAMS?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HEY, PETE— WHATCHA DOING TODAY?
NOTHING. WHY?
FRED AND I WERE THINKING OF SQUEEZING IN A ROUND OF GOLF.
I FIGURED IF YOU HAD NOTHING ELSE PLANNED, YOU MIGHT WANT TO—...
JOIN YOU?!
6-8
AMEND
IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING. MY DRIVER, PLEASE.
NOT ANOTHER PAR FIVE!

DAD, I THINK YOU NEED MORE CLUB.
SON, PLEASE. I THINK I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
AMEND
DON'T FORGET, I'M THE ONE WHO'S BEEN PLAYING THIS GAME FOR 26 YEARS. I'M THE ONE WHO SPENDS TWO HOURS A WEEK AT THE DRIVING RANGE. I'M THE ONE WHO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO EVEN SWING A GOLF CLUB.
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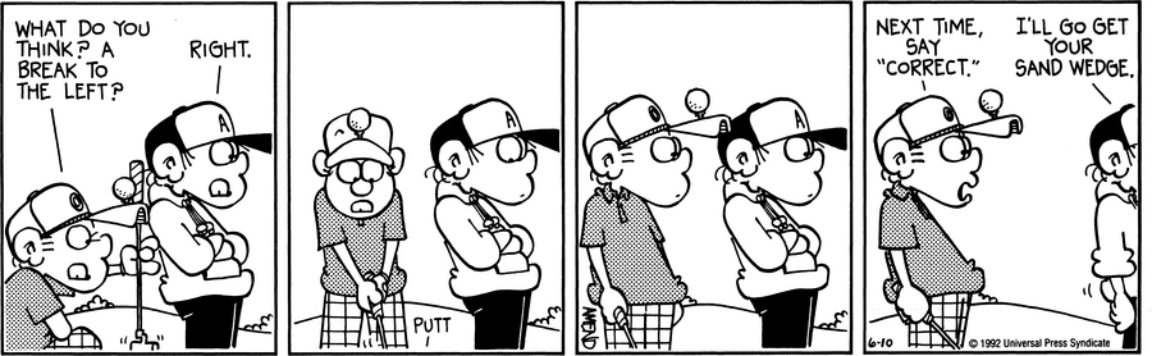
.....SPLASH!
6-9
DON'T FORGET I'M THE ONE STUCK LOOKING FOR YOUR BALL.
MAYBE IT BOUNCED OUT...


WHAT DO YOU THINK? A BREAK TO THE LEFT?
RIGHT.
PUTT
NEXT TIME, SAY "CORRECT."
I'LL GO GET YOUR SAND WEDGE.
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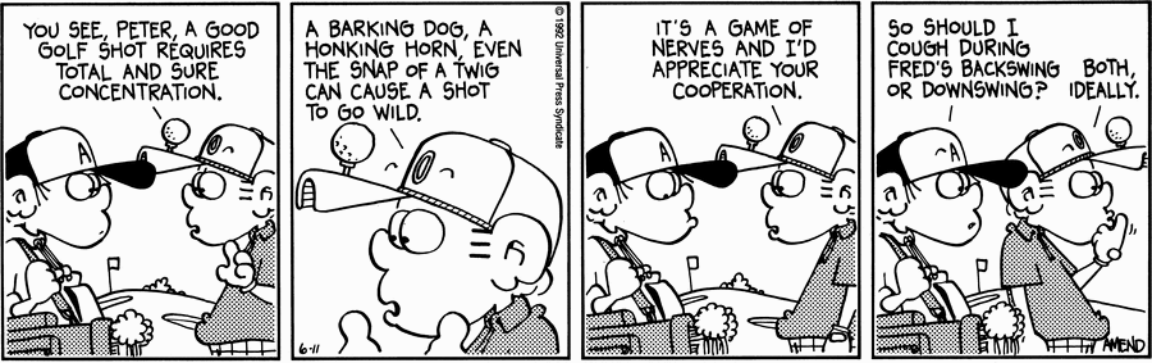
YOU SEE, PETER, A GOOD GOLF SHOT REQUIRES TOTAL AND SURE CONCENTRATION.
A BARKING DOG, A HONKING HORN, EVEN THE SNAP OF A TWIG CAN CAUSE A SHOT TO GO WILD.
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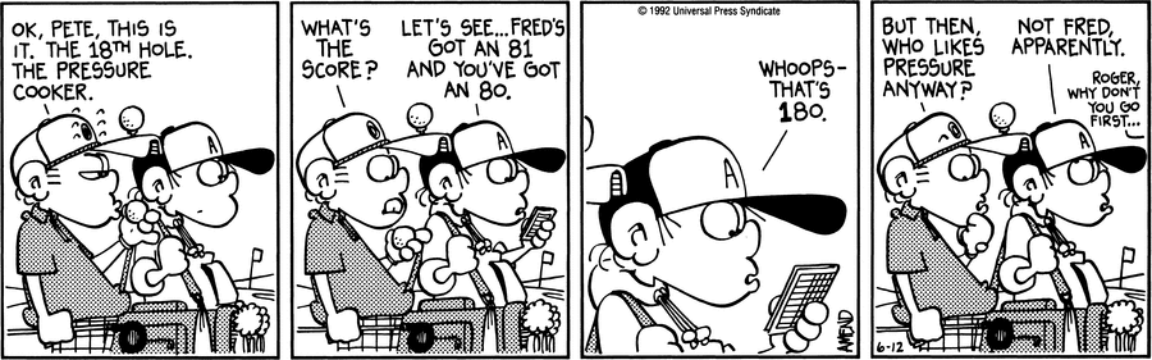
IT'S A GAME OF NERVES AND I'D APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.
SO SHOULD I COUGH DURING FRED'S BACKSWING OR DOWNSWING?
BOTH, IDEALLY.
AMEND


OK, PETE, THIS IS IT. THE 18TH HOLE. THE PRESSURE COOKER.
WHAT'S THE SCORE?
LET'S SEE...FRED'S GOT AN 81 AND YOU'VE GOT AN 80.
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WHOOPS- THAT'S 180.
AMEND
BUT THEN, WHO LIKES PRESSURE ANYWAY?
NOT FRED, APPARENTLY.
ROGER, WHY DON'T YOU GO FIRST...
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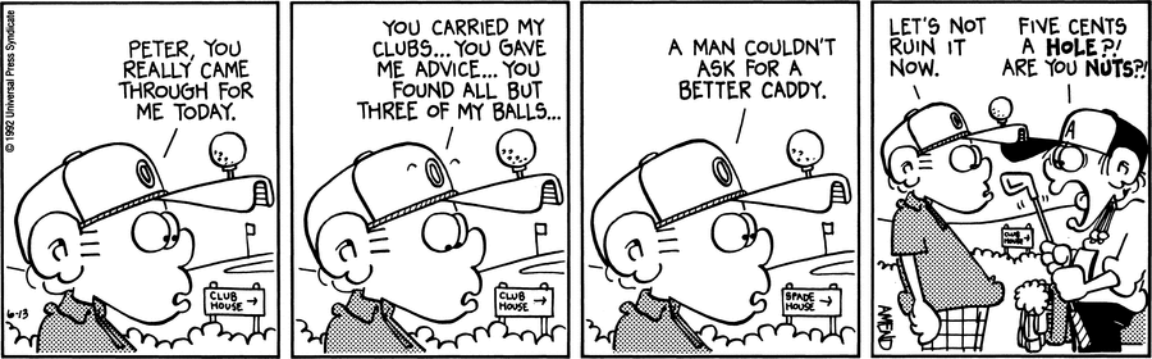
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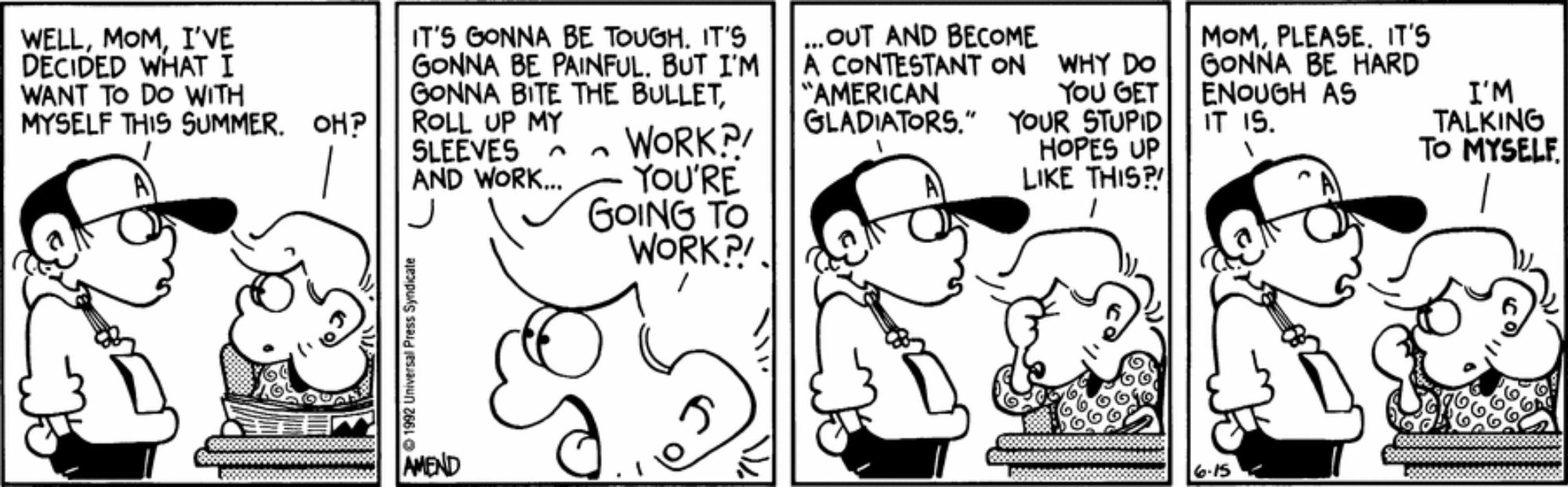
PETER, YOU REALLY CAME THROUGH FOR ME TODAY.
CLUB HOUSE →
6-13
YOU CARRIED MY CLUBS... YOU GAVE ME ADVICE... YOU FOUND ALL BUT THREE OF MY BALLS...
CLUB HOUSE →
A MAN COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER CADDY.
SPADE HOUSE →
LET'S NOT RUIN IT NOW.
FIVE CENTS A HOLE?! ARE YOU NUTS?!
CLUB HOUSE →
ANEND


WELL, MOM, I'VE DECIDED WHAT I WANT TO DO WITH MYSELF THIS SUMMER.
OH?
IT'S GONNA BE TOUGH. IT'S GONNA BE PAINFUL. BUT I'M GONNA BITE THE BULLET, ROLL UP MY SLEEVES AND WORK...
WORK?! YOU'RE GOING TO WORK?!
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AMEND
...OUT AND BECOME A CONTESTANT ON "AMERICAN GLADIATORS."
WHY DO YOU GET YOUR STUPID HOPES UP LIKE THIS?!
MOM, PLEASE. IT'S GONNA BE HARD ENOUGH AS IT IS.
I'M TALKING TO MYSELF.
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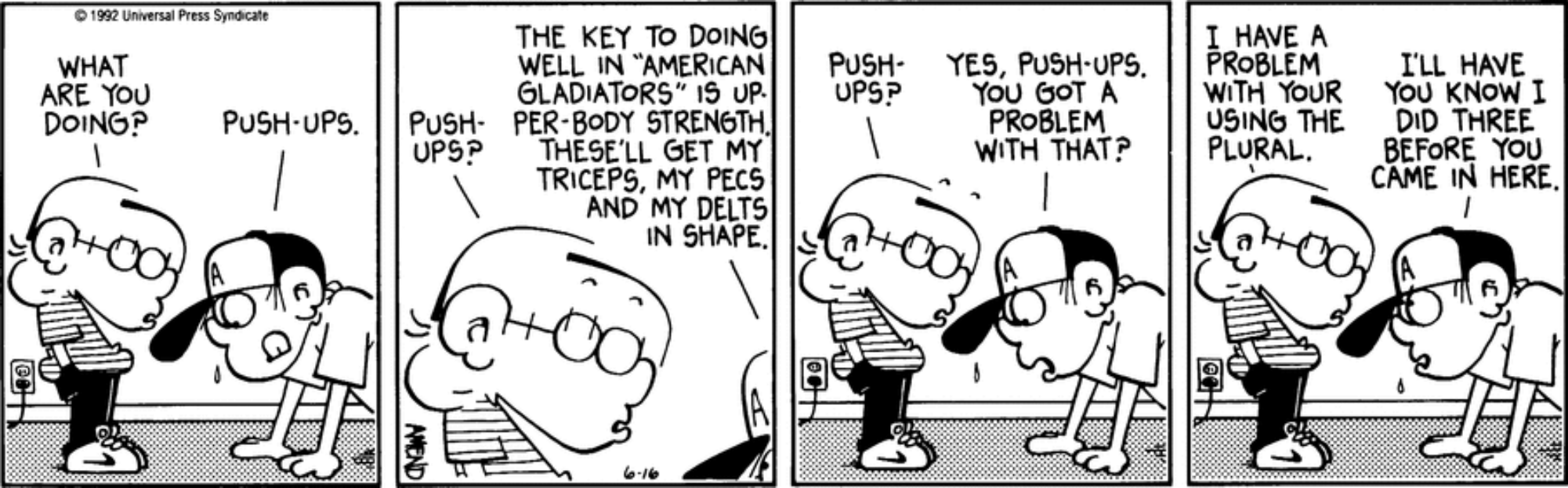
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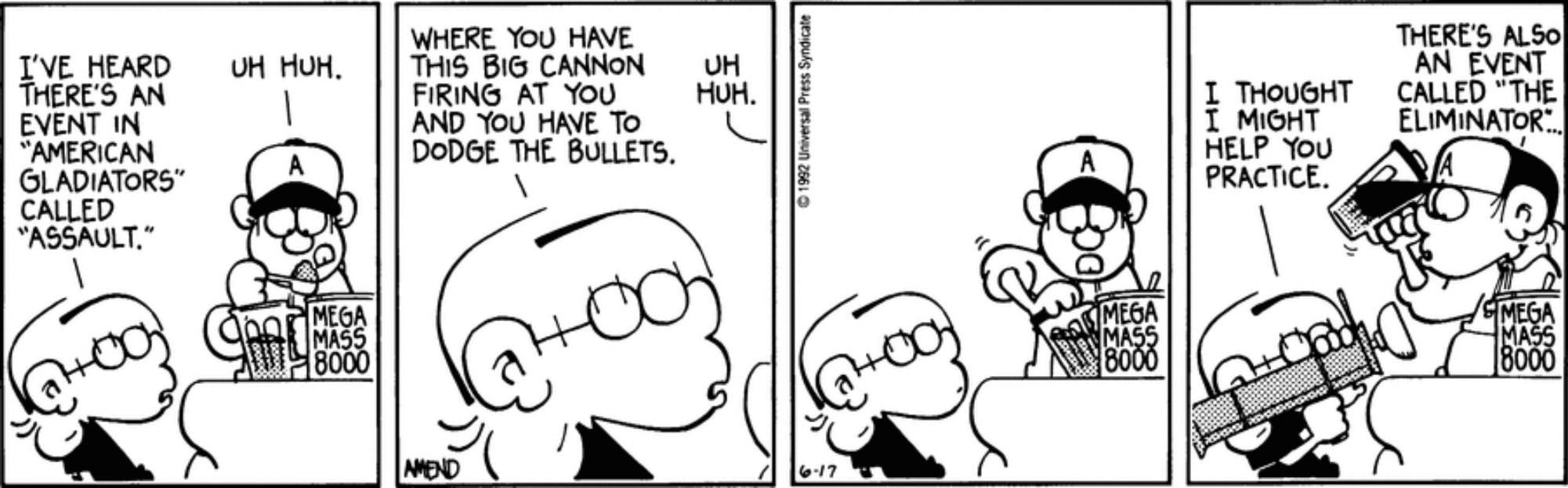
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PUSH-UPS.
PUSH-UPS?
THE KEY TO DOING WELL IN "AMERICAN GLADIATORS" IS UPPER-BODY STRENGTH. THESE'LL GET MY TRICEPS, MY PECS AND MY DELTS IN SHAPE.
6-16
PUSH-UPS?
YES, PUSH-UPS. YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR USING THE PLURAL.
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I DID THREE BEFORE YOU CAME IN HERE.


I'VE HEARD THERE'S AN EVENT IN "AMERICAN GLADIATORS" CALLED "ASSAULT."
UH HUH.
A
MEGA MASS 8000
WHERE YOU HAVE THIS BIG CANNON FIRING AT YOU AND YOU HAVE TO DODGE THE BULLETS.
UH HUH.
NMEND
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A
MEGA MASS 8000
6-17
I THOUGHT I MIGHT HELP YOU PRACTICE.
THERE'S ALSO AN EVENT CALLED "THE ELIMINATOR"...
A
MEGA MASS 8000

"AMERICAN GLADIATORS"? ISN'T THAT THE SHOW WITH THE 300-POUND GOLIATHS?
YUP.
WHERE CONTESTANTS ARE PUMMELED TO PIECES BY THESE MONSTERS FOR AN HOUR UNTIL ONE PERSON LIMPS BATTERED AND BLOODY ACROSS THE FINISH LINE? AND IT'S ON TV ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY?
BASIC-ALLY, YEAH.
6-18 AMEND
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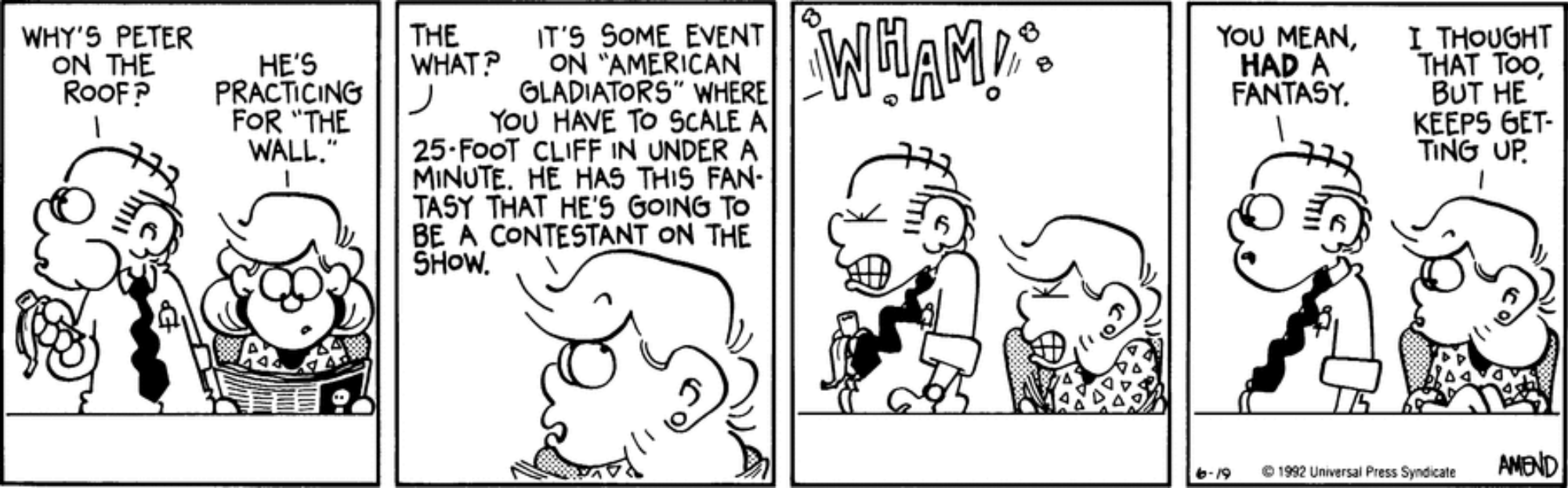
AND YOU REALLY WANT TO DO THIS?
ABSO-LUTELY.
THANK YOU.
OF COURSE, YOU'D SEE IT LIVE.


WHY'S PETER ON THE ROOF?
HE'S PRACTICING FOR "THE WALL."
THE WHAT?
IT'S SOME EVENT ON "AMERICAN GLADIATORS" WHERE YOU HAVE TO SCALE A 25-FOOT CLIFF IN UNDER A MINUTE. HE HAS THIS FANTASY THAT HE'S GOING TO BE A CONTESTANT ON THE SHOW.
WHAM!
YOU MEAN, HAD A FANTASY.
I THOUGHT THAT TOO, BUT HE KEEPS GETTING UP.
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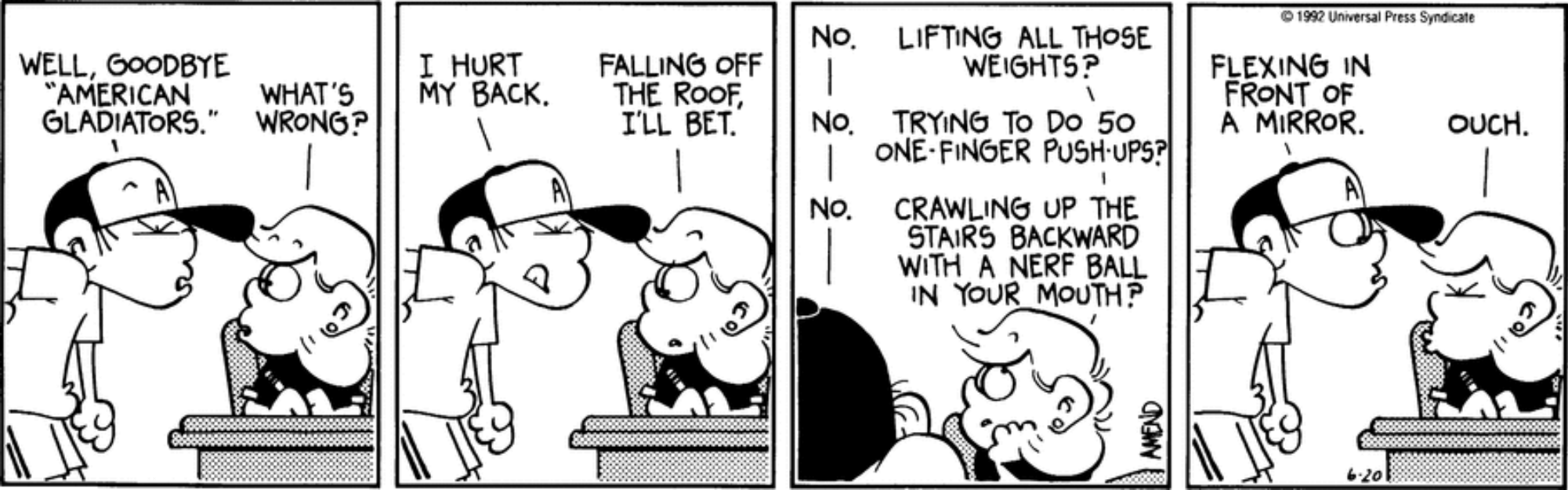
WELL, GOODBYE "AMERICAN GLADIATORS."
WHAT'S WRONG?
I HURT MY BACK.
FALLING OFF THE ROOF, I'LL BET.
NO.
LIFTING ALL THOSE WEIGHTS?
NO.
TRYING TO DO 50 ONE-FINGER PUSH-UPS?
NO.
CRAWLING UP THE STAIRS BACKWARD WITH A NERF BALL IN YOUR MOUTH?
AMEND
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FLEXING IN FRONT OF A MIRROR.
OUCH.
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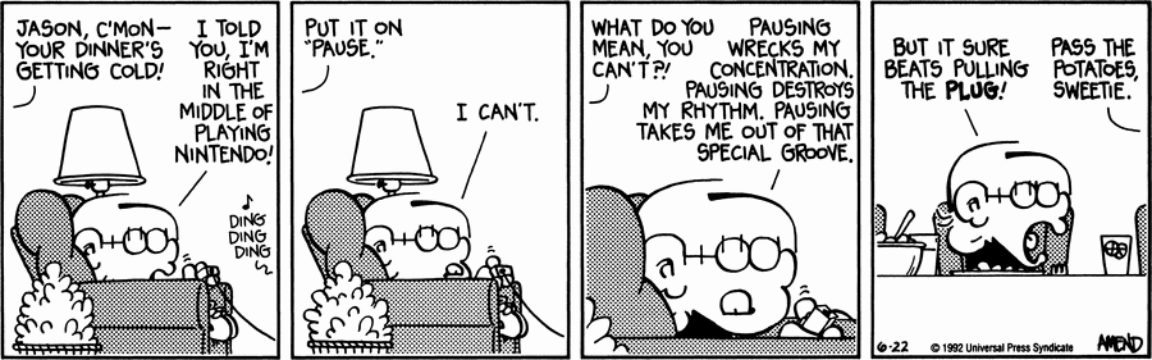
JASON, C'MON— YOUR DINNER'S GETTING COLD!
I TOLD YOU, I'M RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF PLAYING NINTENDO!
♪ DING DING DING
PUT IT ON "PAUSE."
I CAN'T.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU CAN'T?!
PAUSING WRECKS MY CONCENTRATION. PAUSING DESTROYS MY RHYTHM. PAUSING TAKES ME OUT OF THAT SPECIAL GROOVE.
BUT IT SURE BEATS PULLING THE PLUG!
PASS THE POTATOES, SWEETIE.
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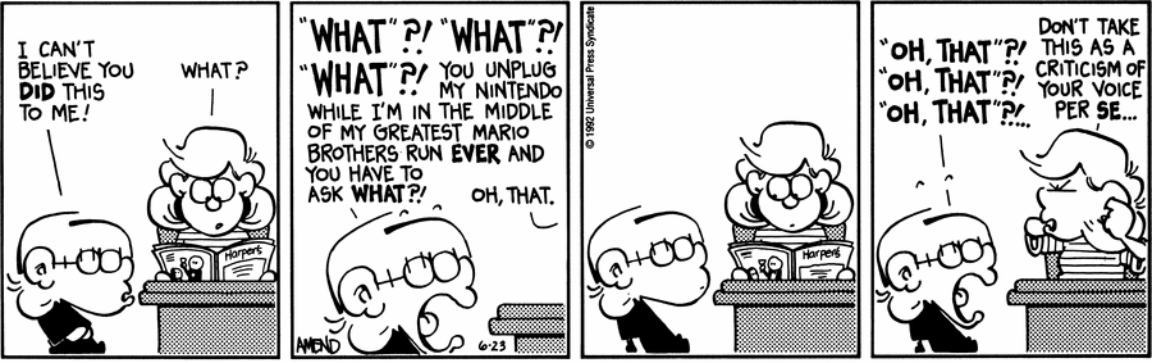
AMEND


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DID THIS TO ME!
WHAT?
Harper's
"WHAT"?! "WHAT"?! "WHAT"?! YOU UNPLUG MY NINTENDO WHILE I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MY GREATEST MARIO BROTHERS RUN EVER AND YOU HAVE TO ASK WHAT?!
OH, THAT.
AMEND
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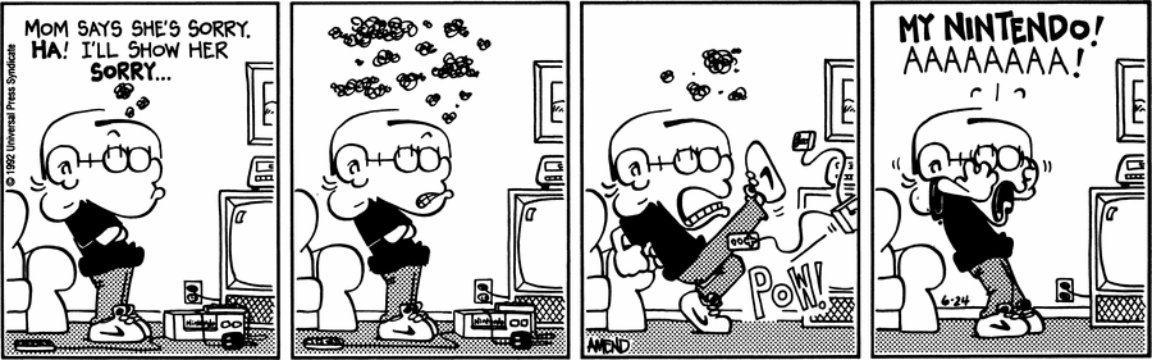
"OH, THAT"?! "OH, THAT"?! "OH, THAT"?!...
DON'T TAKE THIS AS A CRITICISM OF YOUR VOICE PER SE...


MOM SAYS SHE'S SORRY. HA! I'LL SHOW HER SORRY...
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POW!
AMEND
MY NINTENDO! AAAAAAAA!
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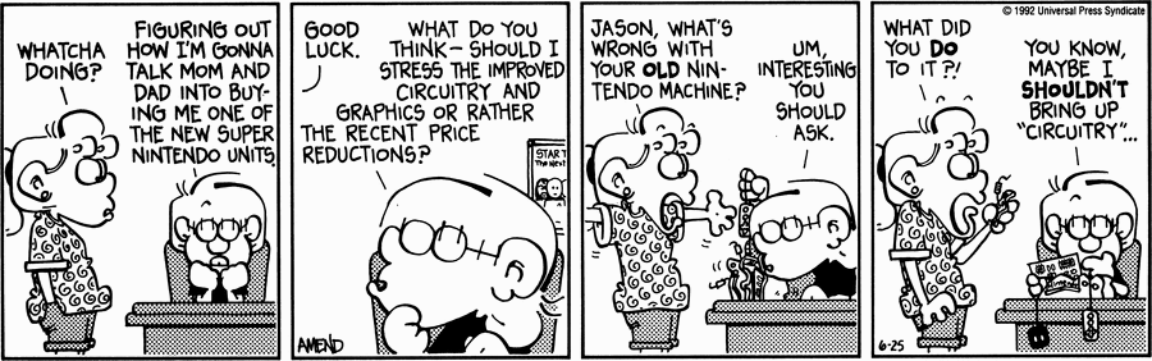
WHATCHA DOING?
FIGURING OUT HOW I'M GONNA TALK MOM AND DAD INTO BUYING ME ONE OF THE NEW SUPER NINTENDO UNITS.
GOOD LUCK.
WHAT DO YOU THINK— SHOULD I STRESS THE IMPROVED CIRCUITRY AND GRAPHICS OR RATHER THE RECENT PRICE REDUCTIONS?
START THE NEXT
AMEND
JASON, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR OLD NINTENDO MACHINE?
UM, INTERESTING YOU SHOULD ASK.
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WHAT DID YOU DO TO IT?!
YOU KNOW, MAYBE I SHOULDN'T BRING UP "CIRCUITRY"...
6-25

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR NINTENDO MACHINE?!
I KINDA KICKED IT.
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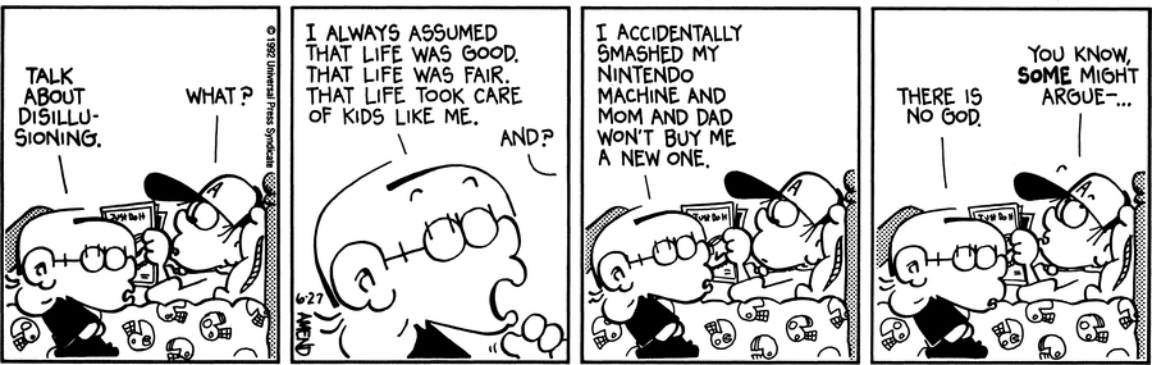
JASON!
BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE KICKED IT IF I HADN'T BEEN IN A FIT OF RAGE! AND I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN A FIT OF RAGE IF YOU HADN'T PULLED THE PLUG IN THE MIDDLE OF MY BEST MARIO BROTHERS GAME EVER!
I WOULDN'T HAVE PULLED THE PLUG IF YOU'D PUT IT ON "PAUSE" AND COME TO DINNER AS I **ASKED**.
OH, FINE. PASS THE BUCK.
YOU KNOW, I WISH I COULD FEEL **BAD** ABOUT THIS.
I, UM, STUMBLED ACROSS THIS AD FOR THE NEW **SUPER** NINTENDO...
AMEND 6-26


TALK ABOUT DISILLUSIONING.
WHAT?
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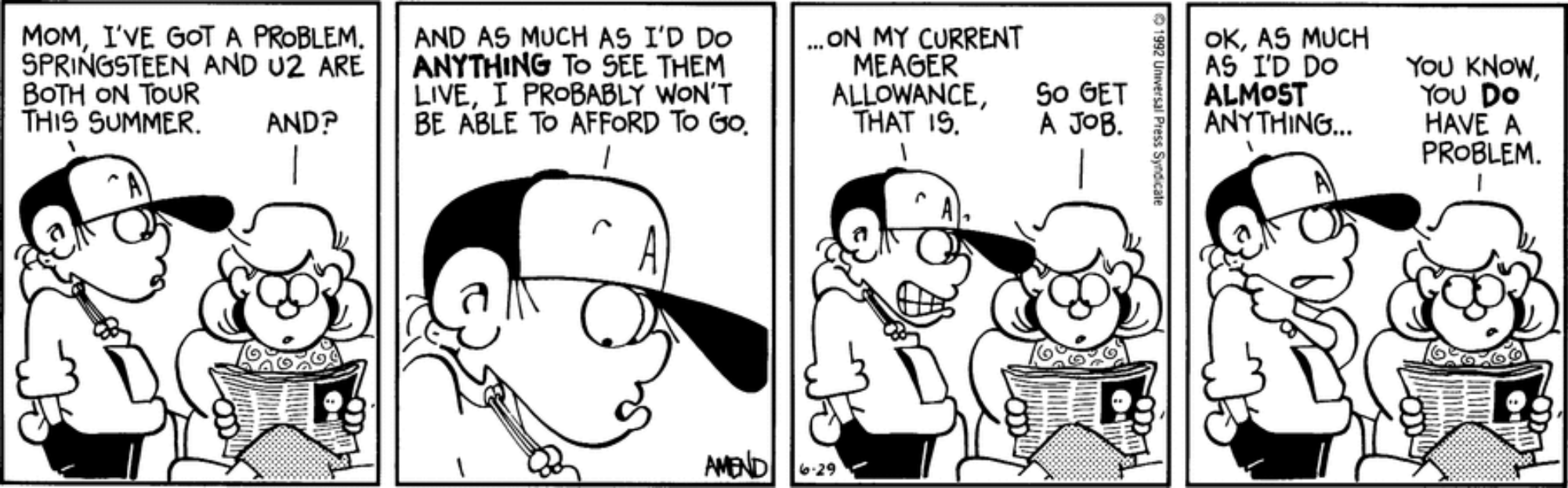
I ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT LIFE WAS GOOD. THAT LIFE WAS FAIR. THAT LIFE TOOK CARE OF KIDS LIKE ME.
AND?
6-27
I ACCIDENTALLY SMASHED MY NINTENDO MACHINE AND MOM AND DAD WON'T BUY ME A NEW ONE.
THERE IS NO GOD.
YOU KNOW, SOME MIGHT ARGUE-...


MOM, I'VE GOT A PROBLEM. SPRINGSTEEN AND U2 ARE BOTH ON TOUR THIS SUMMER.
AND?
AND AS MUCH AS I'D DO ANYTHING TO SEE THEM LIVE, I PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO GO.
AMEND
...ON MY CURRENT MEAGER ALLOWANCE, THAT IS.
SO GET A JOB.
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6-29
OK, AS MUCH AS I'D DO ALMOST ANYTHING...
YOU KNOW, YOU DO HAVE A PROBLEM.

MMM. BANANA.
MMM. CHOCOLATE.
6-30
THERE'S NO WAY YOUR CHOCOLATE IS AS GOOD AS THIS BANANA.
THERE'S NO WAY YOUR BANANA IS AS GOOD AS THIS CHOCOLATE.
I SUPPOSE THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SETTLE THIS.
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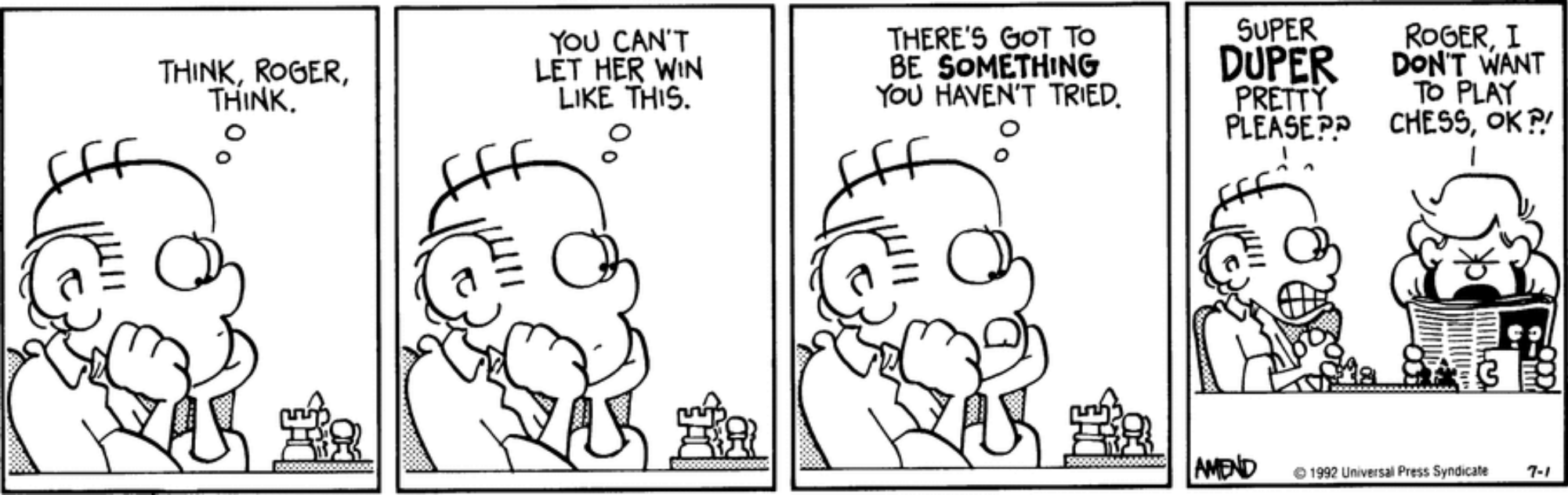
YOU KNOW, THAT RASPBERRY LOOKED PRETTY GOOD TOO...
BUT NOT NEARLY AS GOOD AS THE VANILLA...
AMEND


THINK, ROGER, THINK.
YOU CAN'T LET HER WIN LIKE THIS.
THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T TRIED.
SUPER DUPER PRETTY PLEASE??
ROGER, I DON'T WANT TO PLAY CHESS, OK?!
AMEND
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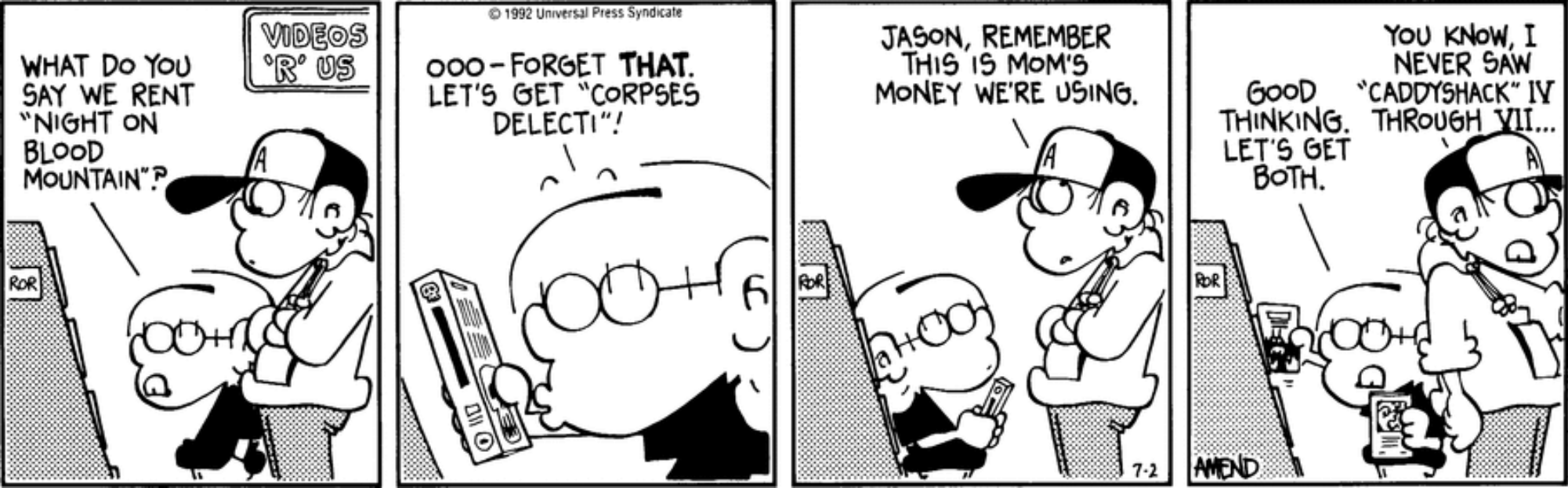
VIDEOS 'R' US
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE RENT "NIGHT ON BLOOD MOUNTAIN"?
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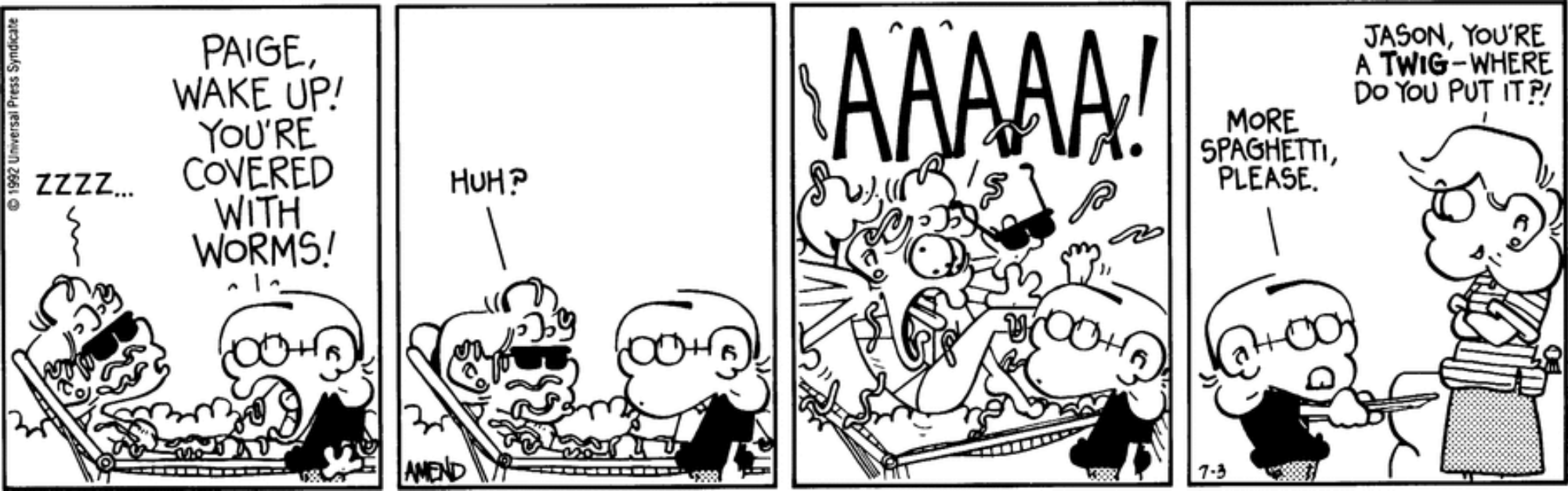
OOO-FORGET THAT. LET'S GET "CORPSES DELECTI"!
JASON, REMEMBER THIS IS MOM'S MONEY WE'RE USING.
7-2
GOOD THINKING. LET'S GET BOTH.
YOU KNOW, I NEVER SAW "CADDYSHACK" IV THROUGH VII...
AMEND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ZZZZ...
PAIGE, WAKE UP! YOU'RE COVERED WITH WORMS!
HUH?
AMEND
AAAAA!
MORE SPAGHETTI, PLEASE.
JASON, YOU'RE A TWIG—WHERE DO YOU PUT IT?!
7-3

WHY DO WE HAVE FIREWORKS ON THE FOURTH OF JULY?
WELL...
FIREWORKS HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE THE ANCIENT CHINESE. THEY'VE LONG BEEN USED TO COMMEMORATE HOLIDAYS, VICTORIES AND OTHER IMPORTANT DATES.
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AMERICANS SET THEM OFF ON THE FOURTH OF JULY TO CELEBRATE THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.
7-4
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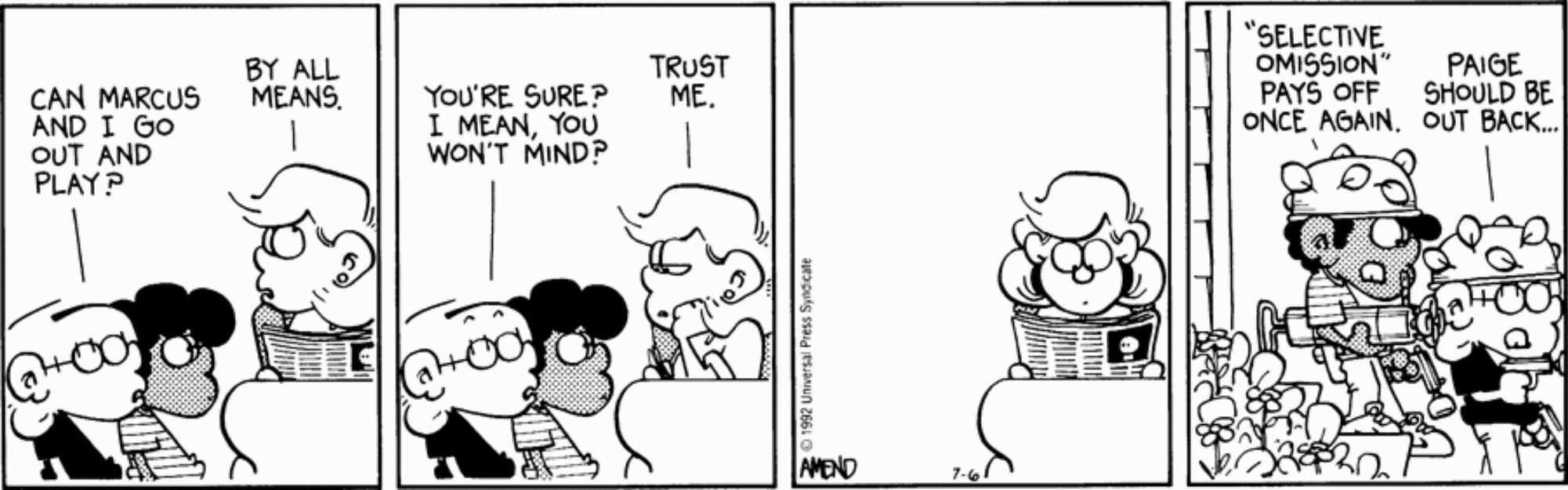
NO, WHY DO WE HAVE FIREWORKS?...
UM, PETER, YOU MIGHT WANT TO GRAB THAT HOSE.


CAN MARCUS AND I GO OUT AND PLAY?
BY ALL MEANS.
YOU'RE SURE? I MEAN, YOU WON'T MIND?
TRUST ME.
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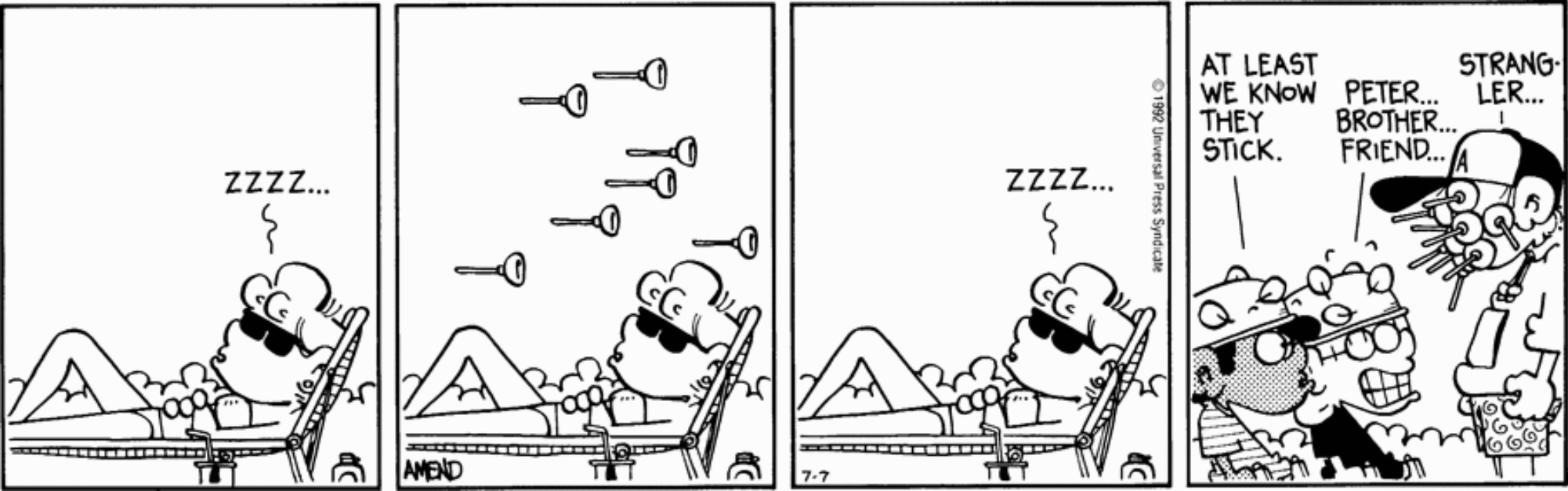
"SELECTIVE OMISSION" PAYS OFF ONCE AGAIN.
PAIGE SHOULD BE OUT BACK...


ZZZZ...
ZZZZ...
AMEND
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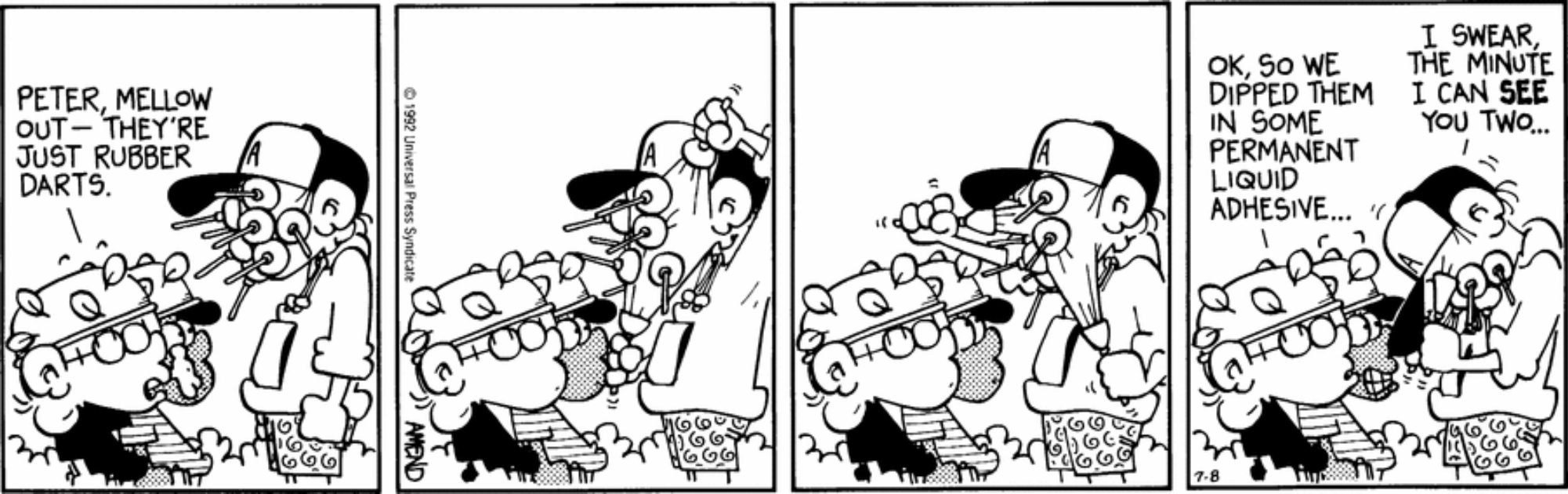
AT LEAST WE KNOW THEY STICK.
PETER... BROTHER... FRIEND...
STRANG-LER...


PETER, MELLOW OUT— THEY'RE JUST RUBBER DARTS.
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AMEND
OK, SO WE DIPPED THEM IN SOME PERMANENT LIQUID ADHESIVE...
I SWEAR, THE MINUTE I CAN SEE YOU TWO...
7-8

DO YOU THINK PETER'S SERIOUSLY MAD ABOUT US PUTTING GLUE ON THOSE DARTS?
HARD TO SAY FOR SURE.
AMEND
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SO... WHO'S SEEN "THE SHINING"?
WANT TO HEAR MY VOTE?
RACE YOU TO ALASKA...

HAVE YOU SEEN JASON? HE WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP WITH DINNER.
THE LAST I SAW, HE AND MARCUS WERE SPRINTING OFF INTO THE HILLS.
Revlon
Sassy

WHAT? HE **KNOWS** THOSE HILLS ARE COVERED WITH POISON OAK THIS TIME OF YEAR! WHY WOULD HE DO SOMETHING STUPID LIKE THAT?!
ASK ME IF I'VE SEEN PETER.
Revlon
Sassy

YOU CAN RUN (ITCH) BUT YOU CAN'T (ITCH) HIDE...
THAT'S (ITCH) WHAT **YOU** (ITCH) THINK.
HUFF (ITCH) PUFF (ITCH)...
AMEND
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I'VE GOT A DOZEN SUCTION-CUP DARTS PERMANENTLY GLUED TO MY FACE... I'VE SPENT THE LAST HALF-HOUR RUNNING WAIST-DEEP THROUGH A FIELD OF POISON OAK AND I'M ITCHING LIKE CRAZY...
STILL, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THAT DESPITE IT ALL, I'VE KEPT MY SENSE OF HUMOR.
SINCE WHEN ARE WEDGIES "FUNNY"?!
SHUT UP AND AGREE WITH HIM.
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE WAY WE CAME?
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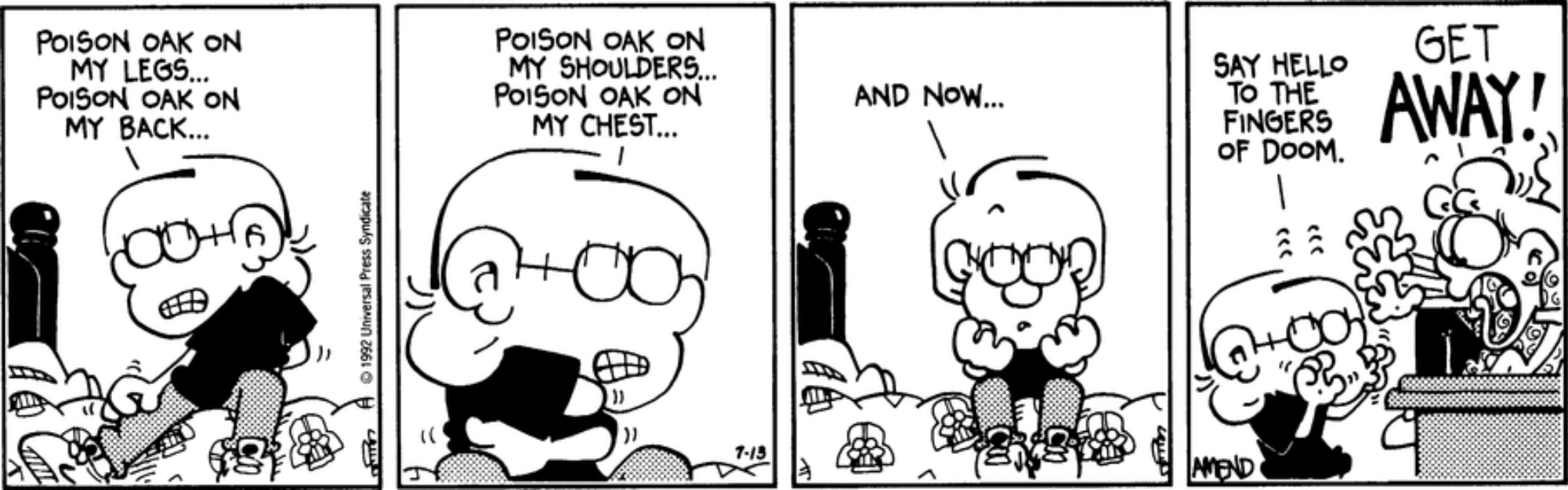
POISON OAK ON MY LEGS... POISON OAK ON MY BACK...
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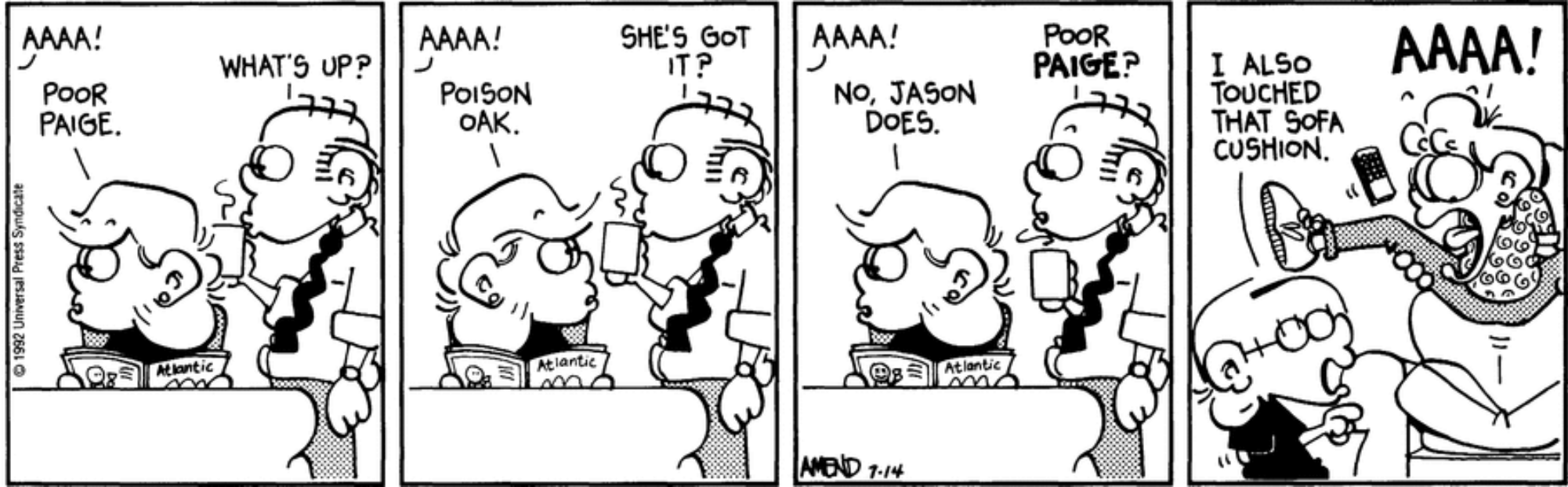
POISON OAK ON MY SHOULDERS... POISON OAK ON MY CHEST...
7-13
AND NOW...
SAY HELLO TO THE FINGERS OF DOOM.
GET AWAY!
AMEND


AAAA!
POOR PAIGE.
WHAT'S UP?
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AAAA!
POISON OAK.
SHE'S GOT IT?
Atlantic
AAAA!
NO, JASON DOES.
POOR PAIGE?
Atlantic
AMEND 7-14
I ALSO TOUCHED THAT SOFA CUSHION.
AAAA!

MOTHER, JASON'S TOUCHING ALL MY THINGS!
SO?
SO?! HE'S GOT POISON OAK ALL OVER HIS HANDS!
PAIGE, THE ODDS OF POISON OAK BEING SPREAD LIKE THAT ARE-...
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I DON'T CARE! WILL YOU TELL HIM TO STOP?!
IF YOU WANT ME TO HUMOR YOU, FINE. WHERE IS HE?
HE'S USING YOUR COMPUTER.
NOT WITHOUT GLOVES HE'S NOT!
7-15
AMEND

HOW LONG DOES POISON OAK LAST?
WELL, IF YOU LEAVE IT ALONE, PROBABLY A WEEK OR TWO.
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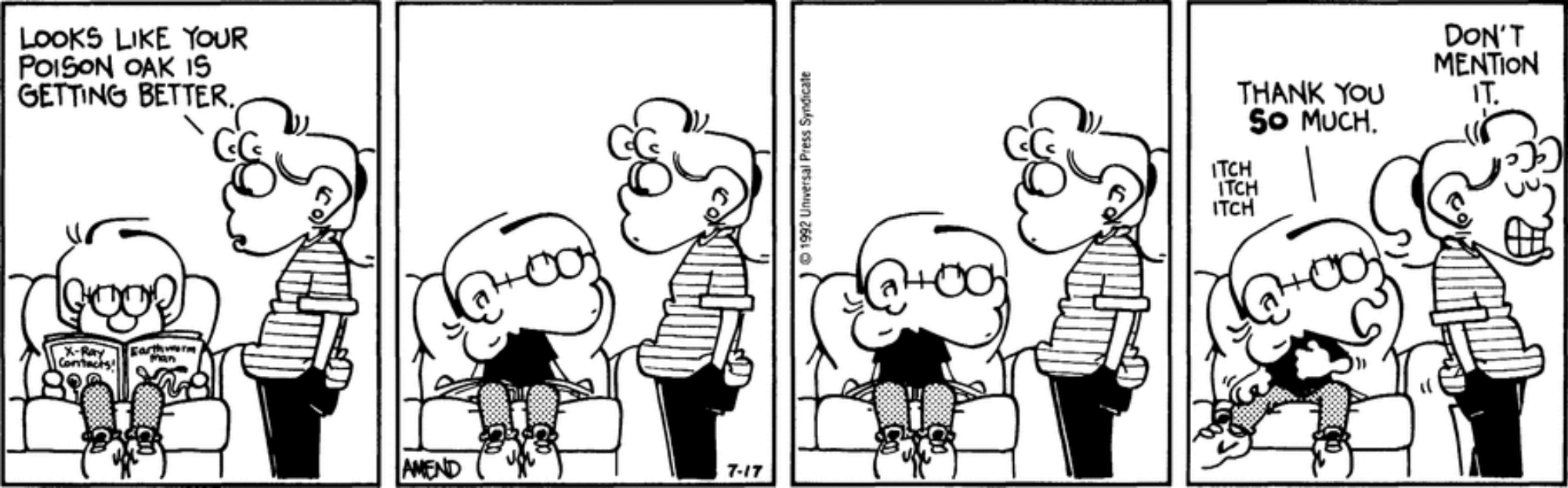
UM, WHAT IF YOU DON'T LEAVE IT ALONE?
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S MY CHEESE GRATER?
7-16
AMEND


LOOKS LIKE YOUR POISON OAK IS GETTING BETTER.
X-Ray Contacts!
Earthworm man
AMEND
7-17
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THANK YOU SO MUCH.
ITCH ITCH ITCH
DON'T MENTION IT.

IT'S GONE! IT'S GONE! MY POISON OAK IS GONE!
ElectroLips
Mirabella
AND YOU SUCCESSFULLY ELUDED MY TOXIC HANDS ALL WEEK! WELL DONE! CONGRATULATIONS!
AMEND
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HIGH FIVE.
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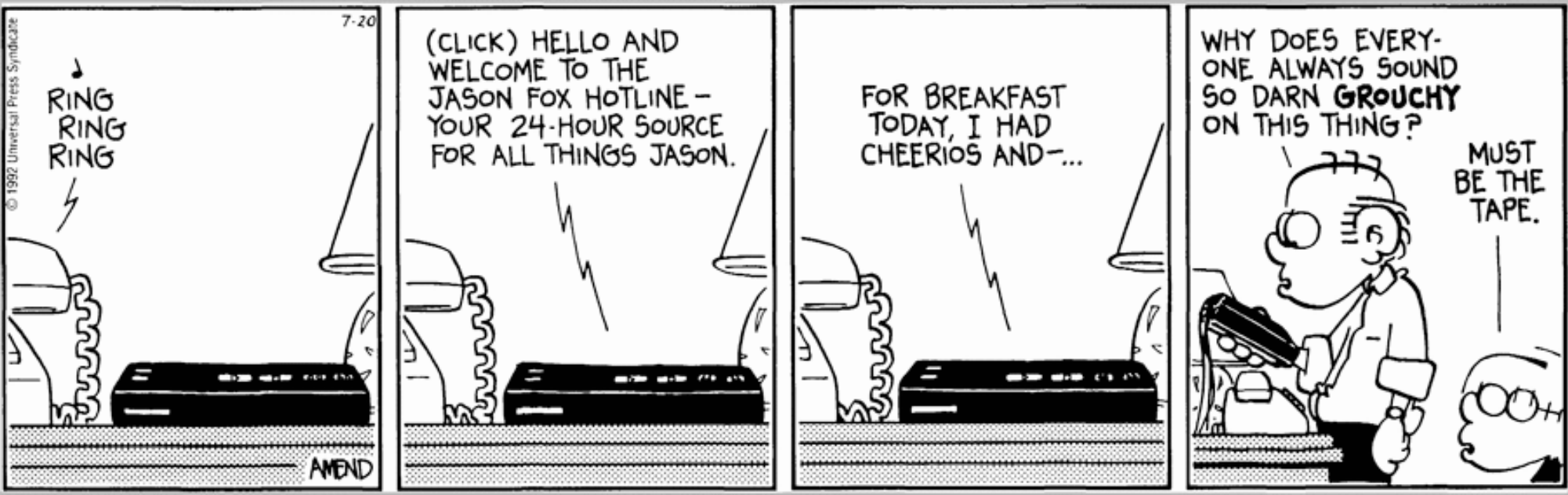
CAN'T BLAME ME FOR TRYING.
I BLAME YOU FOR BREATHING.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RING RING RING
AMEND
(CLICK) HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE JASON FOX HOTLINE – YOUR 24-HOUR SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS JASON.
FOR BREAKFAST TODAY, I HAD CHEERIOS AND–...
WHY DOES EVERY-ONE ALWAYS SOUND SO DARN GROUCHY ON THIS THING?
MUST BE THE TAPE.

I SAY IT'S A GIANT PIGEON.
I SAY IT'S A PTERO-DACTYL.

I SAY IT'S A GIANT PIGEON.
I SAY IT'S A PTERO-DACTYL.
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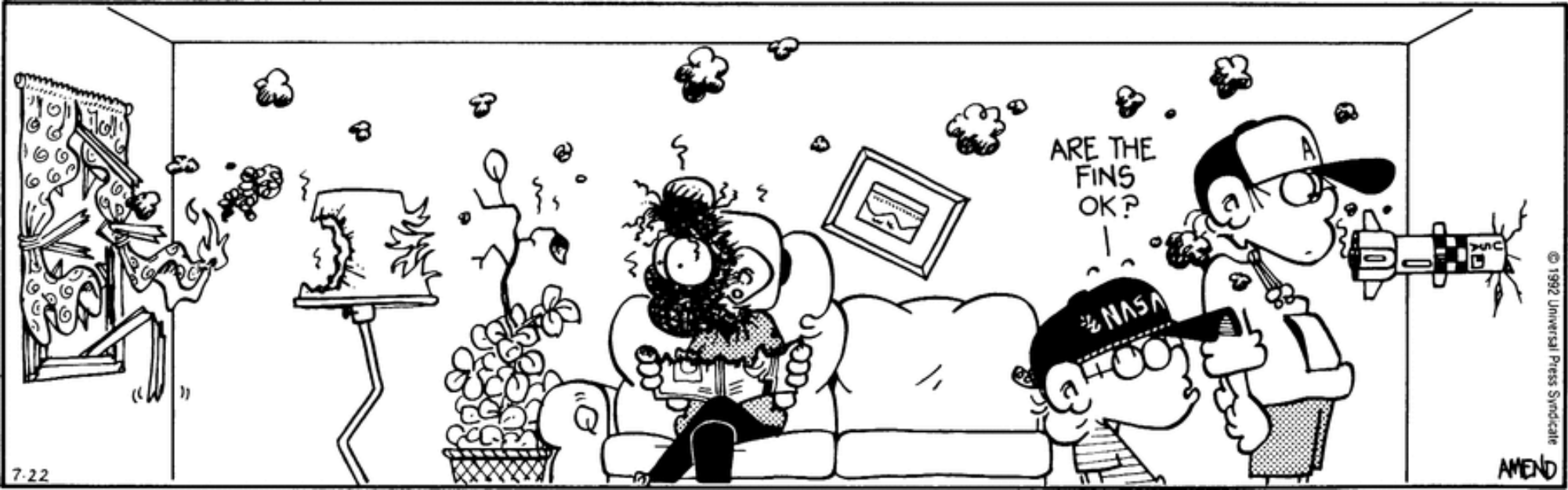
LET'S JUST CALL IT "TROUBLE."
WELL, TIME TO SCRAM.
TWO WORDS, MOM: "SISTINE CHAPEL."



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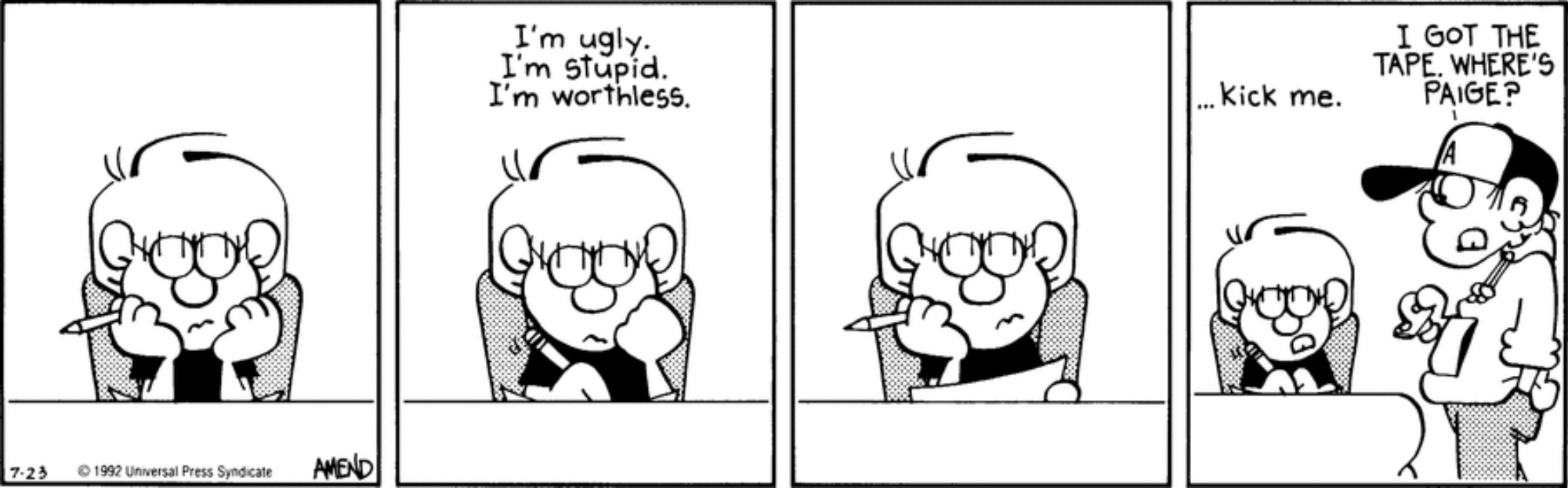
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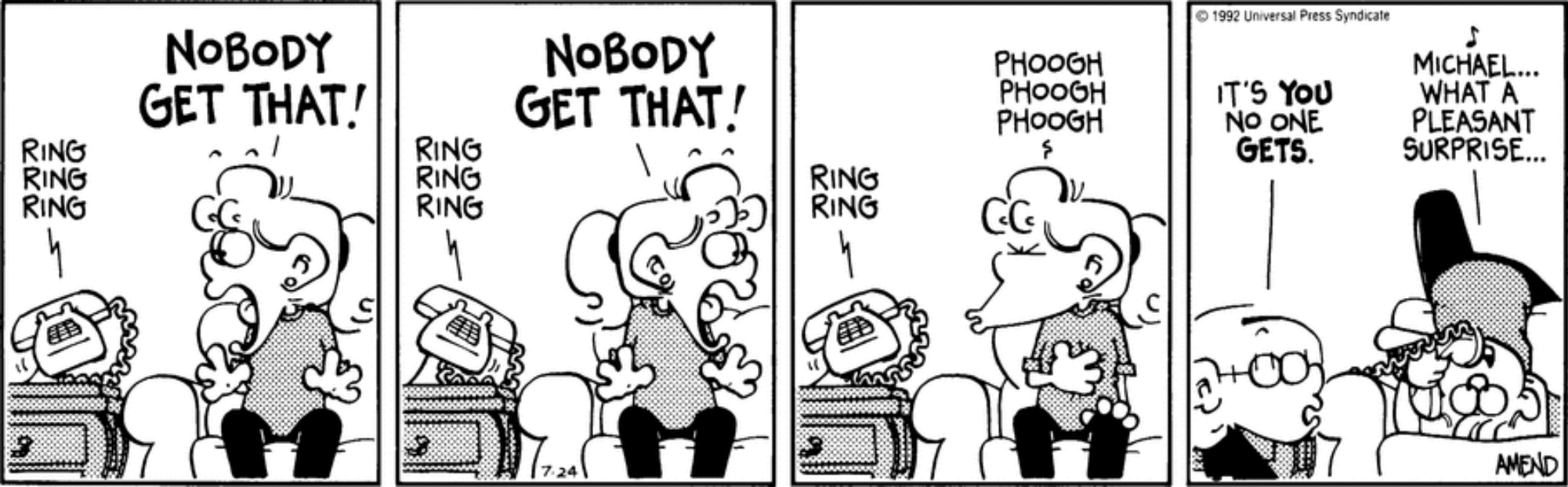
I'm ugly.
I'm stupid.
I'm worthless.
...kick me.
I GOT THE TAPE. WHERE'S PAIGE?


NOBODY GET THAT!
RING RING RING
NOBODY GET THAT!
RING RING RING
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PHOOGH PHOOGH PHOOGH
RING RING
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IT'S YOU NO ONE GETS.
MICHAEL... WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE...
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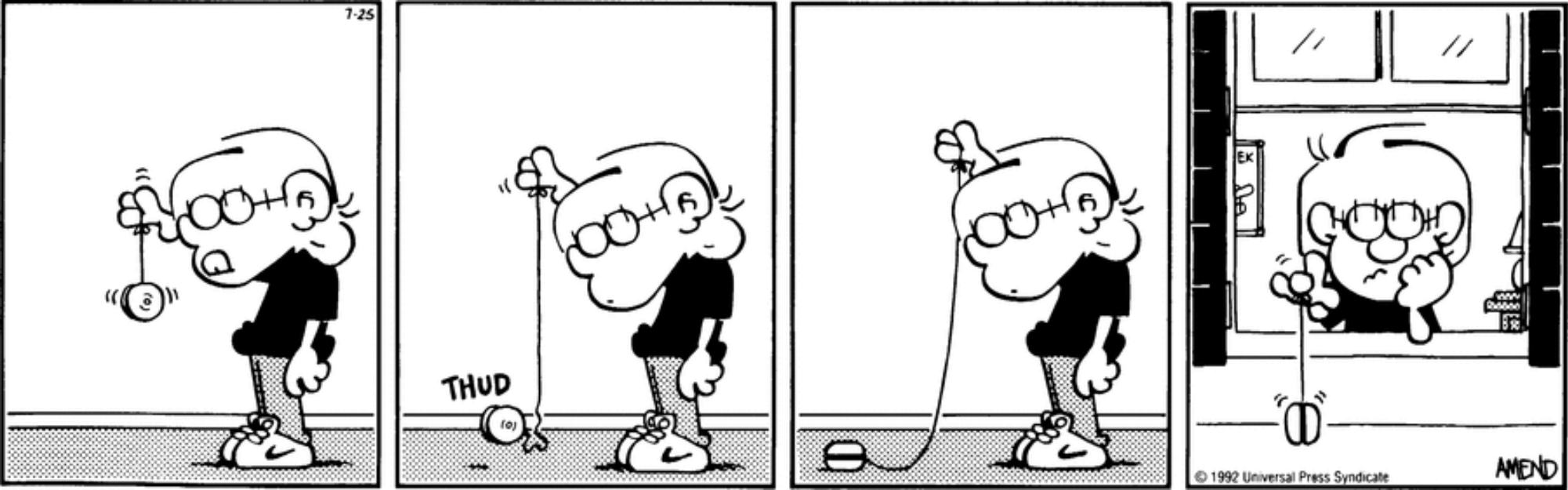
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THUD
EK
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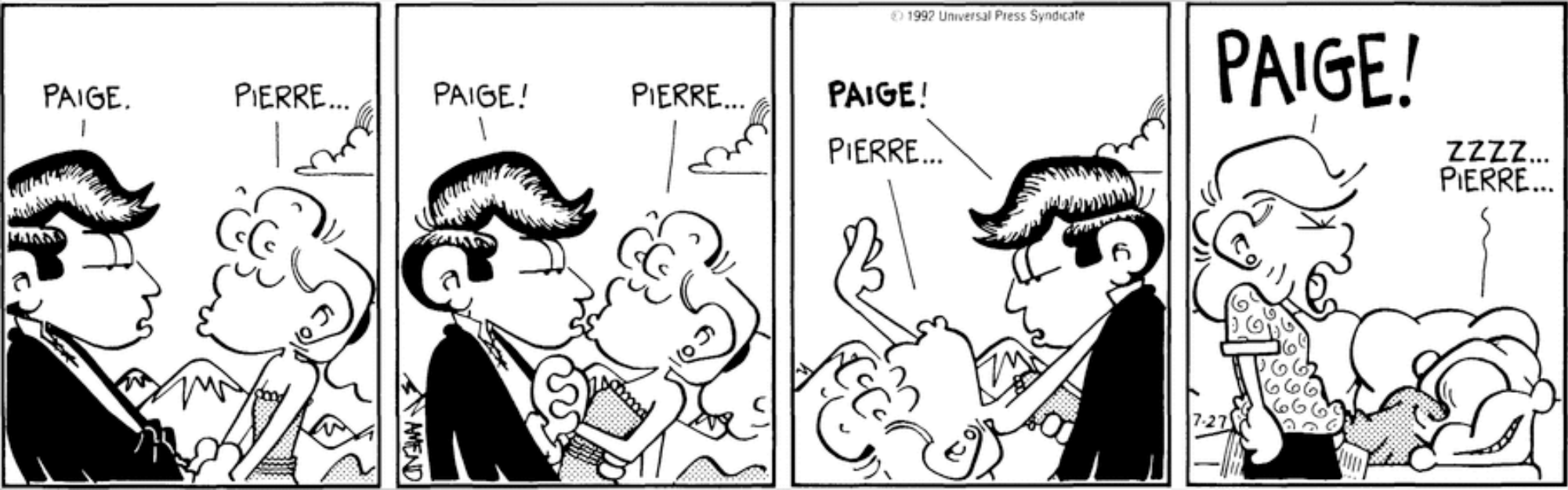
PAIGE.
PIERRE...
PAIGE!
PIERRE...
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PAIGE!
PIERRE...
PAIGE!
ZZZZ...
PIERRE...
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PAIGE, LET'S GO – YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP LONG ENOUGH.
OK. OK. OK.
I MEAN IT.
OK. OK. OK.
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MORE SHOCOLAHT? MORE AHS CREM? MORE SMOOCHEZ?
OK. OK. OK.
HERSHEY'S
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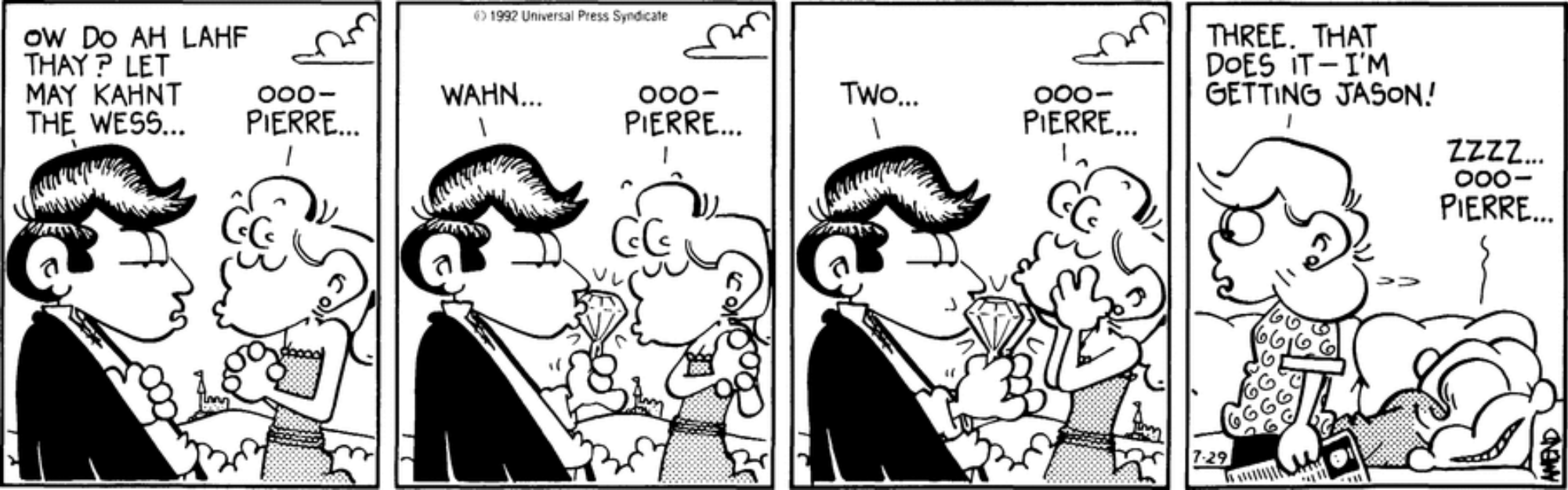
OW DO AH LAHF THAY? LET MAY KAHNT THE WESS...
OOO-PIERRE...
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WAHN...
OOO-PIERRE...
TWO...
OOO-PIERRE...
THREE. THAT DOES IT—I'M GETTING JASON!
ZZZZ... OOO-PIERRE...
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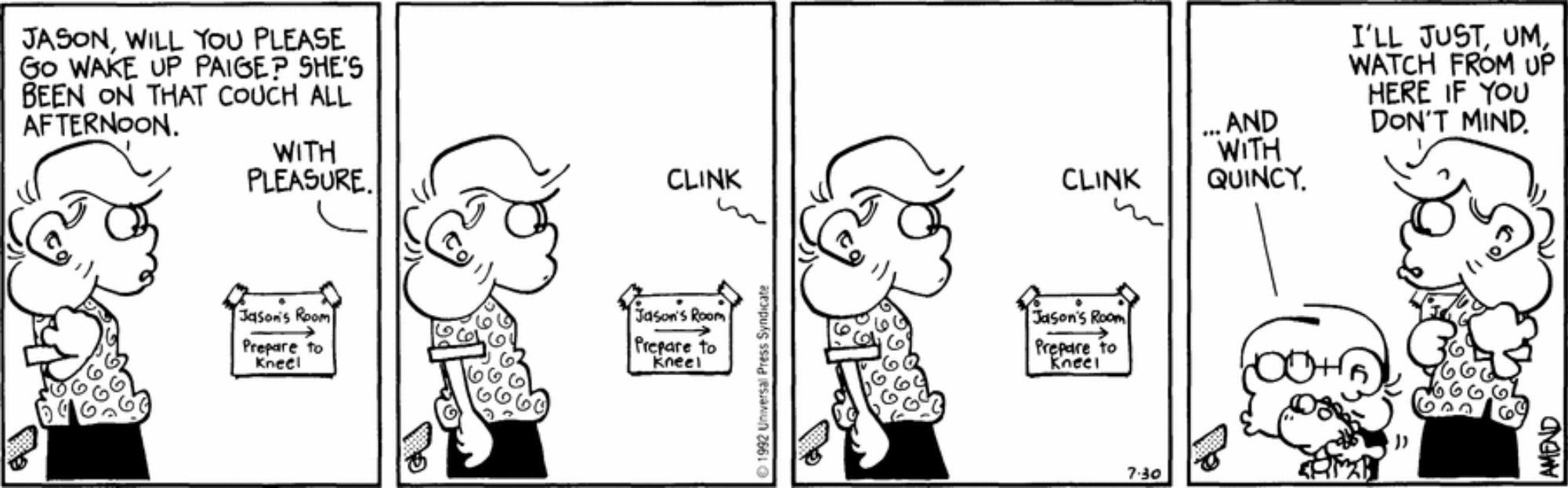
JASON, WILL YOU PLEASE GO WAKE UP PAIGE? SHE'S BEEN ON THAT COUCH ALL AFTERNOON.
WITH PLEASURE.
Jason's Room
Prepare to Kneel
CLINK
Jason's Room
Prepare to Kneel
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CLINK
Jason's Room
Prepare to Kneel
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... AND WITH QUINCY.
I'LL JUST, UM, WATCH FROM UP HERE IF YOU DON'T MIND.
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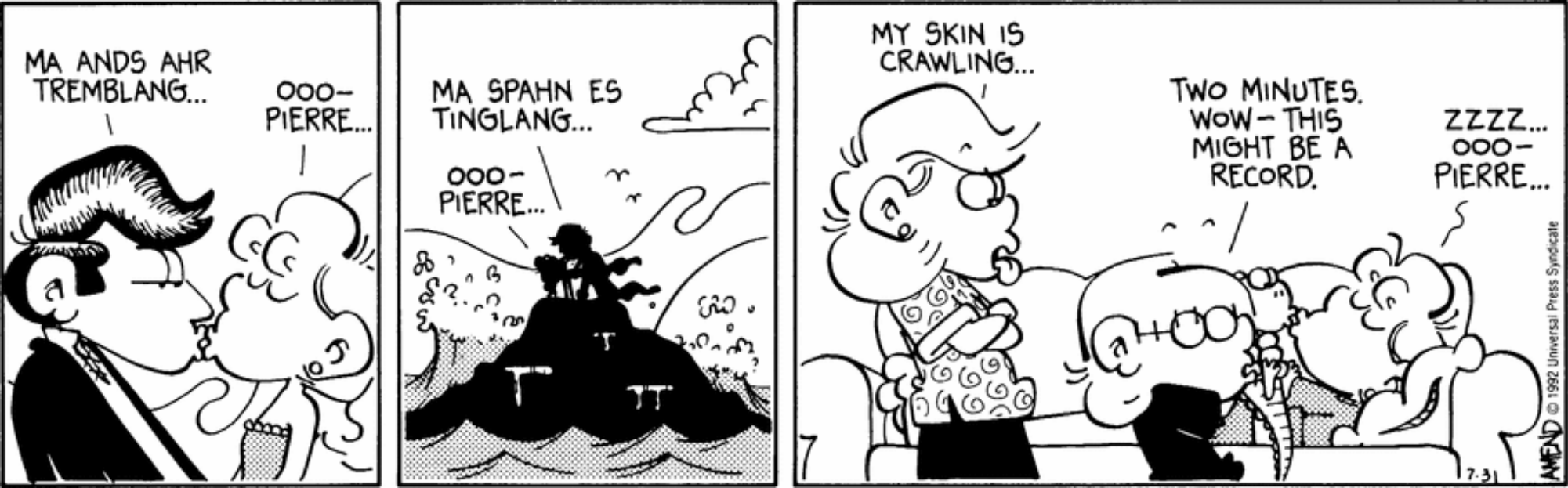
MA ANDS AHR TREMBLANG...
OOO-PIERRE...
MA SPAHN ES TINGLANG...
OOO-PIERRE...
MY SKIN IS CRAWLING...
TWO MINUTES. WOW—THIS MIGHT BE A RECORD.
ZZZZ... OOO-PIERRE...
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AMEND
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PAIGE, I'M SORRY YOU HAVE AN IGUANA ON YOUR FACE.
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BUT IT'S DINNER TIME AND WE COULDN'T GET YOU TO WAKE UP ANY OTHER WAY.
NOW JUST TRY TO STAY CALM...
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...AND LET GO OF YOUR BROTHER.
Please.
FIRST THINGS FIRST...
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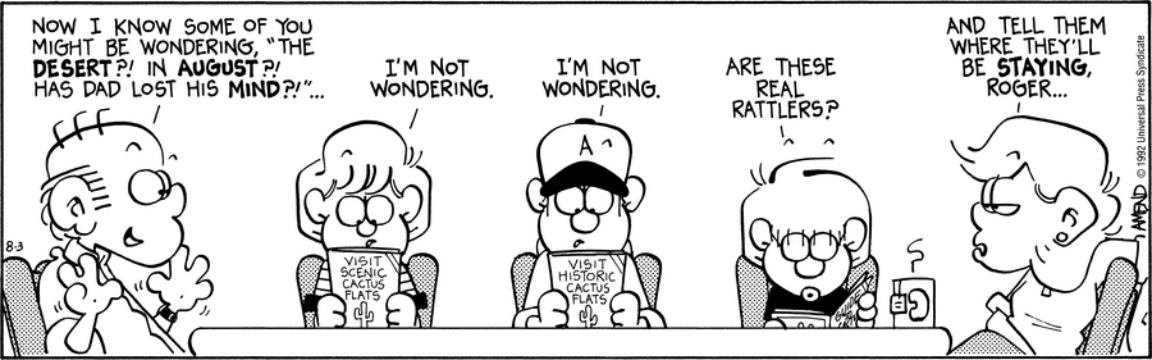
NOW I KNOW SOME OF YOU MIGHT BE WONDERING, "THE DESERT?! IN AUGUST?! HAS DAD LOST HIS MIND?!"...
I'M NOT WONDERING.
VISIT SCENIC CACTUS FLATS
I'M NOT WONDERING.
VISIT HISTORIC CACTUS FLATS
ARE THESE REAL RATTLERS?
AND TELL THEM WHERE THEY'LL BE STAYING, ROGER...
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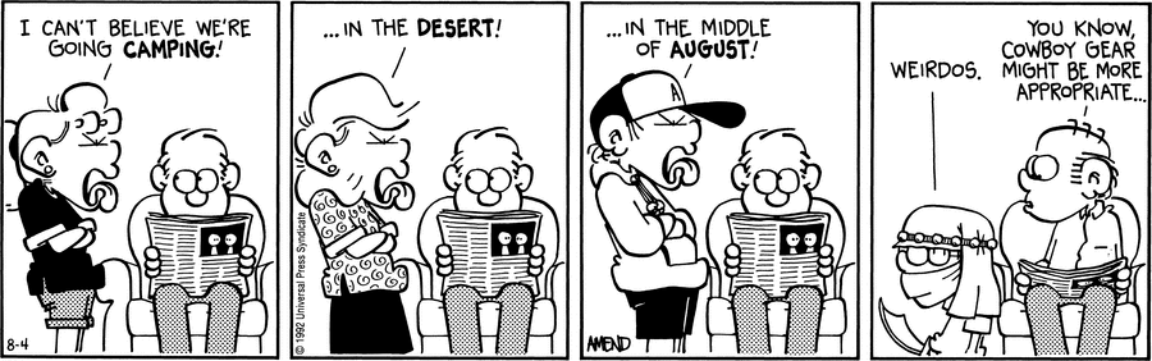
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE GOING CAMPING!
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...IN THE DESERT!
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...IN THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST!
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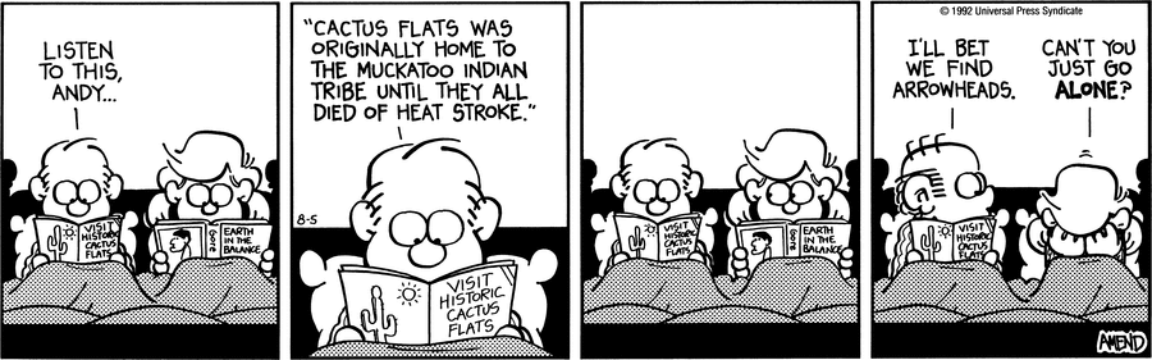
WEIRDOS.
YOU KNOW, COWBOY GEAR MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE...


LISTEN TO THIS, ANDY...
VISIT HISTORIC CACTUS FLATS
EARTH IN THE BALANCE
"CACTUS FLATS WAS ORIGINALLY HOME TO THE MUCKATOO INDIAN TRIBE UNTIL THEY ALL DIED OF HEAT STROKE."
8-5
VISIT HISTORIC CACTUS FLATS
VISIT HISTORIC CACTUS FLATS
EARTH IN THE BALANCE
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I'LL BET WE FIND ARROWHEADS.
CAN'T YOU JUST GO ALONE?
VISIT HISTORIC CACTUS FLATS
AMEND

LET ME SEE IF I'VE GOT THIS STRAIGHT...
YOU'RE GOING TO BE SLEEPING IN TENTS... ABOUT A ZILLION MILES FROM NOWHERE...
IN A DESERT FULL OF SNAKES, LIZARDS, SCORPIONS, TARANTULAS, BLACK WIDOWS AND MOUNTAIN LIONS.
BASICALLY, YES.
AMEND
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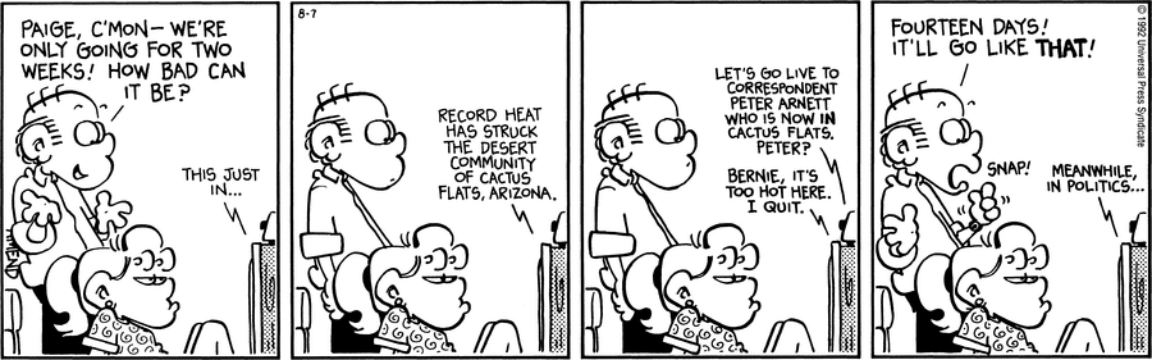
COOL.
OF COURSE, PAIGE WILL BE THERE.


PAIGE, C'MON— WE'RE ONLY GOING FOR TWO WEEKS! HOW BAD CAN IT BE?
THIS JUST IN...
THE END
8-7
RECORD HEAT HAS STRUCK THE DESERT COMMUNITY OF CACTUS FLATS, ARIZONA.
LET'S GO LIVE TO CORRESPONDENT PETER ARNETT WHO IS NOW IN CACTUS FLATS. PETER?
BERNIE, IT'S TOO HOT HERE. I QUIT.
FOURTEEN DAYS! IT'LL GO LIKE THAT!
SNAP!
MEANWHILE, IN POLITICS...
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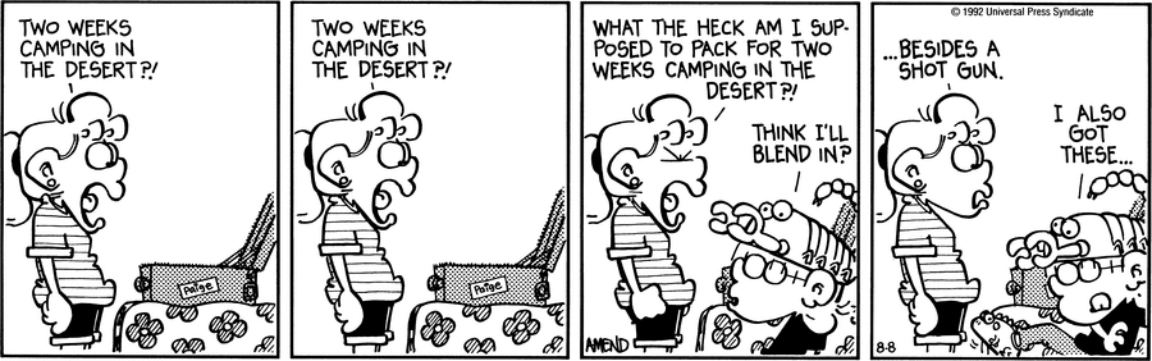
TWO WEEKS CAMPING IN THE DESERT?!
Fudge
TWO WEEKS CAMPING IN THE DESERT?!
Fudge
WHAT THE HECK AM I SUPPOSED TO PACK FOR TWO WEEKS CAMPING IN THE DESERT?!
THINK I'LL BLEND IN?
AMEND
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...BESIDES A SHOT GUN.
I ALSO GOT THESE...
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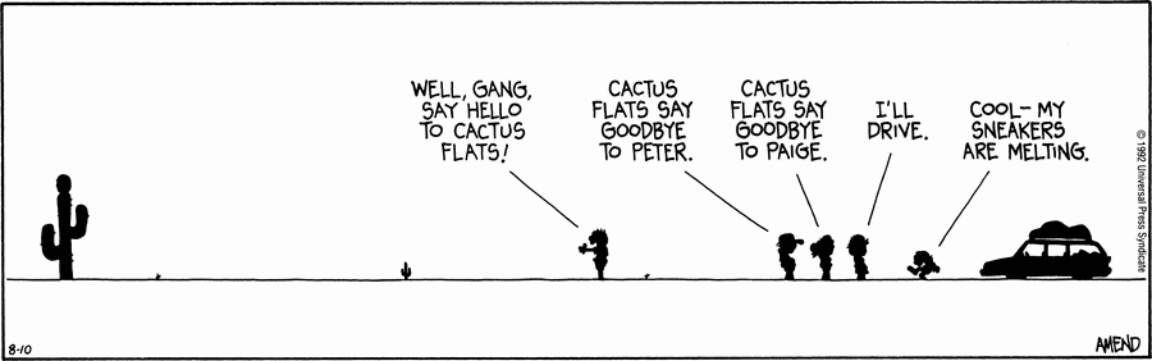
WELL, GANG, SAY HELLO TO CACTUS FLATS!
CACTUS FLATS SAY GOODBYE TO PETER.
CACTUS FLATS SAY GOODBYE TO PAIGE.
I'LL DRIVE.
COOL– MY SNEAKERS ARE MELTING.
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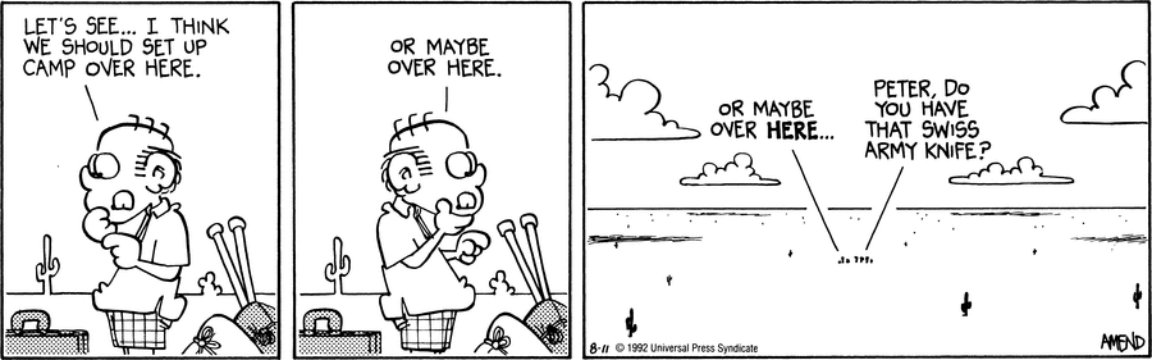
AMEND


LET'S SEE... I THINK WE SHOULD SET UP CAMP OVER HERE.
OR MAYBE OVER HERE.
OR MAYBE OVER HERE...
PETER, DO YOU HAVE THAT SWISS ARMY KNIFE?
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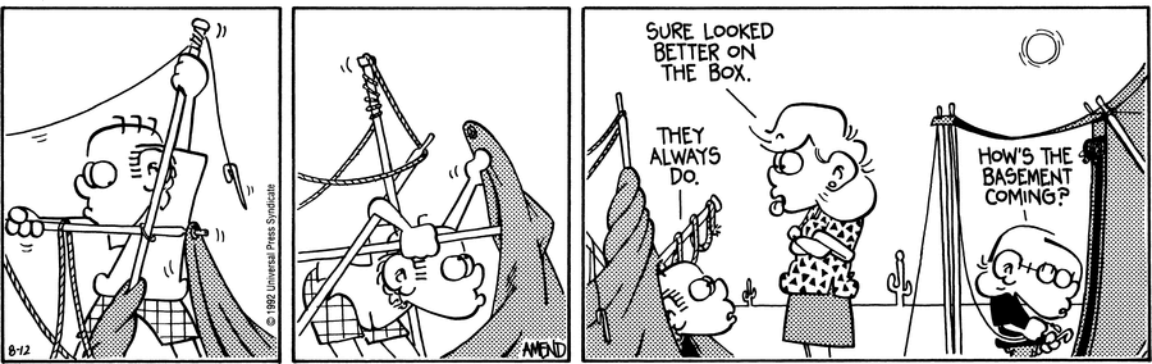
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SURE LOOKED BETTER ON THE BOX.
THEY ALWAYS DO.
HOW'S THE BASEMENT COMING?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CHECKING MY SHOES FOR SCORPIONS. I'VE HEARD THEY SOMETIMES CRAWL INTO THEM AT NIGHT.
AMEND
8-15
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WHAP WHAP WHAP
DARN.
DAD'S NOT UP YET - WE COULD CHECK HIS...

IT'S FUNNY. IT'S THE SAME SUN AS WE HAVE AT HOME...
GOLF BIBLE
YET HERE IT'S A MILLION TIMES MORE UNBEARABLE.
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WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?
GOLF BIBLE
DID YOU SAY "SUN" OR "SON"?
SEEN PAIGE AROUND?
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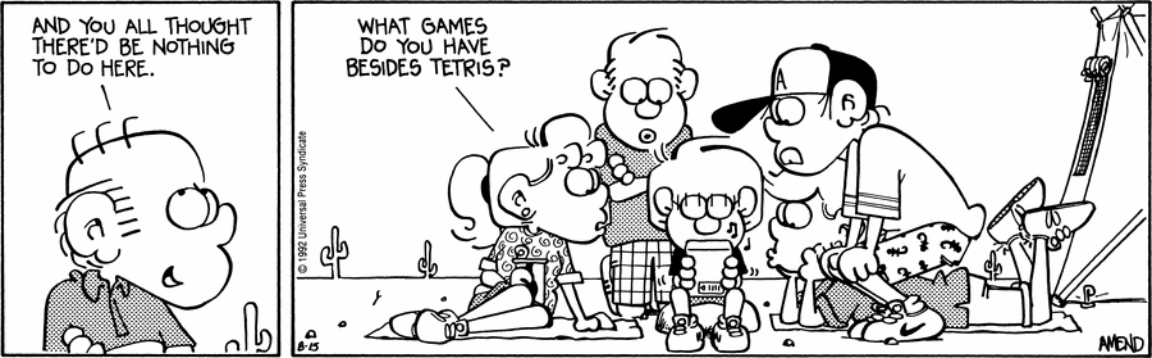
AND YOU ALL THOUGHT THERE'D BE NOTHING TO DO HERE.
WHAT GAMES DO YOU HAVE BESIDES TETRIS?
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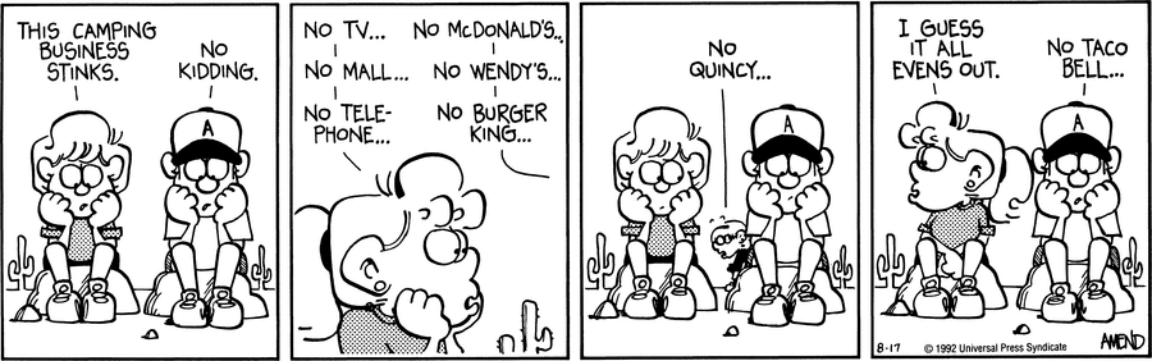
THIS CAMPING BUSINESS STINKS.
NO KIDDING.
NO TV...
NO MALL...
NO TELE-PHONE...
NO McDONALD'S...
NO WENDY'S...
NO BURGER KING...
NO QUINCY...
I GUESS IT ALL EVENS OUT.
NO TACO BELL...
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MY MARSHMALLOW IS A VOODOO DOLL FOR YOUR HEAD.
MY MARSHMALLOW IS A VOODOO DOLL FOR YOUR HEAD.
MY MARSHMALLOW IS A VOODOO DOLL FOR BOTH YOUR HEADS.
MY MARSHMALLOW IS LONELY.
DANG— NOT AGAIN...
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HEY, PAIGE— WANNA SEE A DEAD RATTLESNAKE?
ICK! NO!
Revlon
ELLE
YOU'RE SURE?
ICK! YES!
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NOT EVEN A TEENSY-WEENSY BIT?
ICK! NO!
Revlon
VOGUE
OH, MAN, WE'VE JUST GOTTA FIND ONE.
IF I WERE A DEAD RATTLESNAKE WHERE WOULD I HIDE?...
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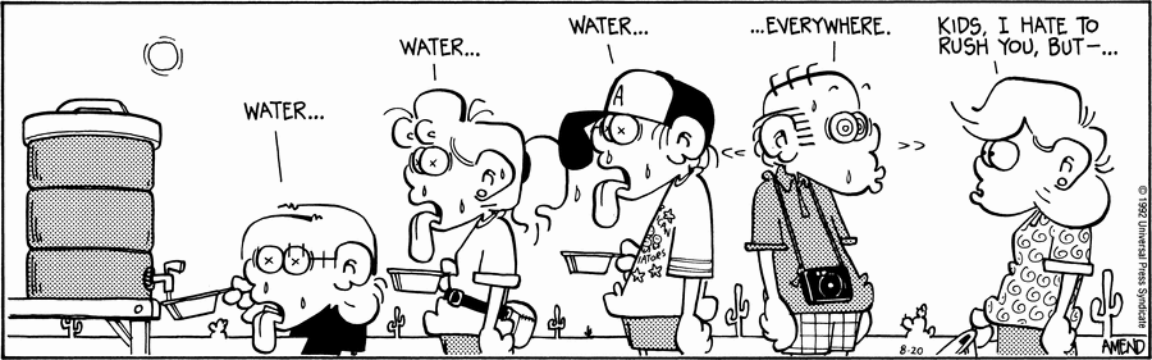
WATER...
WATER...
WATER...
...EVERYWHERE.
KIDS, I HATE TO RUSH YOU, BUT—...
A
GATORS
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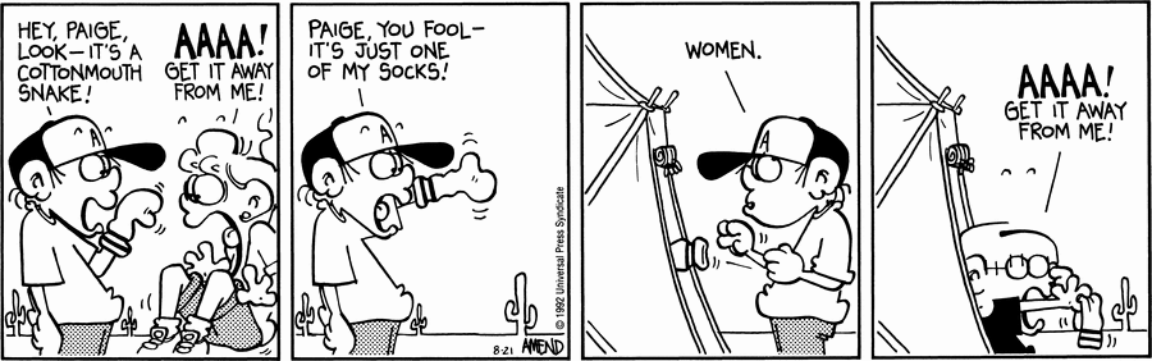
HEY, PAIGE, LOOK—IT'S A COTTONMOUTH SNAKE!
AAAA! GET IT AWAY FROM ME!
PAIGE, YOU FOOL—IT'S JUST ONE OF MY SOCKS!
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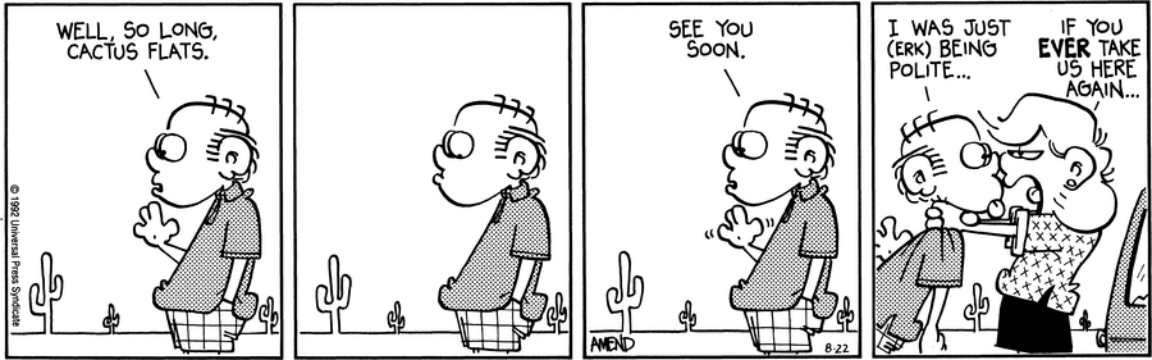
WOMEN.
AAAA! GET IT AWAY FROM ME!


WELL, SO LONG, CACTUS FLATS.
SEE YOU SOON.
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I WAS JUST (ERK) BEING POLITE...
IF YOU EVER TAKE US HERE AGAIN...
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I'D LIKE TO SAY IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK.
SEPTEMBER
NOW THESE CAN WAIT TILL TOMORROW.
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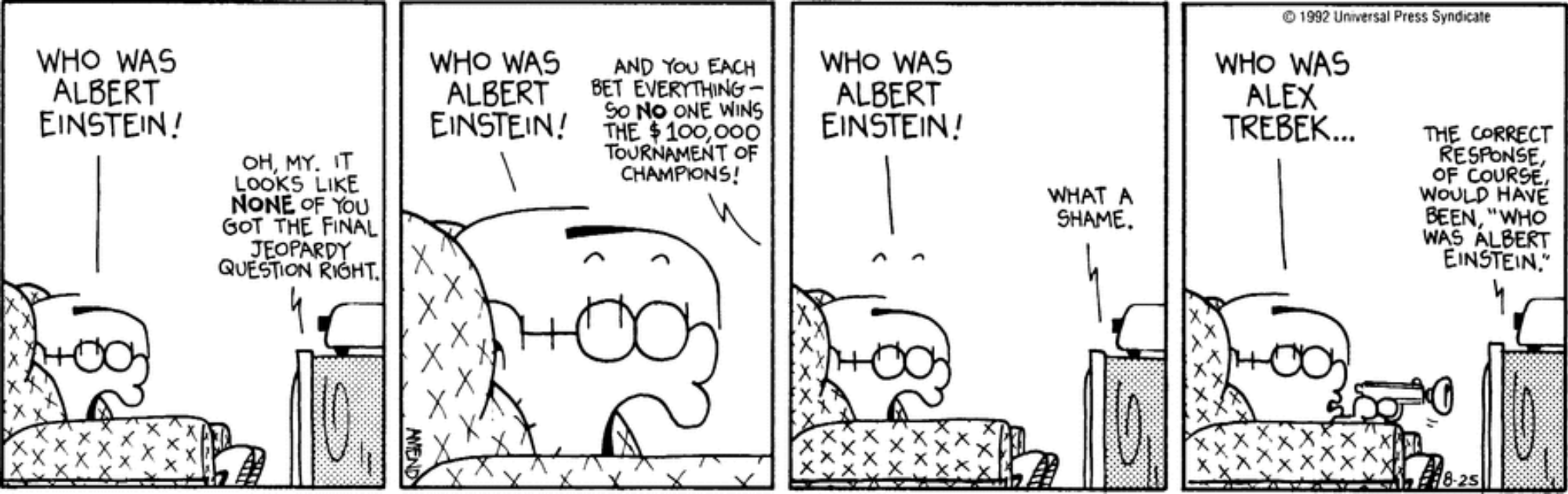
WHO WAS ALBERT EINSTEIN!
OH, MY. IT LOOKS LIKE NONE OF YOU GOT THE FINAL JEOPARDY QUESTION RIGHT.
WHO WAS ALBERT EINSTEIN!
AND YOU EACH BET EVERYTHING – SO NO ONE WINS THE $100,000 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS!
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WHO WAS ALBERT EINSTEIN!
WHAT A SHAME.
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WHO WAS ALEX TREBEK...
THE CORRECT RESPONSE, OF COURSE, WOULD HAVE BEEN, "WHO WAS ALBERT EINSTEIN."
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WELL, ANDY, I THINK THIS'LL BE OUR LAST BARBECUE OF THE SEASON.
WHY'S THAT?
WELL, WHILE WE'RE NOT OUT OF CHARCOAL AND WE'RE NOT OUT OF LIGHTER FLUID...
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...WE ARE OUT OF WARNINGS.
LARRY, GET THAT TANKER OVER HERE!
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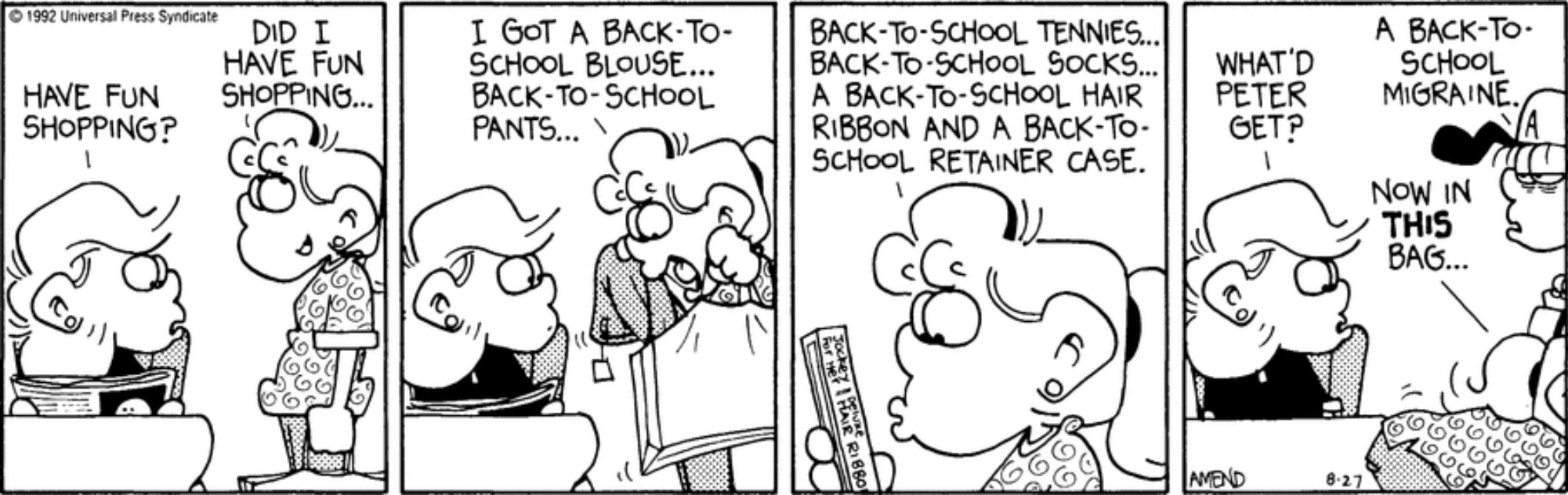
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HAVE FUN SHOPPING?
DID I HAVE FUN SHOPPING...
I GOT A BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOUSE... BACK-TO-SCHOOL PANTS...
BACK-TO-SCHOOL TENNIES... BACK-TO-SCHOOL SOCKS... A BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAIR RIBBON AND A BACK-TO-SCHOOL RETAINER CASE.
WHAT'D PETER GET?
A BACK-TO-SCHOOL MIGRAINE.
NOW IN THIS BAG...
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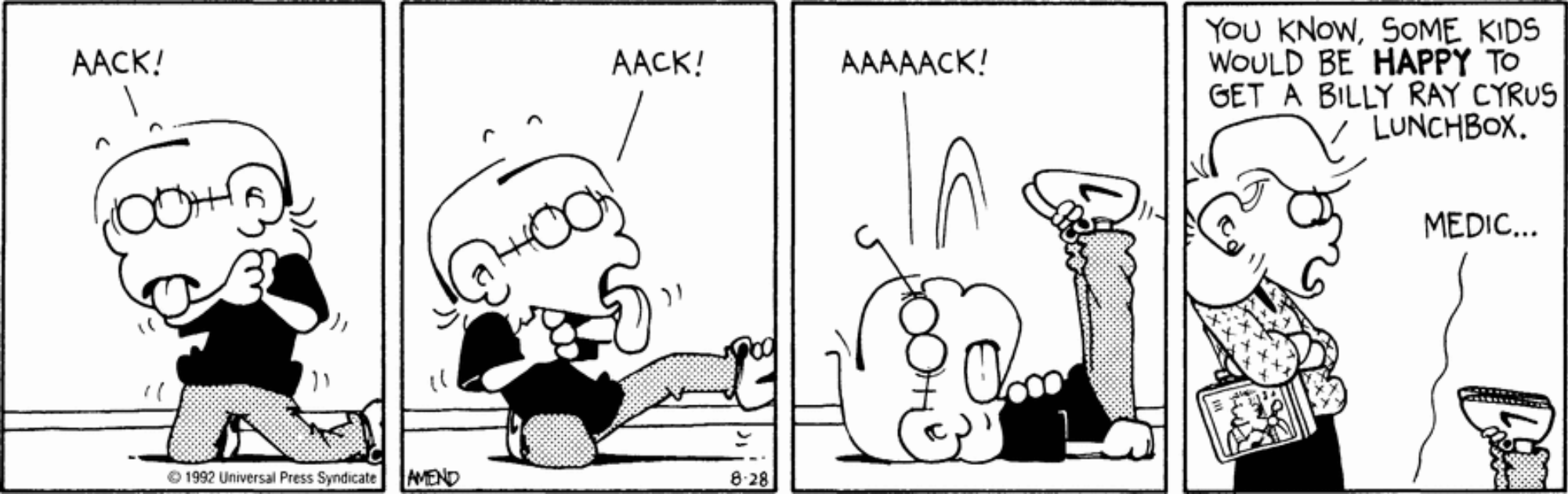
AACK!
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AACK!
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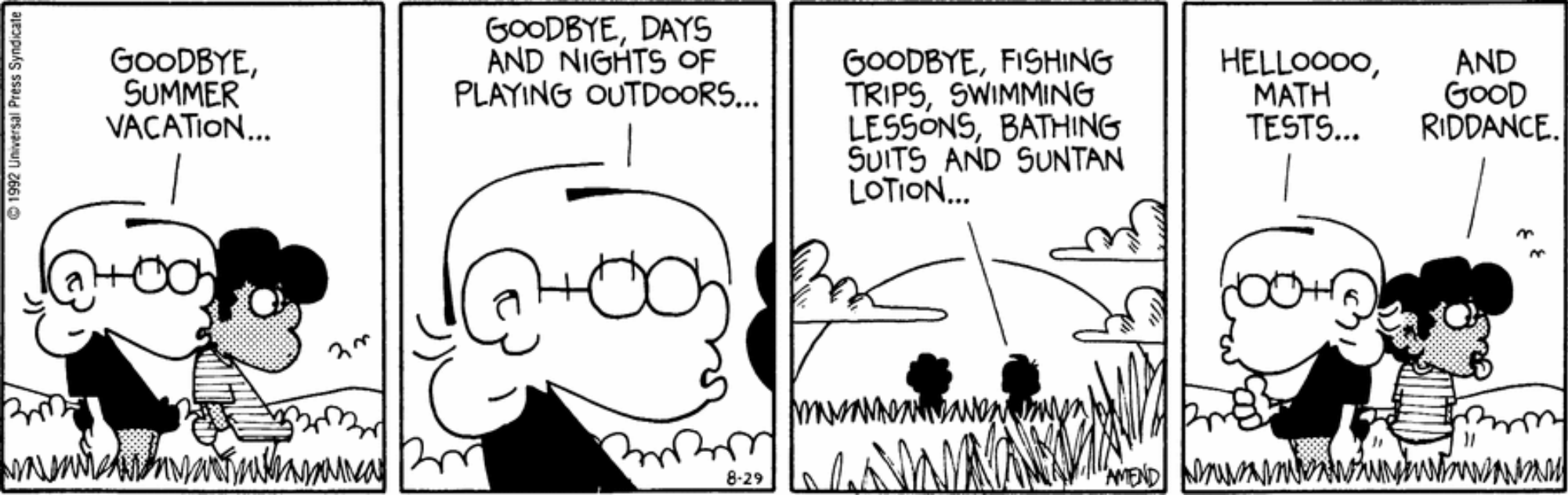
AAAAACK!
YOU KNOW, SOME KIDS WOULD BE **HAPPY** TO GET A BILLY RAY CYRUS LUNCHBOX.
MEDIC...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GOODBYE, SUMMER VACATION...
GOODBYE, DAYS AND NIGHTS OF PLAYING OUTDOORS...
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GOODBYE, FISHING TRIPS, SWIMMING LESSONS, BATHING SUITS AND SUNTAN LOTION...
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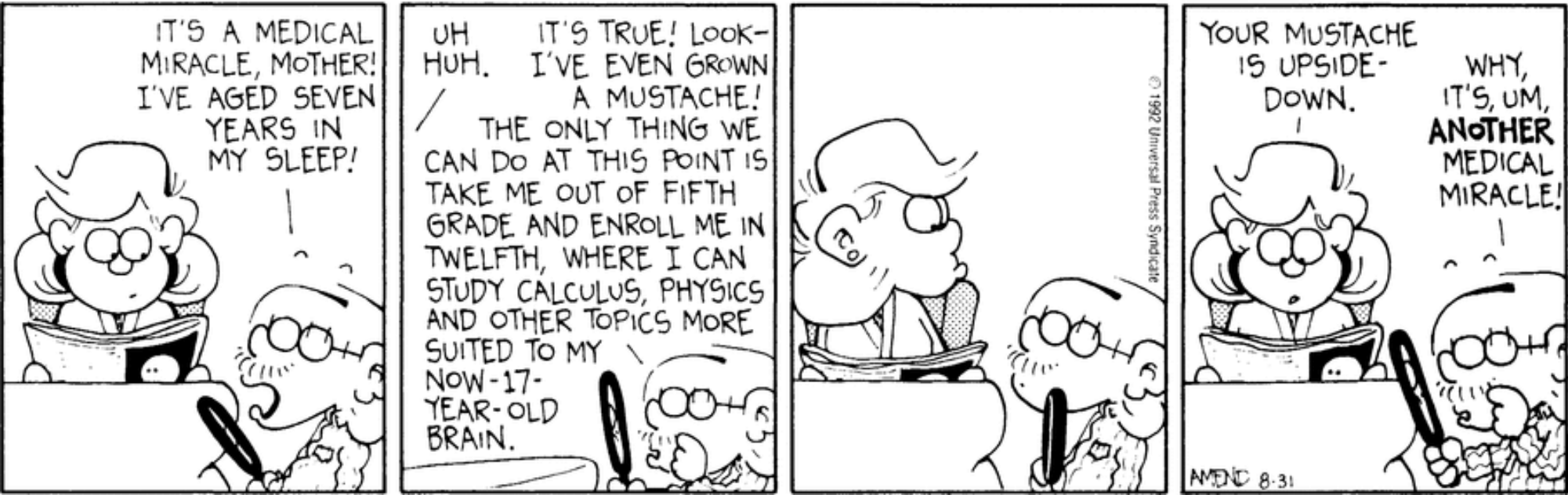
HELLOOOO, MATH TESTS...
AND GOOD RIDDANCE.


IT'S A MEDICAL MIRACLE, MOTHER! I'VE AGED SEVEN YEARS IN MY SLEEP!
UH HUH.
IT'S TRUE! LOOK- I'VE EVEN GROWN A MUSTACHE!
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO AT THIS POINT IS TAKE ME OUT OF FIFTH GRADE AND ENROLL ME IN TWELFTH, WHERE I CAN STUDY CALCULUS, PHYSICS AND OTHER TOPICS MORE SUITED TO MY NOW-17-YEAR-OLD BRAIN.
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YOUR MUSTACHE IS UPSIDE-DOWN.
WHY, IT'S, UM, ANOTHER MEDICAL MIRACLE!
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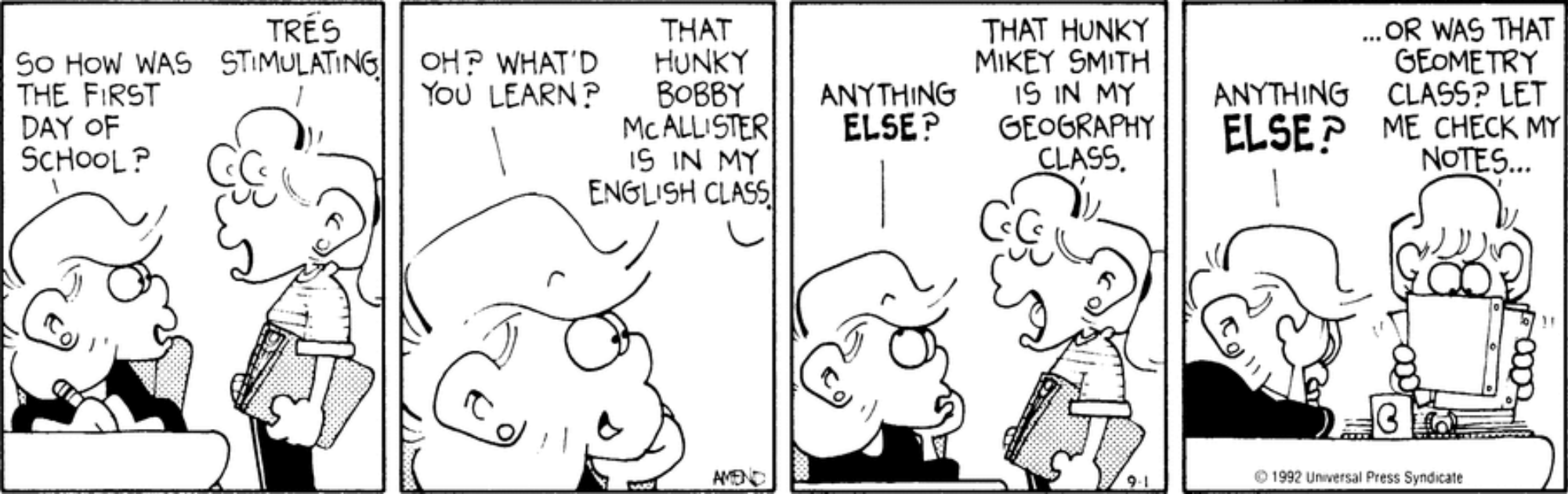
SO HOW WAS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?
TRÉS STIMULATING.
OH? WHAT'D YOU LEARN?
THAT HUNKY BOBBY McALLISTER IS IN MY ENGLISH CLASS.
ANYTHING ELSE?
THAT HUNKY MIKEY SMITH IS IN MY GEOGRAPHY CLASS.
ANYTHING ELSE?
...OR WAS THAT GEOMETRY CLASS? LET ME CHECK MY NOTES...
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MAY I HELP YOU?
I THINK THE COMPUTER GOOFED UP MY SCHEDULE.
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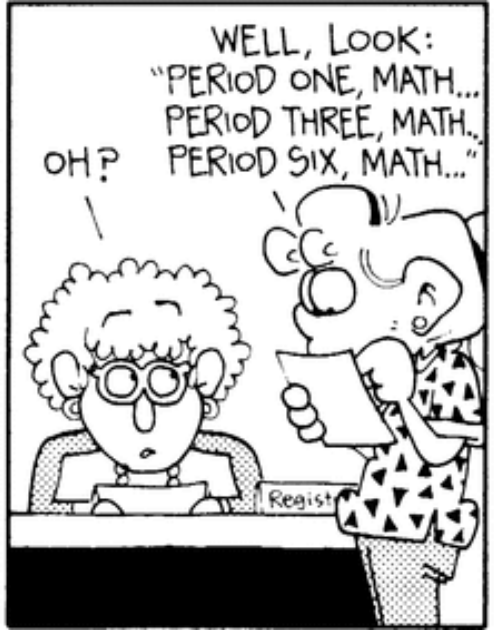
OH?
WELL, LOOK: "PERIOD ONE, MATH... PERIOD THREE, MATH... PERIOD SIX, MATH..."
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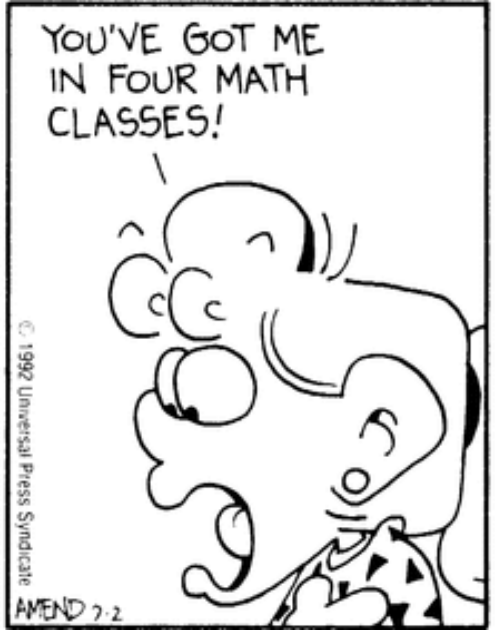
YOU'VE GOT ME IN FOUR MATH CLASSES!
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UM, NEXT...
OR IS IT FIVE?...
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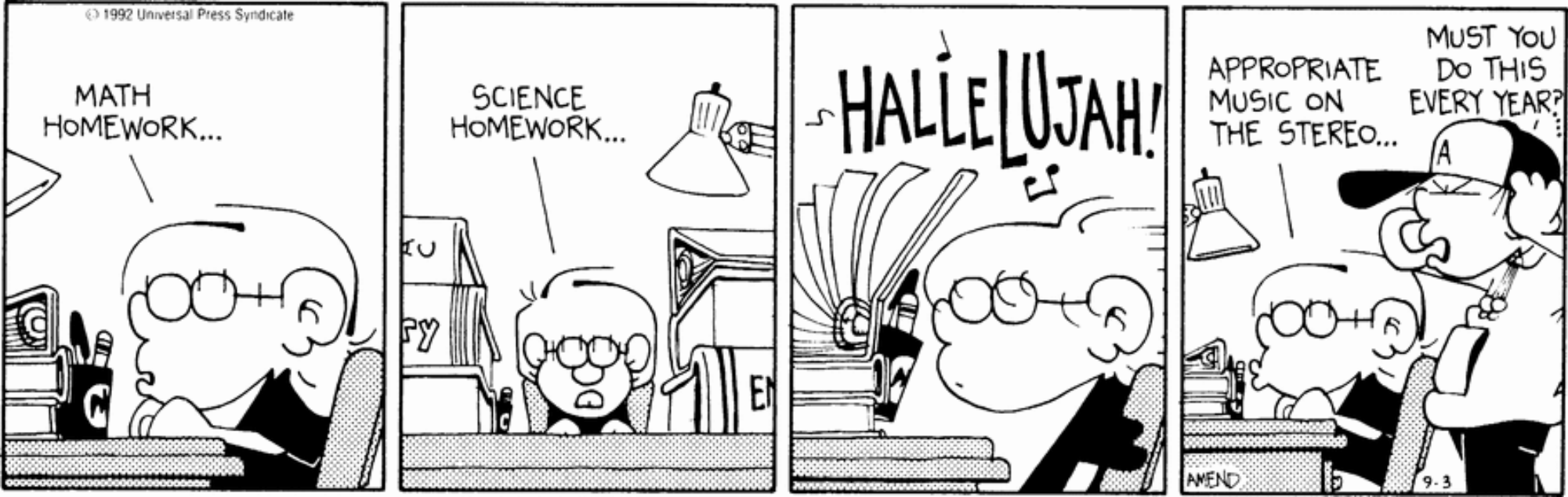
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MATH HOMEWORK...
SCIENCE HOMEWORK...
HALLELUJAH!
APPROPRIATE MUSIC ON THE STEREO...
MUST YOU DO THIS EVERY YEAR?
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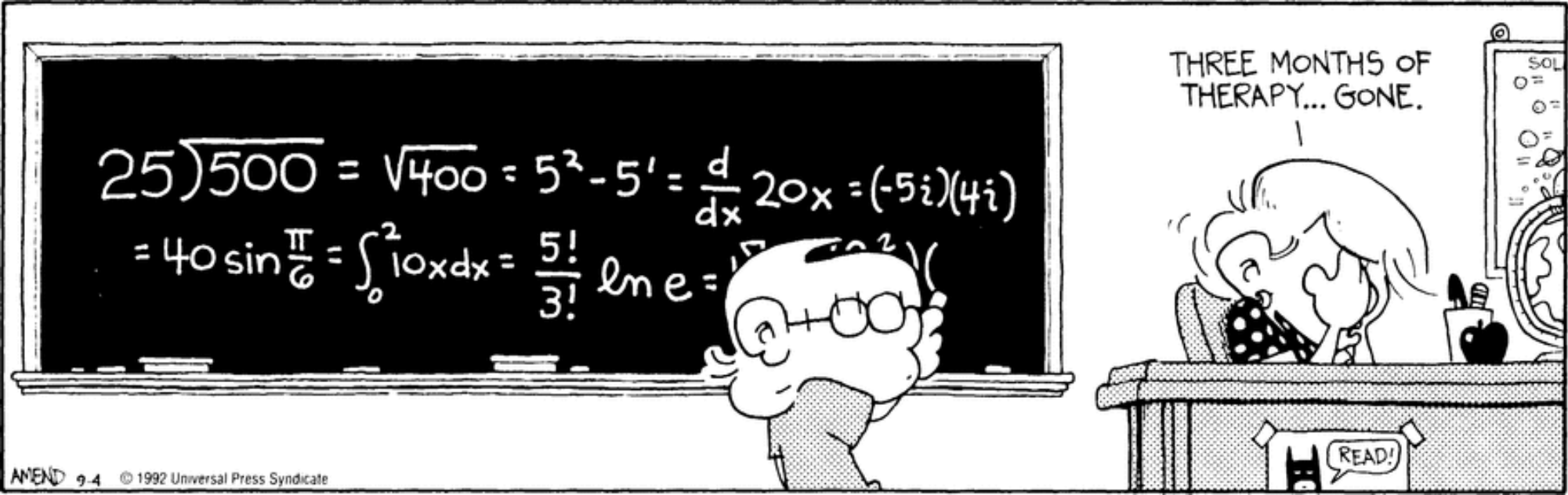
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THREE MONTHS OF THERAPY... GONE.
READ!
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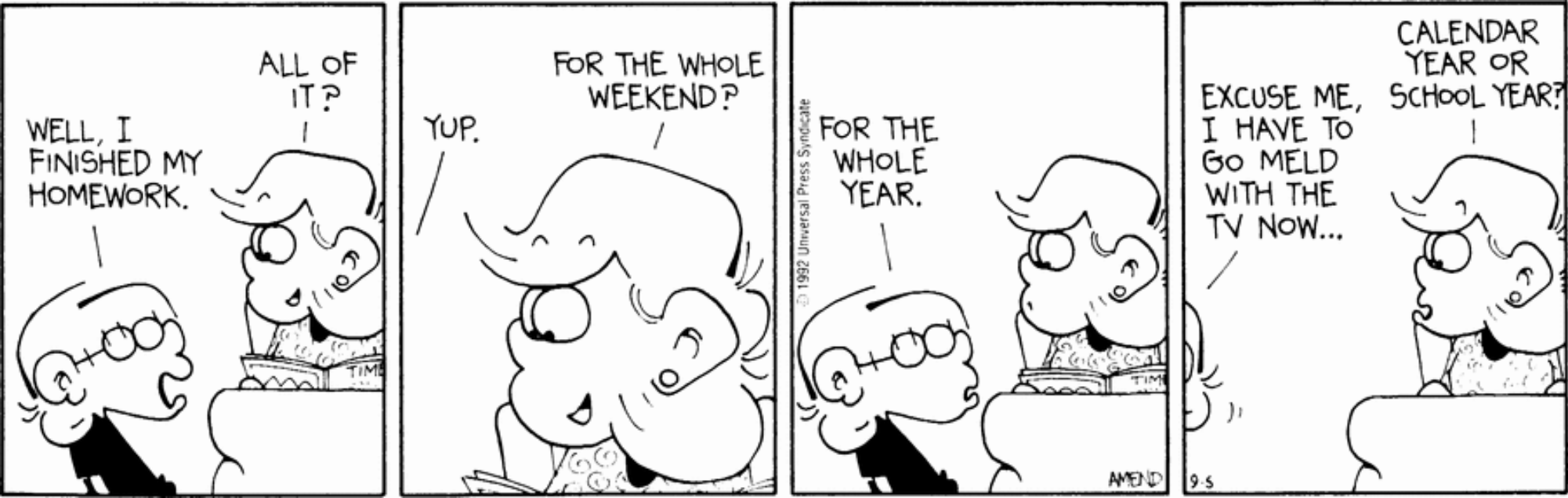
WELL, I FINISHED MY HOMEWORK.
ALL OF IT?
YUP.
FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND?
FOR THE WHOLE YEAR.
EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO GO MELD WITH THE TV NOW...
CALENDAR YEAR OR SCHOOL YEAR?
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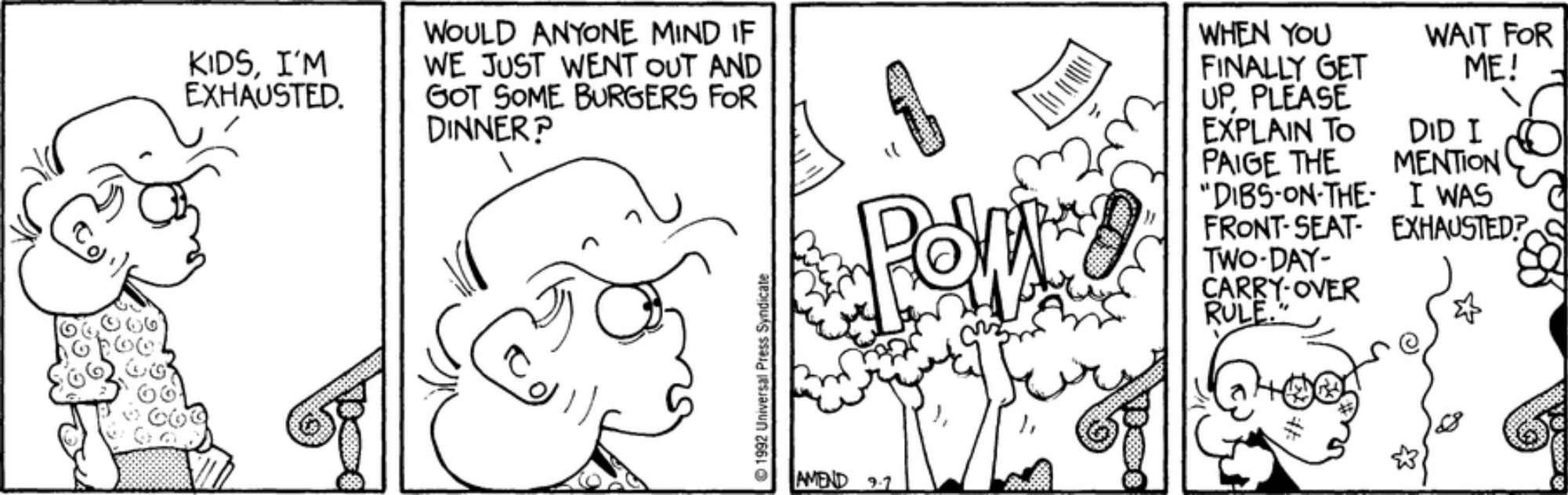
KIDS, I'M EXHAUSTED.
WOULD ANYONE MIND IF WE JUST WENT OUT AND GOT SOME BURGERS FOR DINNER?
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POW
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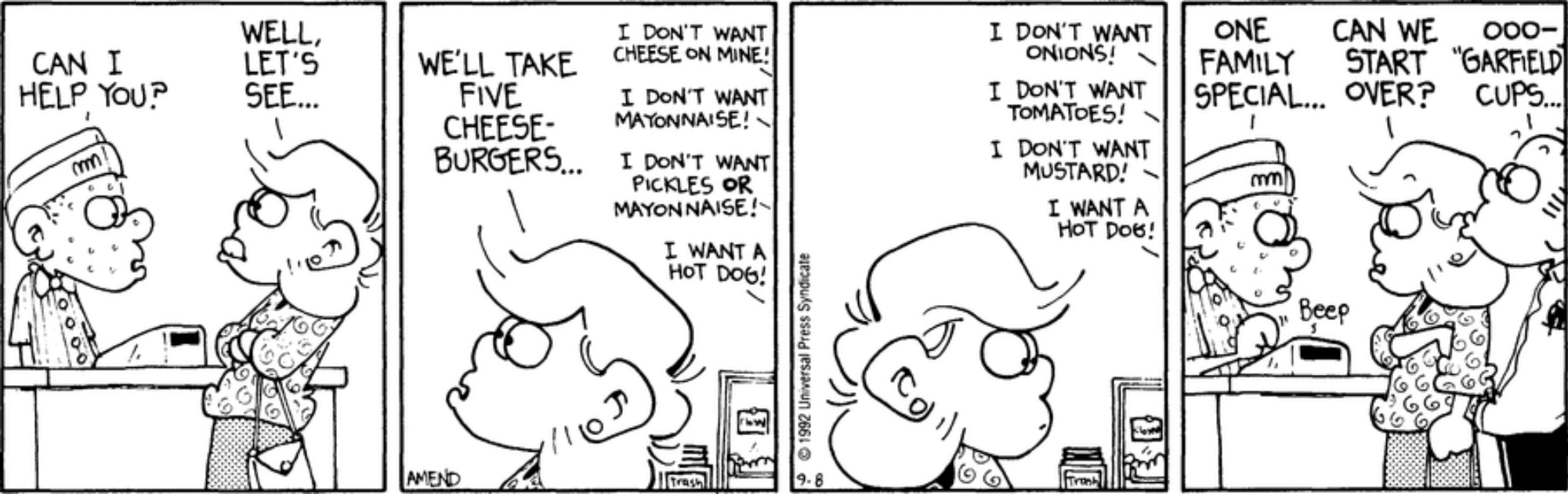
WHEN YOU FINALLY GET UP, PLEASE EXPLAIN TO PAIGE THE "DIBS-ON-THE-FRONT-SEAT-TWO-DAY-CARRY-OVER RULE."
WAIT FOR ME!
DID I MENTION I WAS EXHAUSTED?


CAN I HELP YOU?
WELL, LET'S SEE...
WE'LL TAKE FIVE CHEESE-BURGERS...
I DON'T WANT CHEESE ON MINE!
I DON'T WANT MAYONNAISE!
I DON'T WANT PICKLES OR MAYONNAISE!
I WANT A HOT DOG!
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Trash
I DON'T WANT ONIONS!
I DON'T WANT TOMATOES!
I DON'T WANT MUSTARD!
I WANT A HOT DOG!
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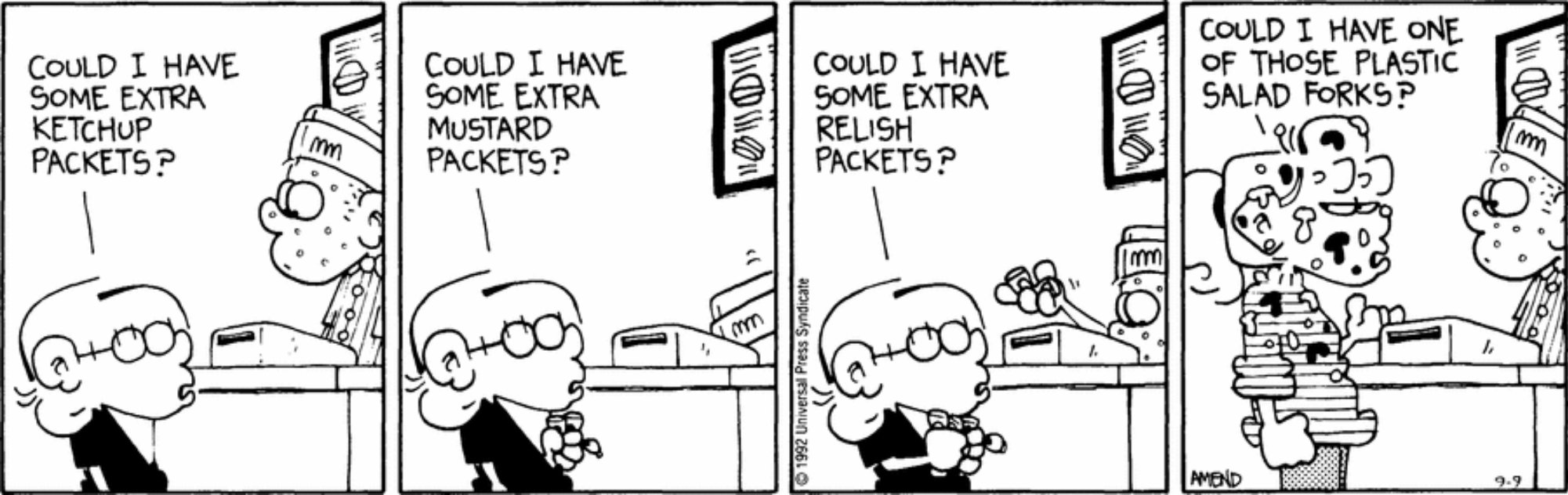
Trash
ONE FAMILY SPECIAL...
CAN WE START OVER?
OOO- "GARFIELD" CUPS...
Beep


COULD I HAVE SOME EXTRA KETCHUP PACKETS?
COULD I HAVE SOME EXTRA MUSTARD PACKETS?
COULD I HAVE SOME EXTRA RELISH PACKETS?
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COULD I HAVE ONE OF THOSE PLASTIC SALAD FORKS?
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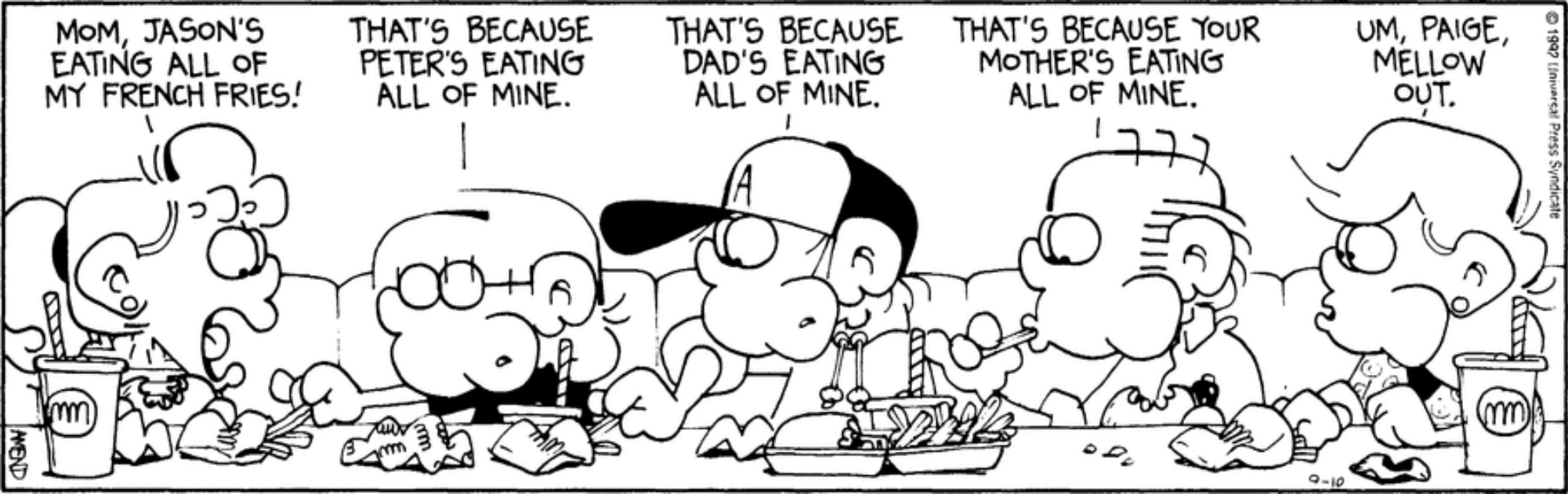
MOM, JASON'S EATING ALL OF MY FRENCH FRIES!
THAT'S BECAUSE PETER'S EATING ALL OF MINE.
THAT'S BECAUSE DAD'S EATING ALL OF MINE.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOUR MOTHER'S EATING ALL OF MINE.
UM, PAIGE, MELLOW OUT.
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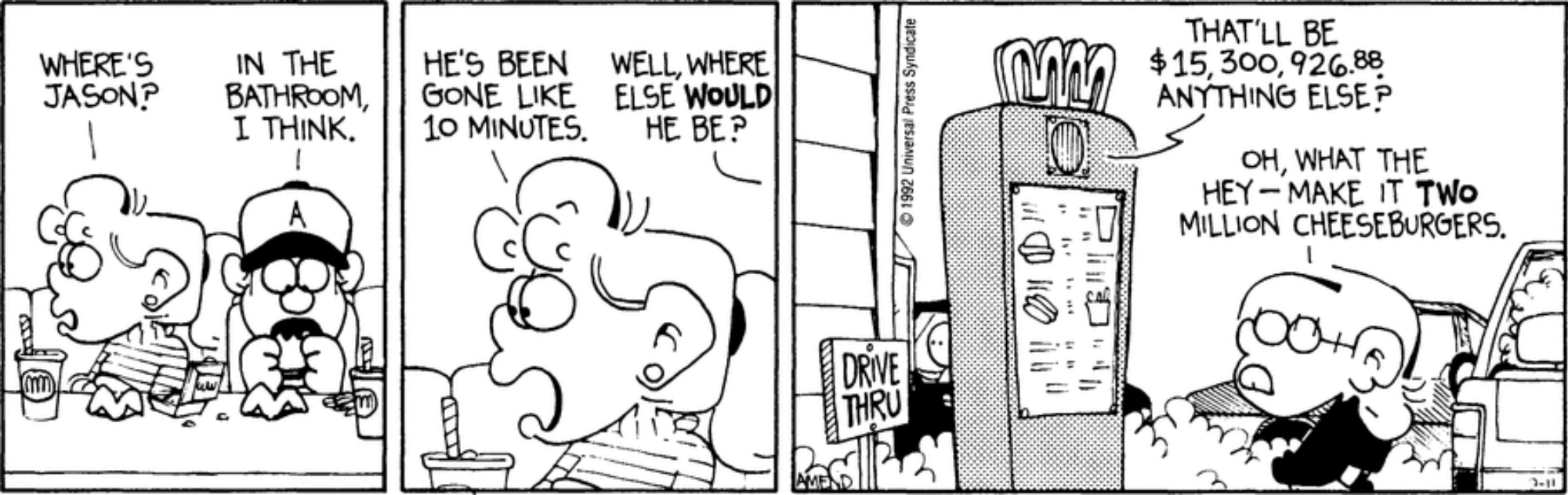
WHERE'S JASON?
IN THE BATHROOM, I THINK.
HE'S BEEN GONE LIKE 10 MINUTES.
WELL, WHERE ELSE WOULD HE BE?
THAT'LL BE $15,300,926.88 ANYTHING ELSE?
OH, WHAT THE HEY—MAKE IT TWO MILLION CHEESEBURGERS.
DRIVE THRU
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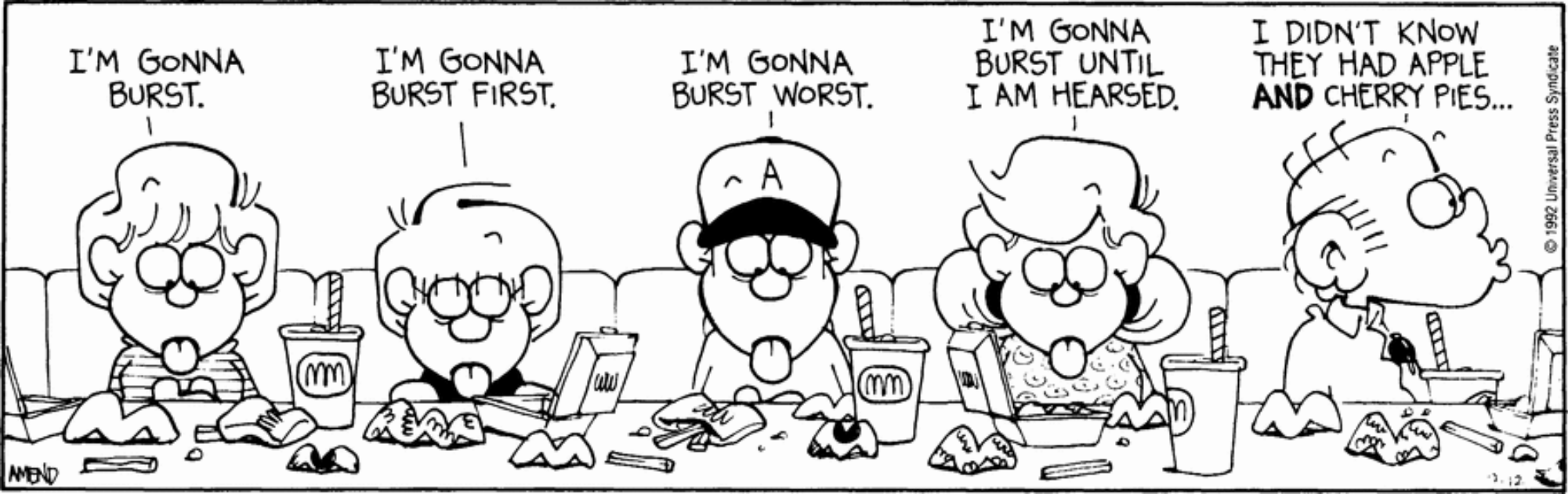
I'M GONNA BURST.
I'M GONNA BURST FIRST.
I'M GONNA BURST WORST.
I'M GONNA BURST UNTIL I AM HEARSED.
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD APPLE AND CHERRY PIES...
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AMEND

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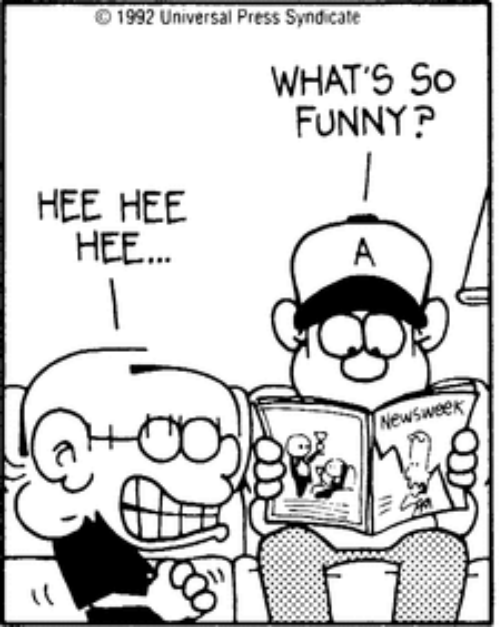

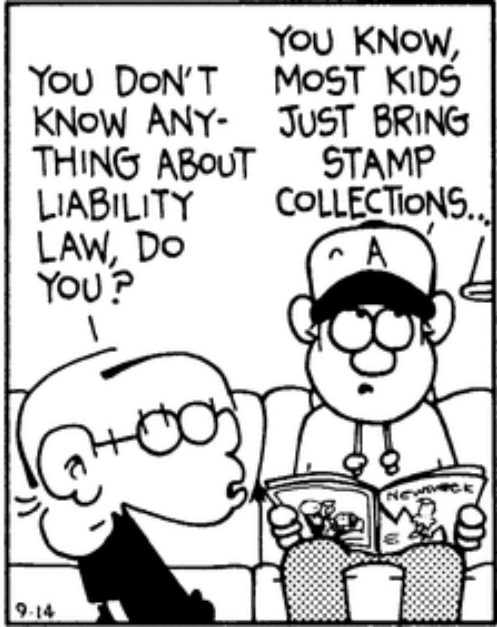

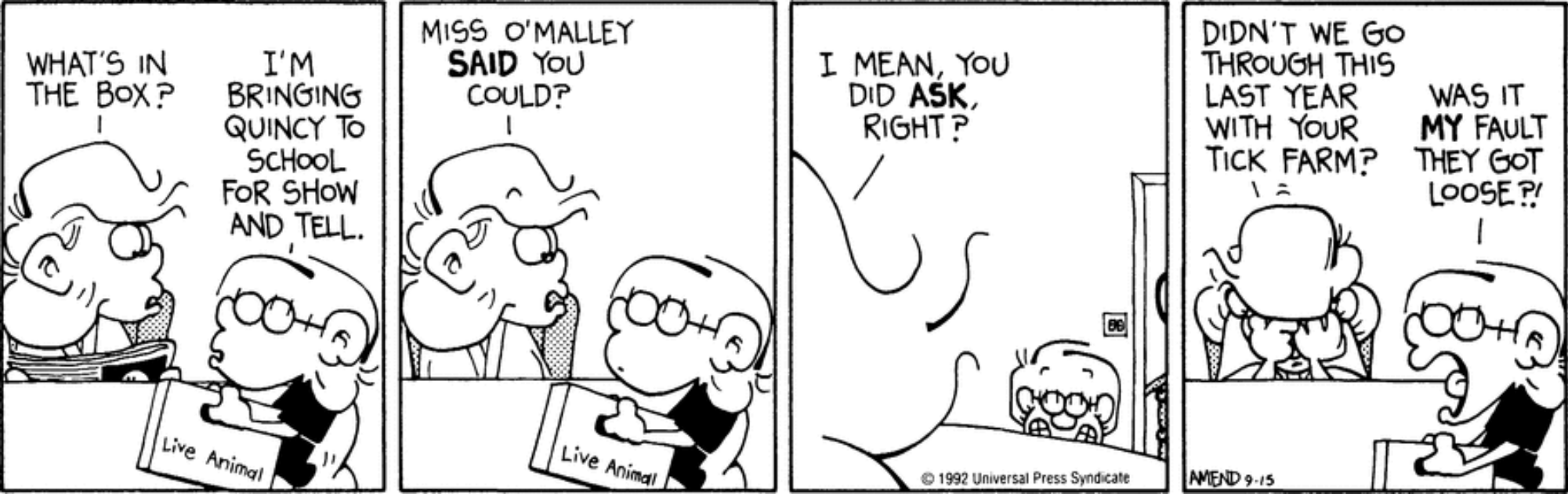
WHAT'S IN THE BOX?
I'M BRINGING QUINCY TO SCHOOL FOR SHOW AND TELL.
Live Animal
MISS O'MALLEY **SAID** YOU COULD?
Live Animal
I MEAN, YOU DID **ASK**, RIGHT?
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DIDN'T WE GO THROUGH THIS LAST YEAR WITH YOUR TICK FARM?
WAS IT **MY** FAULT THEY GOT LOOSE?!
AMEND 9-15

WHY, JASON, YOU'RE HERE EARLY.
MISS O'MALLEY?
Live Animal
Read!
AMEND
MY MOM WANTED ME TO DISCUSS MY SHOW AND TELL PRESENTATION WITH YOU BEFORE CLASS STARTS.
WHY'S THAT?
WELL, I BROUGHT MY PET IGUANA, QUINCY, AND HE TENDS TO BE SOMETHING OF A HANDFUL.
AND SO SHE WANTED MY PERMISSION?
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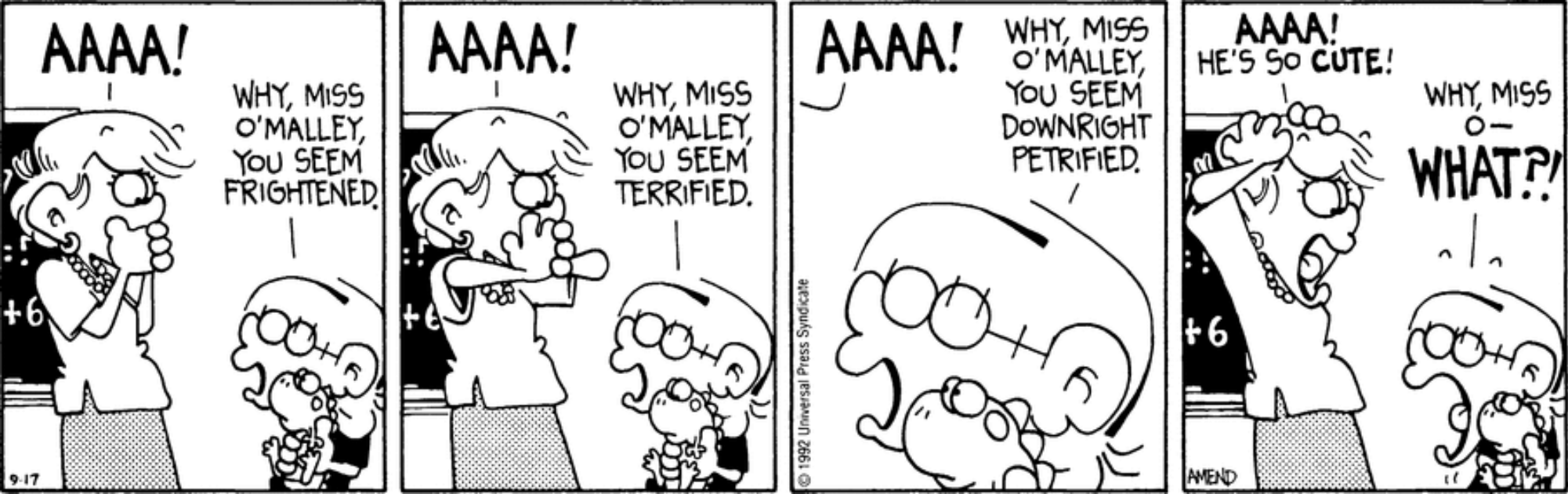
A REGULAR CARL LEWIS, I SEE.
INDEMNIFICATION.
Live Animal
Read!


AAAA!
WHY, MISS O'MALLEY, YOU SEEM FRIGHTENED.
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AAAA!
WHY, MISS O'MALLEY, YOU SEEM TERRIFIED.
AAAA!
WHY, MISS O'MALLEY, YOU SEEM DOWNRIGHT PETRIFIED.
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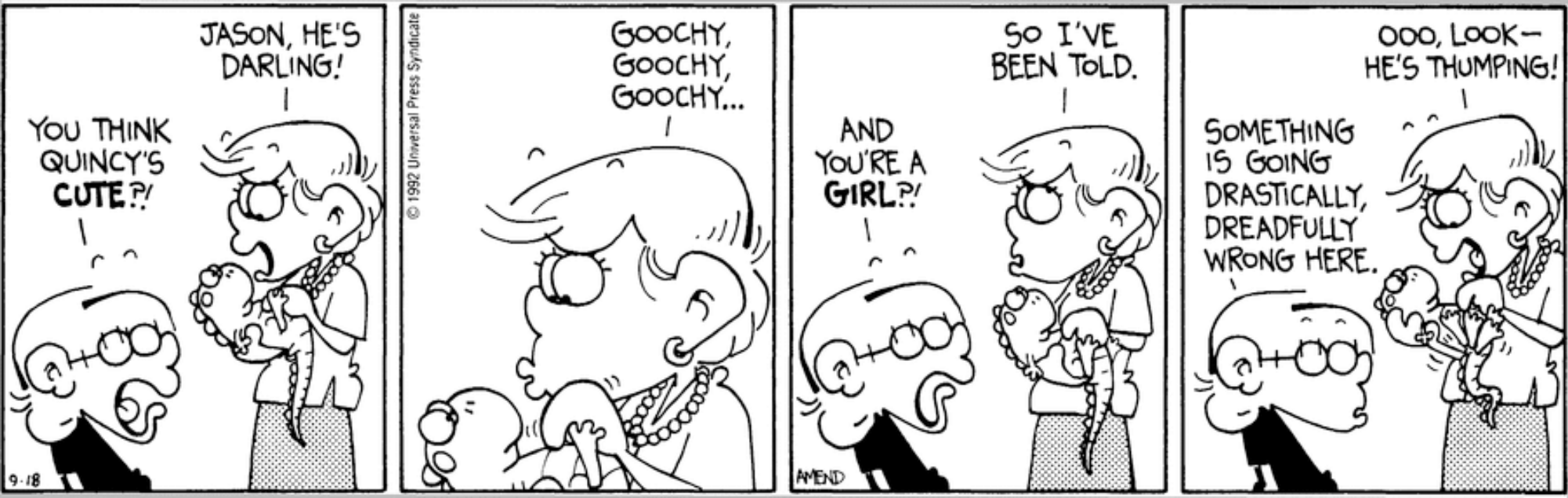
AAAA! HE'S SO CUTE!
WHY, MISS O—
WHAT?!
AMEND


JASON, HE'S DARLING!
YOU THINK QUINCY'S CUTE?!
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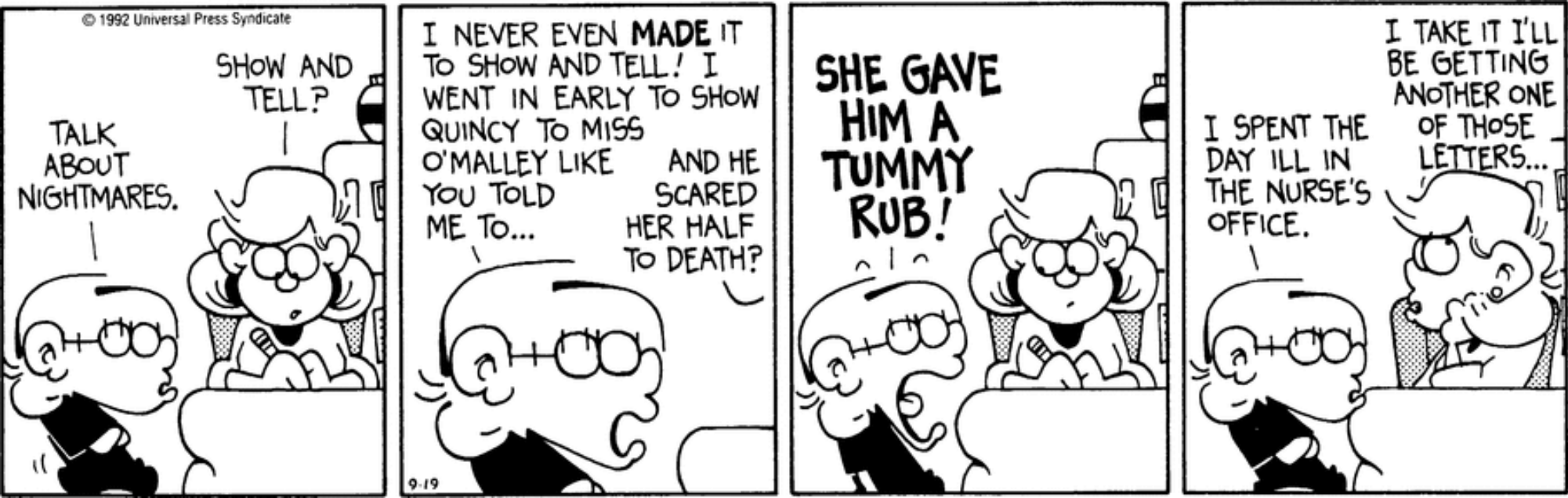
GOOCHY, GOOCHY, GOOCHY...
SO I'VE BEEN TOLD.
AND YOU'RE A GIRL?!
AMEND
OOO, LOOK— HE'S THUMPING!
SOMETHING IS GOING DRASTICALLY, DREADFULLY WRONG HERE.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TALK ABOUT NIGHTMARES.
SHOW AND TELL?
I NEVER EVEN MADE IT TO SHOW AND TELL! I WENT IN EARLY TO SHOW QUINCY TO MISS O'MALLEY LIKE YOU TOLD ME TO...
AND HE SCARED HER HALF TO DEATH?
9-19
SHE GAVE HIM A TUMMY RUB!
I SPENT THE DAY ILL IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
I TAKE IT I'LL BE GETTING ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE LETTERS...

Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep
Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep
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Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep
SPRINGSTEEN TICKETS GO ON SALE TOMORROW.
YOU REALLY THINK PRACTICE WILL HELP?
ICE
9-21
AMEND

MOM, IS IT OK IF I USE YOUR OFFICE PHONE THIS MORNING?
WHY?
SPRINGSTEEN TICKETS GO ON SALE AT 10 AND IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME THAT YOUR PHONE HAS A SPEED DIALER.
THAT'S FINE. I HAVE TO GO RUN SOME ERRANDS ANYWAY.
YEE-HA!
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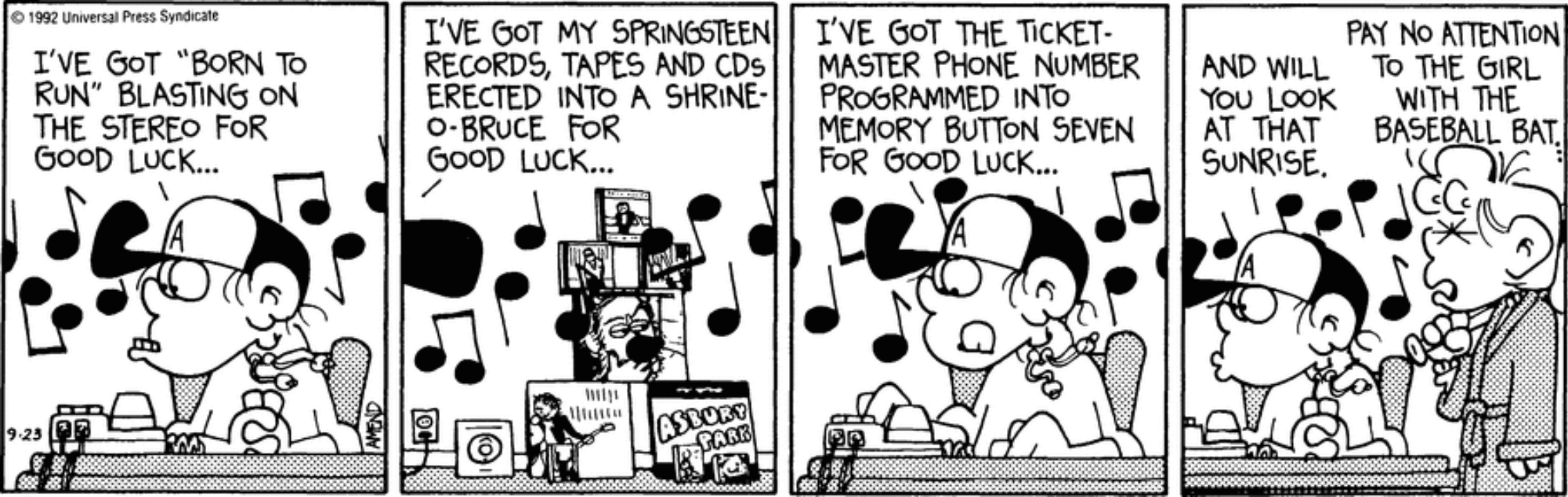
WHAT THE-...
MOOD MUSIC.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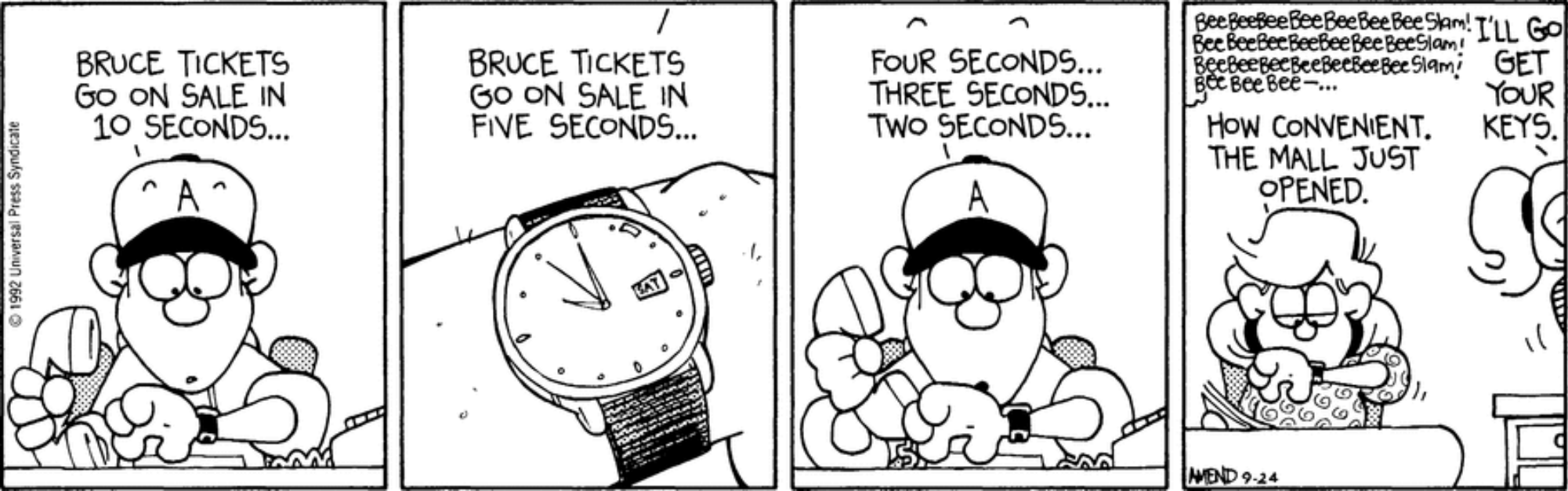
I'VE GOT "BORN TO RUN" BLASTING ON THE STEREO FOR GOOD LUCK...
9-23
AMEND
I'VE GOT MY SPRINGSTEEN RECORDS, TAPES AND CDs ERECTED INTO A SHRINE-O-BRUCE FOR GOOD LUCK...
ASBURY PARK
I'VE GOT THE TICKET-MASTER PHONE NUMBER PROGRAMMED INTO MEMORY BUTTON SEVEN FOR GOOD LUCK...
AND WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT SUNRISE.
PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE GIRL WITH THE BASEBALL BAT.


BRUCE TICKETS GO ON SALE IN 10 SECONDS...
BRUCE TICKETS GO ON SALE IN FIVE SECONDS...
FOUR SECONDS... THREE SECONDS... TWO SECONDS...
BeeBeeBeeBeeBeeBeeBeeSlam! BeeBeeBeeBeeBeeBeeBeeSlam! BeeBeeBeeBeeBeeBeeBeeSlam! BeeBeeBee—...
HOW CONVENIENT. THE MALL JUST OPENED.
I'LL GO GET YOUR KEYS.
AMEND 9-24
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RING RING RING
I GOT THROUGH! IT'S NOT BUSY!
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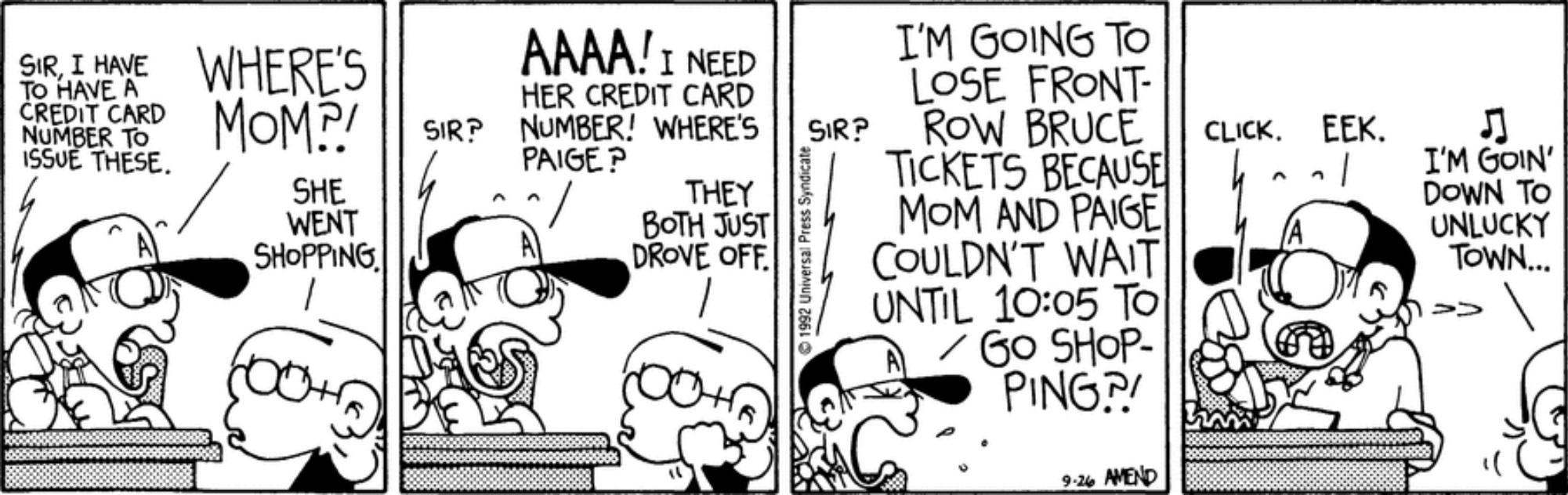
CONGRATULATIONS, LUCKY SPRINGSTEEN FAN! YOU ARE THE VERY FIRST PERSON TO GET THROUGH TO TICKETMASTER! HOW DO FRONT-ROW SEATS SOUND?
I'M GONNA BE FIVE FEET FROM BRUCE! AAAAA!
AMEND 9-25
YOU CAN BUY UP TO SIX TICKETS. ALL I NEED IS A CREDIT CARD NUMBER.
SURE. HOLD ON— MOM!...
I'M WAITING...
MOM!...


SIR, I HAVE TO HAVE A CREDIT CARD NUMBER TO ISSUE THESE.
WHERE'S MOM?!
SHE WENT SHOPPING.
SIR?
AAAA! I NEED HER CREDIT CARD NUMBER! WHERE'S PAIGE?
THEY BOTH JUST DROVE OFF.
SIR?
I'M GOING TO LOSE FRONT-ROW BRUCE TICKETS BECAUSE MOM AND PAIGE COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL 10:05 TO GO SHOPPING?!
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9-26 AMEND
CLICK.
EEK.
♫ I'M GOIN' DOWN TO UNLUCKY TOWN...

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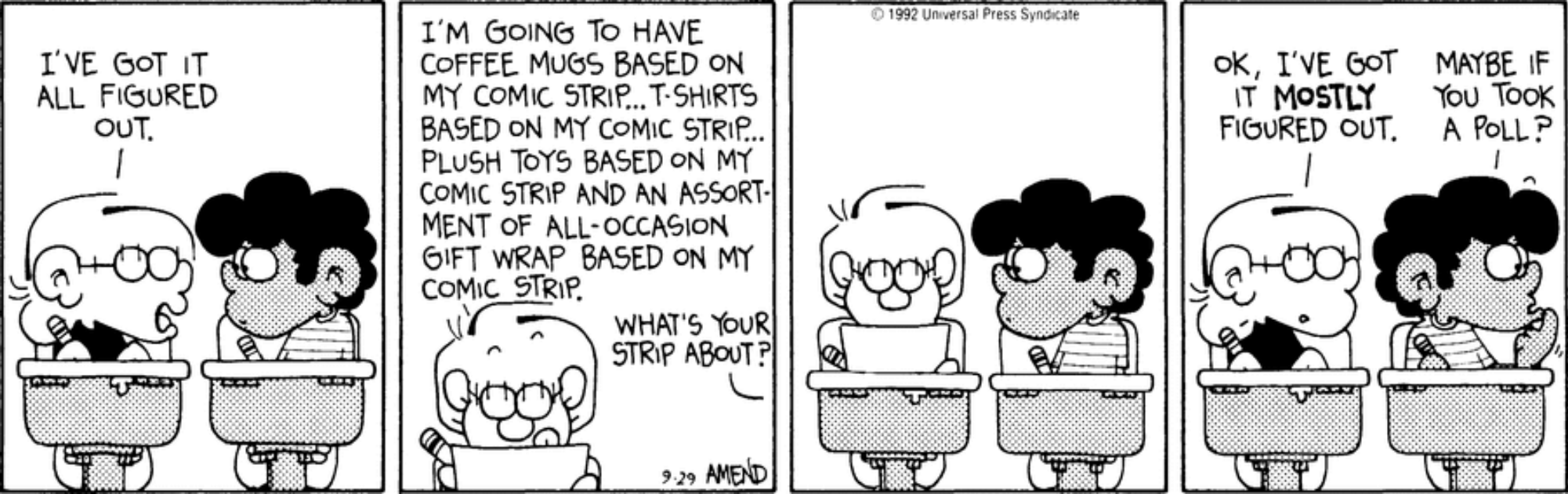
I'VE GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT.
I'M GOING TO HAVE COFFEE MUGS BASED ON MY COMIC STRIP... T-SHIRTS BASED ON MY COMIC STRIP... PLUSH TOYS BASED ON MY COMIC STRIP AND AN ASSORTMENT OF ALL-OCCASION GIFT WRAP BASED ON MY COMIC STRIP.
WHAT'S YOUR STRIP ABOUT?
9-29 AMEND
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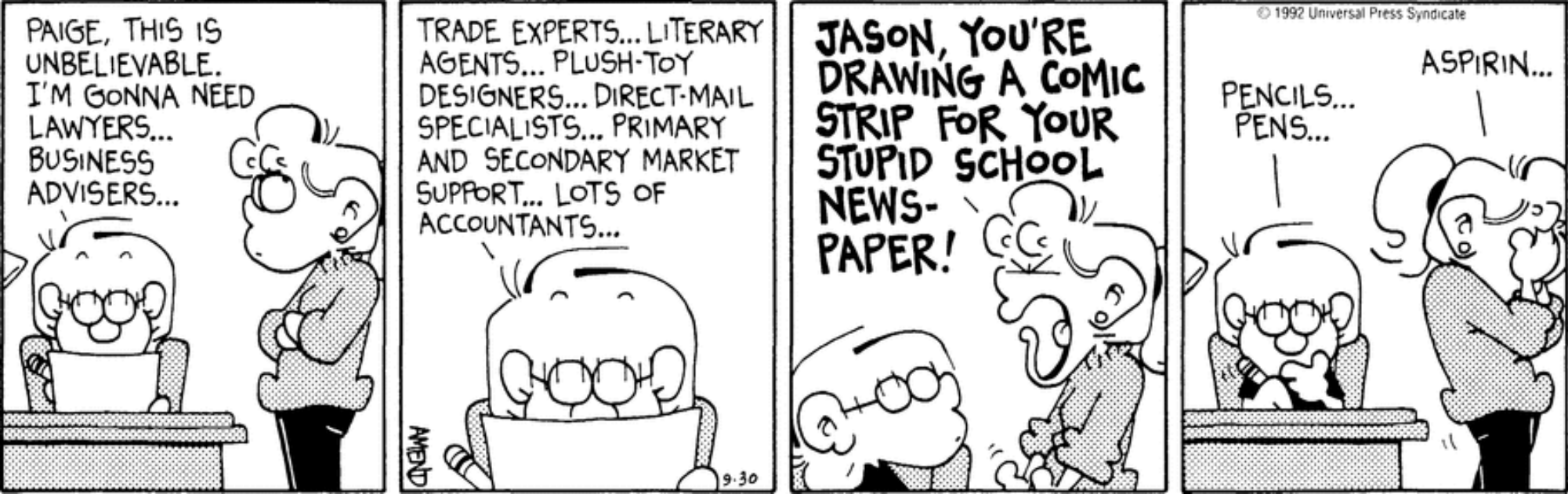
OK, I'VE GOT IT MOSTLY FIGURED OUT.
MAYBE IF YOU TOOK A POLL?


PAIGE, THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE. I'M GONNA NEED LAWYERS... BUSINESS ADVISERS...
TRADE EXPERTS... LITERARY AGENTS... PLUSH-TOY DESIGNERS... DIRECT-MAIL SPECIALISTS... PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MARKET SUPPORT... LOTS OF ACCOUNTANTS...
AMEND
9-30
JASON, YOU'RE DRAWING A COMIC STRIP FOR YOUR STUPID SCHOOL NEWS-PAPER!
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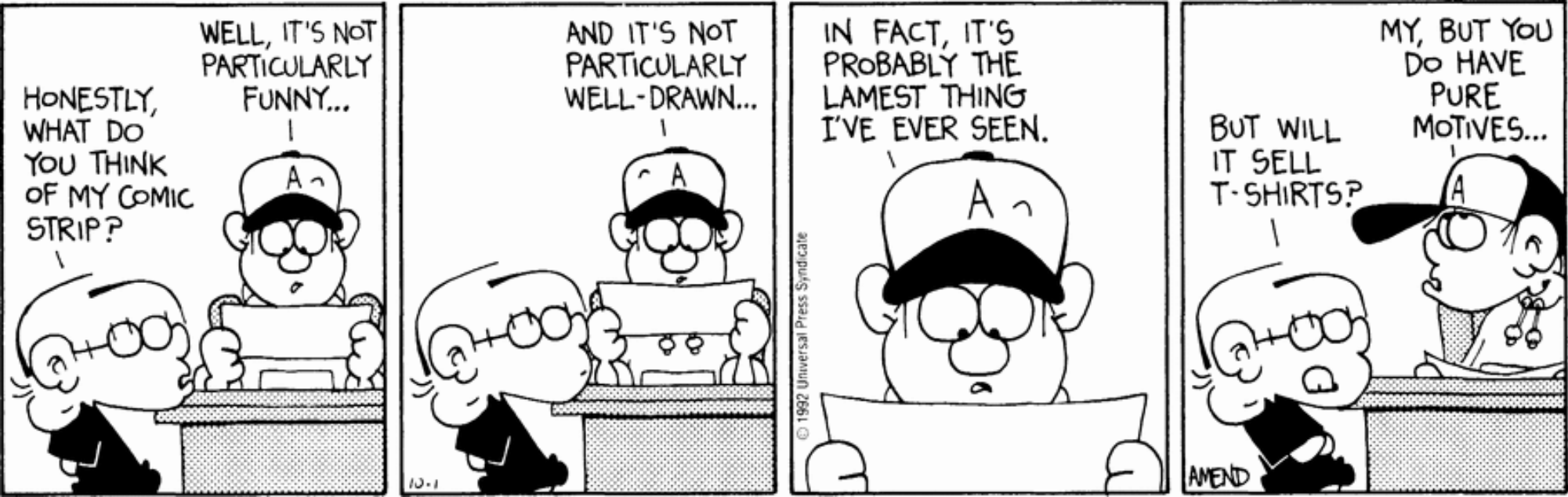
PENCILS... PENS...
ASPIRIN...


HONESTLY, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY COMIC STRIP?
WELL, IT'S NOT PARTICULARLY FUNNY...
AND IT'S NOT PARTICULARLY WELL-DRAWN...
IN FACT, IT'S PROBABLY THE LAMEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN.
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BUT WILL IT SELL T-SHIRTS?
MY, BUT YOU DO HAVE PURE MOTIVES...
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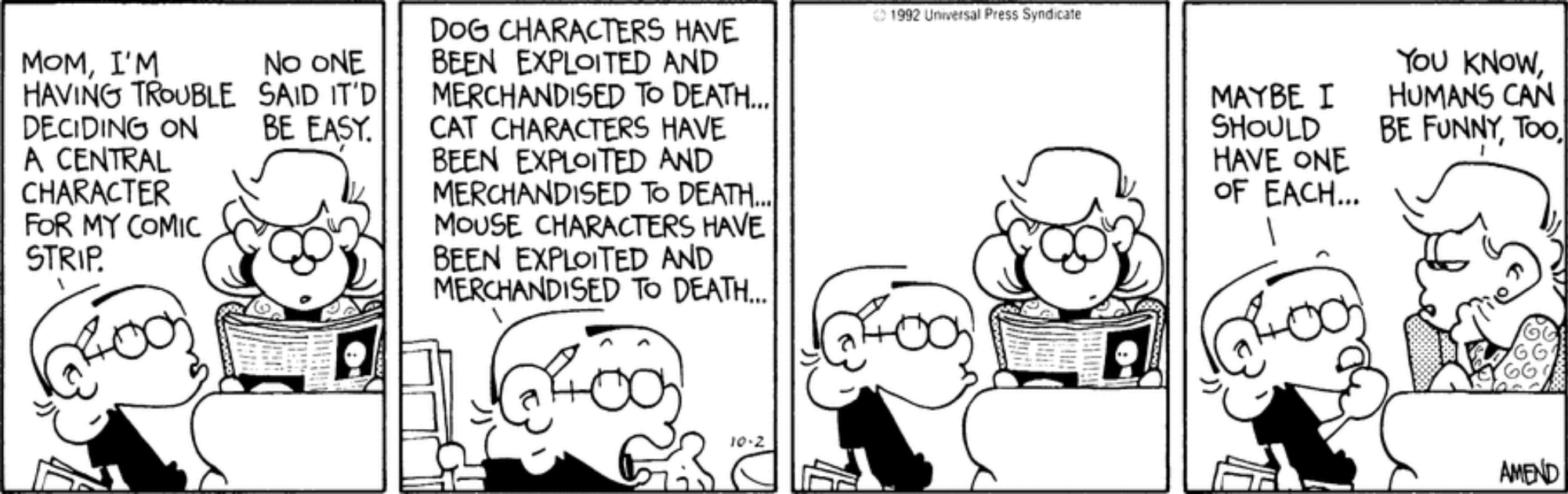
MOM, I'M HAVING TROUBLE DECIDING ON A CENTRAL CHARACTER FOR MY COMIC STRIP.
NO ONE SAID IT'D BE EASY.
DOG CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED AND MERCHANDISED TO DEATH... CAT CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED AND MERCHANDISED TO DEATH... MOUSE CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED AND MERCHANDISED TO DEATH...
10-2
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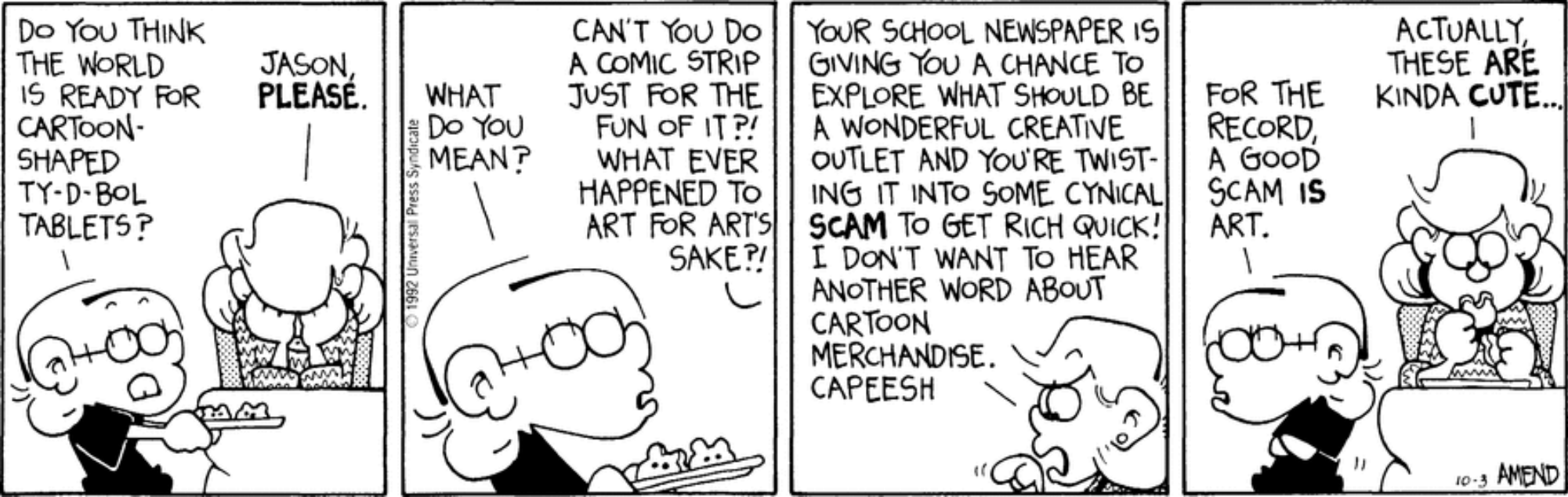
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE ONE OF EACH...
YOU KNOW, HUMANS CAN BE FUNNY, TOO.
AMEND


DO YOU THINK THE WORLD IS READY FOR CARTOON-SHAPED TY-D-BOL TABLETS?
JASON, PLEASE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
CAN'T YOU DO A COMIC STRIP JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT?! WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO ART FOR ART'S SAKE?!
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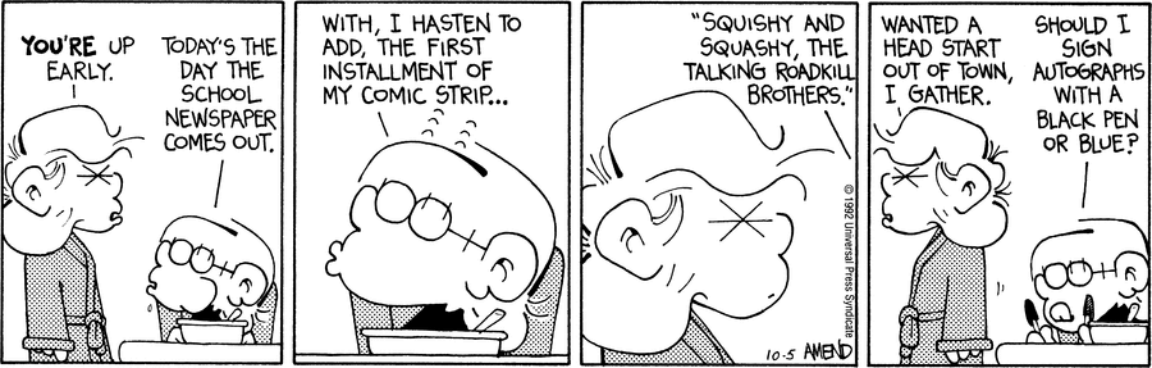
YOUR SCHOOL NEWSPAPER IS GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO EXPLORE WHAT SHOULD BE A WONDERFUL CREATIVE OUTLET AND YOU'RE TWISTING IT INTO SOME CYNICAL SCAM TO GET RICH QUICK! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER WORD ABOUT CARTOON MERCHANDISE. CAPEESH
FOR THE RECORD, A GOOD SCAM IS ART.
ACTUALLY, THESE ARE KINDA CUTE...
10-3 AMEND


YOU'RE UP EARLY.
TODAY'S THE DAY THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER COMES OUT.
WITH, I HASTEN TO ADD, THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF MY COMIC STRIP...
"SQUISHY AND SQUASHY, THE TALKING ROADKILL BROTHERS."
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10-5 AMEND
WANTED A HEAD START OUT OF TOWN, I GATHER.
SHOULD I SIGN AUTOGRAPHS WITH A BLACK PEN OR BLUE?

WHAT'S WITH THE SUNGLASSES?
CELEBRITIES ALWAYS WEAR SUNGLASSES.
NOW THAT MY COMIC STRIP RUNS IN THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER, I HAVE TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN AIR OF SOPHISTICATED COOLNESS.
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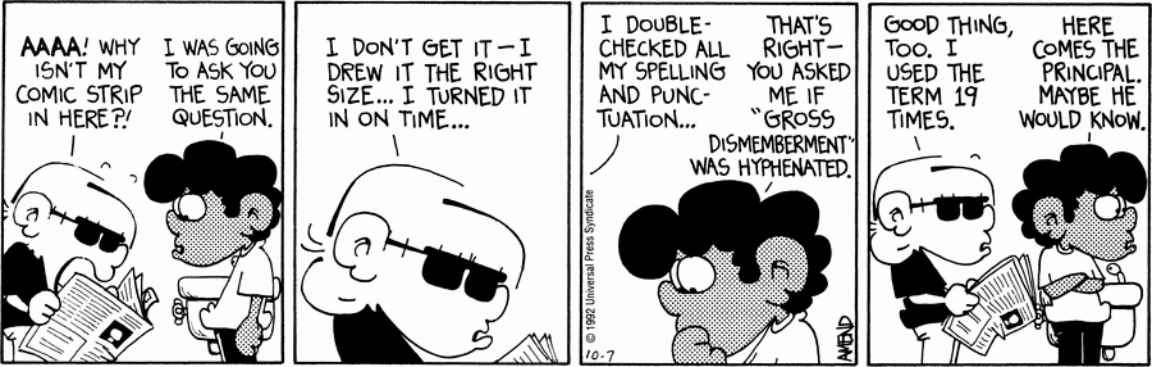
AMEND
UM...
SO WHAT PAGE DID THEY PUT ME ON?
Flip Flip Flip
10-6
UM...
DID I PASS IT? IT'S HARD TO READ WITH THESE GLASSES...


AAAA! WHY ISN'T MY COMIC STRIP IN HERE?!
I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION.
I DON'T GET IT — I DREW IT THE RIGHT SIZE... I TURNED IT IN ON TIME...
I DOUBLE-CHECKED ALL MY SPELLING AND PUNC-TUATION...
THAT'S RIGHT — YOU ASKED ME IF "GROSS DISMEMBERMENT" WAS HYPHENATED.
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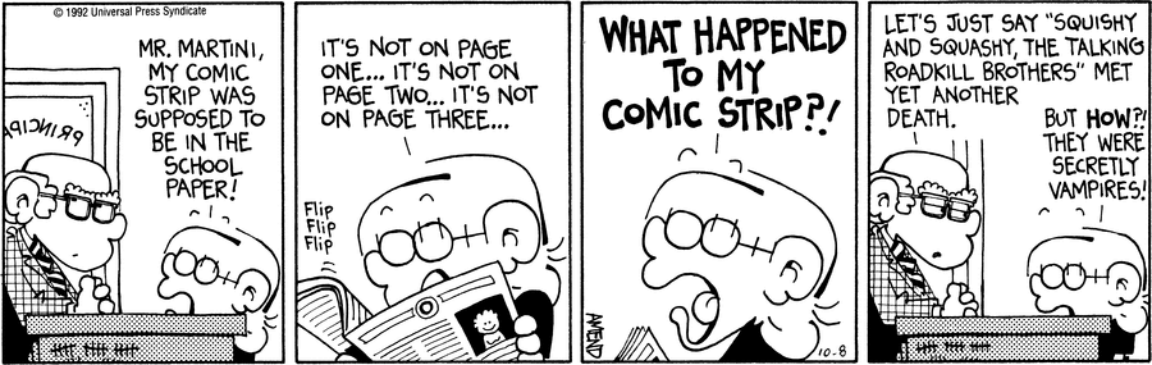
AMEND
GOOD THING, TOO. I USED THE TERM 19 TIMES.
HERE COMES THE PRINCIPAL. MAYBE HE WOULD KNOW.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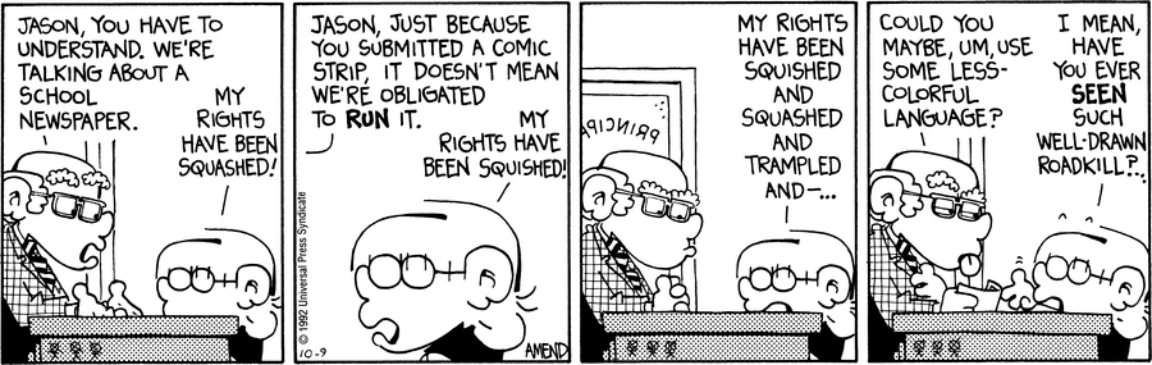
MR. MARTINI, MY COMIC STRIP WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE SCHOOL PAPER!
IT'S NOT ON PAGE ONE... IT'S NOT ON PAGE TWO... IT'S NOT ON PAGE THREE...
Flip Flip Flip
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY COMIC STRIP?!
AMEND
10-8
LET'S JUST SAY "SQUISHY AND SQUASHY, THE TALKING ROADKILL BROTHERS" MET YET ANOTHER DEATH.
BUT HOW?! THEY WERE SECRETLY VAMPIRES!


JASON, YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A SCHOOL NEWSPAPER.
MY RIGHTS HAVE BEEN SQUASHED!
JASON, JUST BECAUSE YOU SUBMITTED A COMIC STRIP, IT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE OBLIGATED TO RUN IT.
MY RIGHTS HAVE BEEN SQUISHED!
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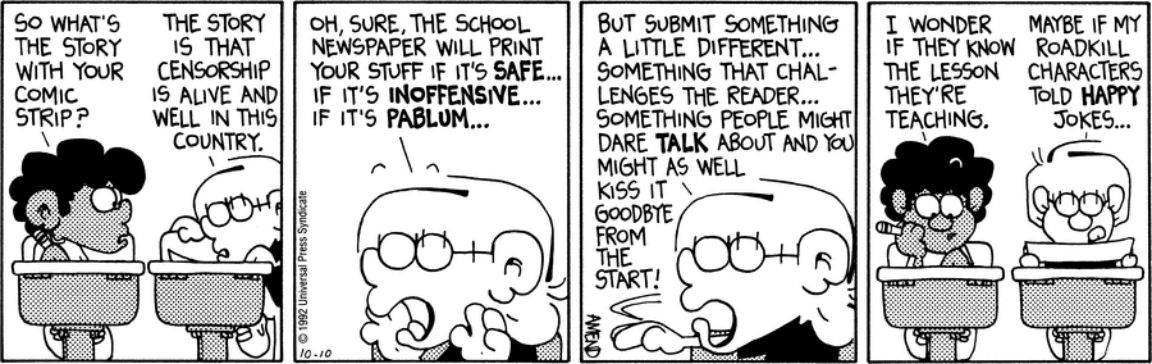
10-9
AMEND
PRINCIPAL
MY RIGHTS HAVE BEEN SQUISHED AND SQUASHED AND TRAMPLED AND—...
COULD YOU MAYBE, UM, USE SOME LESS-COLORFUL LANGUAGE?
I MEAN, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SUCH WELL-DRAWN ROADKILL?...


SO WHAT'S THE STORY WITH YOUR COMIC STRIP?
THE STORY IS THAT CENSORSHIP IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THIS COUNTRY.
OH, SURE, THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER WILL PRINT YOUR STUFF IF IT'S **SAFE**... IF IT'S **INOFFENSIVE**... IF IT'S **PABLUM**...
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10-10
BUT SUBMIT SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT... SOMETHING THAT CHALLENGES THE READER... SOMETHING PEOPLE MIGHT DARE **TALK** ABOUT AND YOU MIGHT AS WELL KISS IT GOODBYE FROM THE START!
AMEND
I WONDER IF THEY KNOW THE LESSON THEY'RE TEACHING.
MAYBE IF MY ROADKILL CHARACTERS TOLD **HAPPY** JOKES...

HEY, PETER, ARE YOU GOING TO THE BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN CONCERT ON SATURDAY?
NO. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
10-19
I MEAN, ME- PETER "BORN TO RUN" FOX! I'D GIVE ANYTHING FOR A TICKET!
ANYTHING! ANYTHING! ANYTHING! JUST FOR ONE OF THOSE LITTLE PIECES OF PAPER THAT SAYS-...
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AMEND
"SECTION ONE, ROW SIX, SEAT H"?
MAN, FOR ROW SIX I'D REEEEEEALLY GIVE ANYTHING.

SO YOU'D GIVE ANYTHING FOR THIS, HMM?
HOW'D YOU GET A SPRINGSTEEN TICKET?!
10-20
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT.
I'VE BEEN TRYING FOR WEEKS TO GET ONE! IT'S TOTALLY SOLD OUT!
I MEAN, I'M PRACTICALLY READY TO MAKE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL!
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SO MAKE A DEAL WITH YOUR SISTER.
YOU MEAN, A DEAL WITH AN ANGEL?
AMEND

...AND AFTER YOU'VE WALLPAPERED MY ROOM, YOU CAN STEAM-CLEAN MY CARPET...
10-21
I'LL ALSO EXPECT YOU TO DRIVE ME TO AND FROM THE MALL EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FOR, OH, LET'S SAY SIX MONTHS...
PAIGE, ALL YOU'RE DOING IS GIVING ME A TICKET TO A STUPID BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN COG... COGPH... COMFLERT!
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MAKE THAT NINE MONTHS...
STUPID DROOL.
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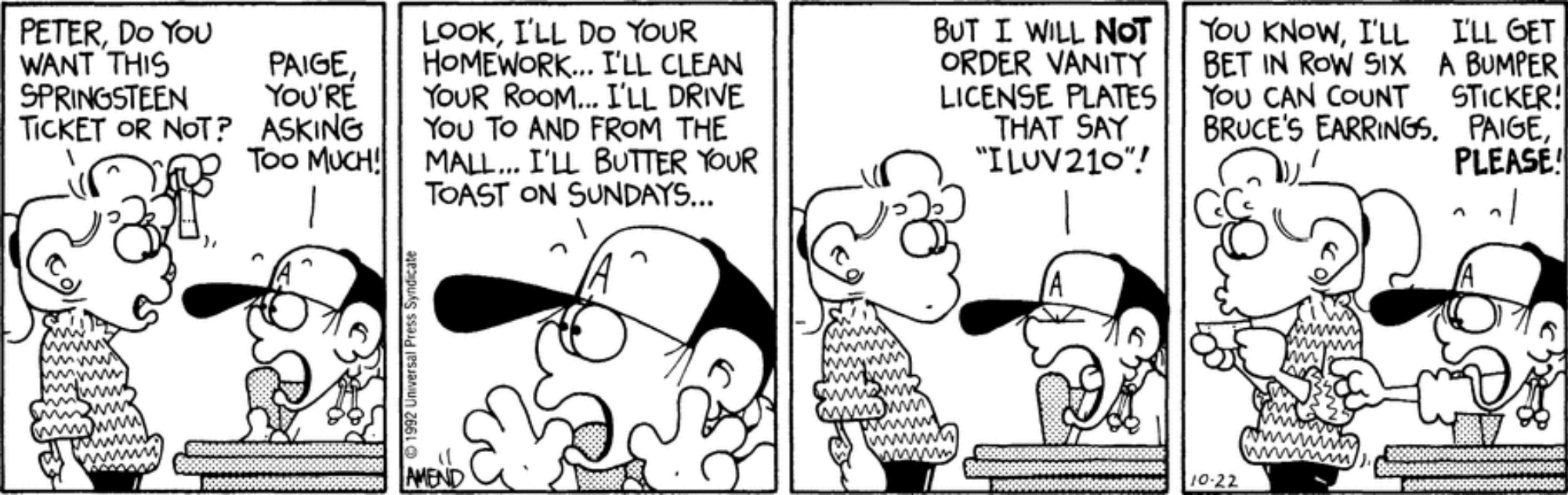
PETER, DO YOU WANT THIS SPRINGSTEEN TICKET OR NOT?
PAIGE, YOU'RE ASKING TOO MUCH!
LOOK, I'LL DO YOUR HOMEWORK... I'LL CLEAN YOUR ROOM... I'LL DRIVE YOU TO AND FROM THE MALL... I'LL BUTTER YOUR TOAST ON SUNDAYS...
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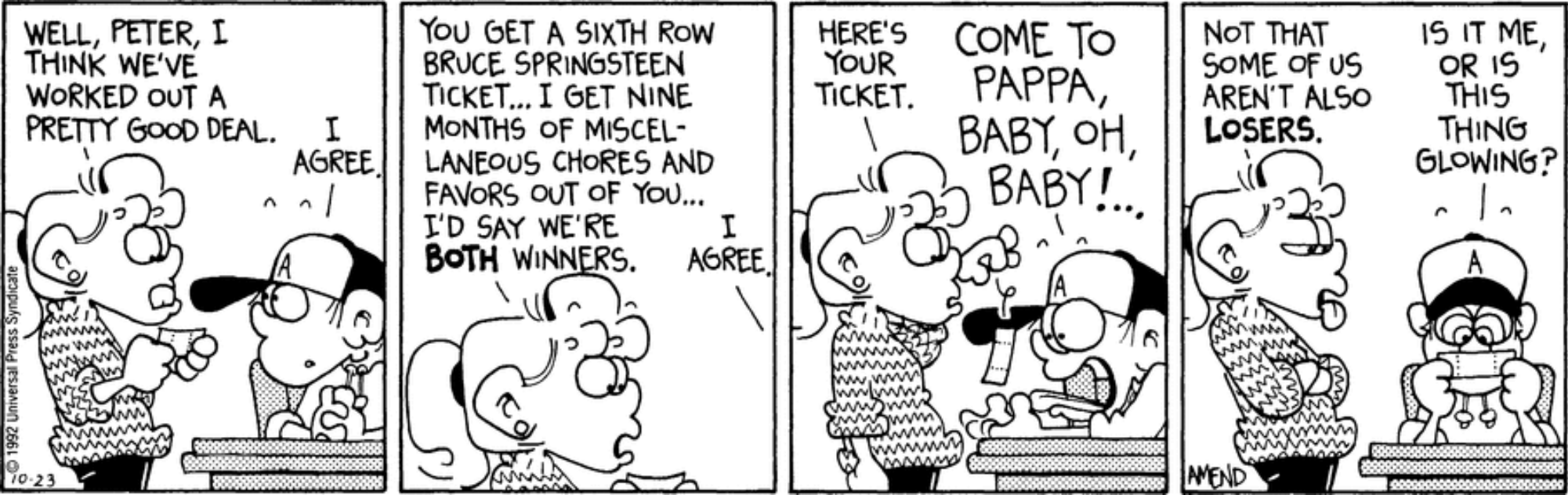
BUT I WILL NOT ORDER VANITY LICENSE PLATES THAT SAY "ILUV210"!
YOU KNOW, I'LL BET IN ROW SIX YOU CAN COUNT BRUCE'S EARRINGS.
I'LL GET A BUMPER STICKER! PAIGE, PLEASE!
10-22


WELL, PETER, I THINK WE'VE WORKED OUT A PRETTY GOOD DEAL.
I AGREE.
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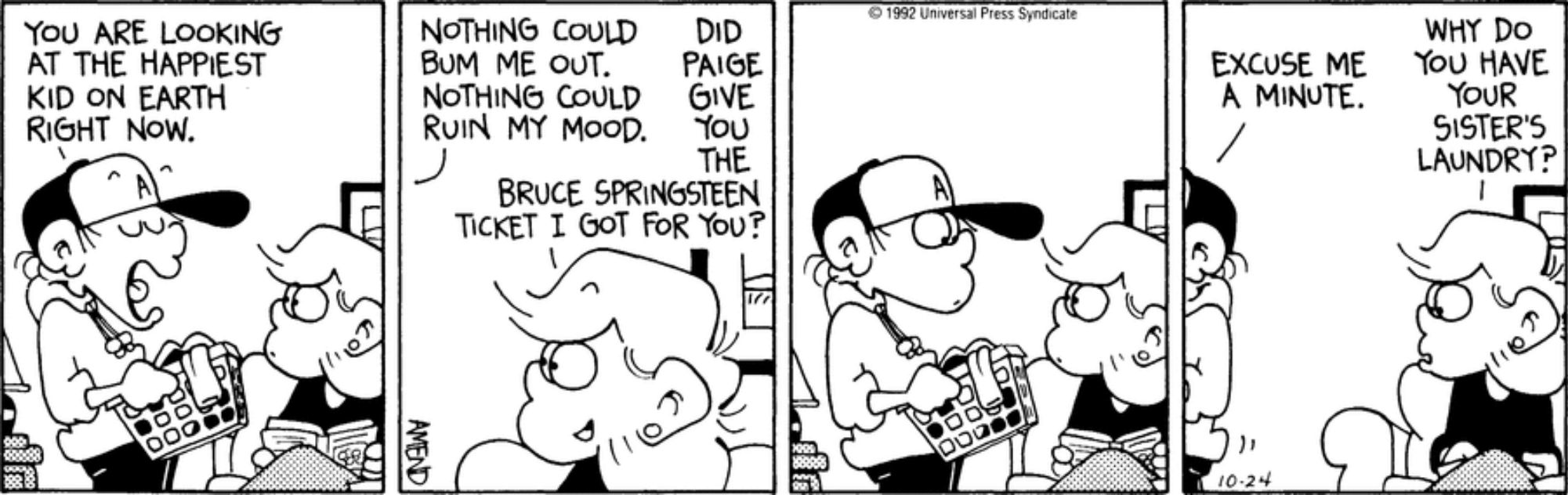
10-23
YOU GET A SIXTH ROW BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN TICKET... I GET NINE MONTHS OF MISCELLANEOUS CHORES AND FAVORS OUT OF YOU... I'D SAY WE'RE BOTH WINNERS.
I AGREE.
HERE'S YOUR TICKET.
COME TO PAPPA, BABY, OH, BABY!...
NOT THAT SOME OF US AREN'T ALSO LOSERS.
IS IT ME, OR IS THIS THING GLOWING?
AMEND


YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE HAPPIEST KID ON EARTH RIGHT NOW.
NOTHING COULD BUM ME OUT. NOTHING COULD RUIN MY MOOD.
DID PAIGE GIVE YOU THE BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN TICKET I GOT FOR YOU?
AMEND
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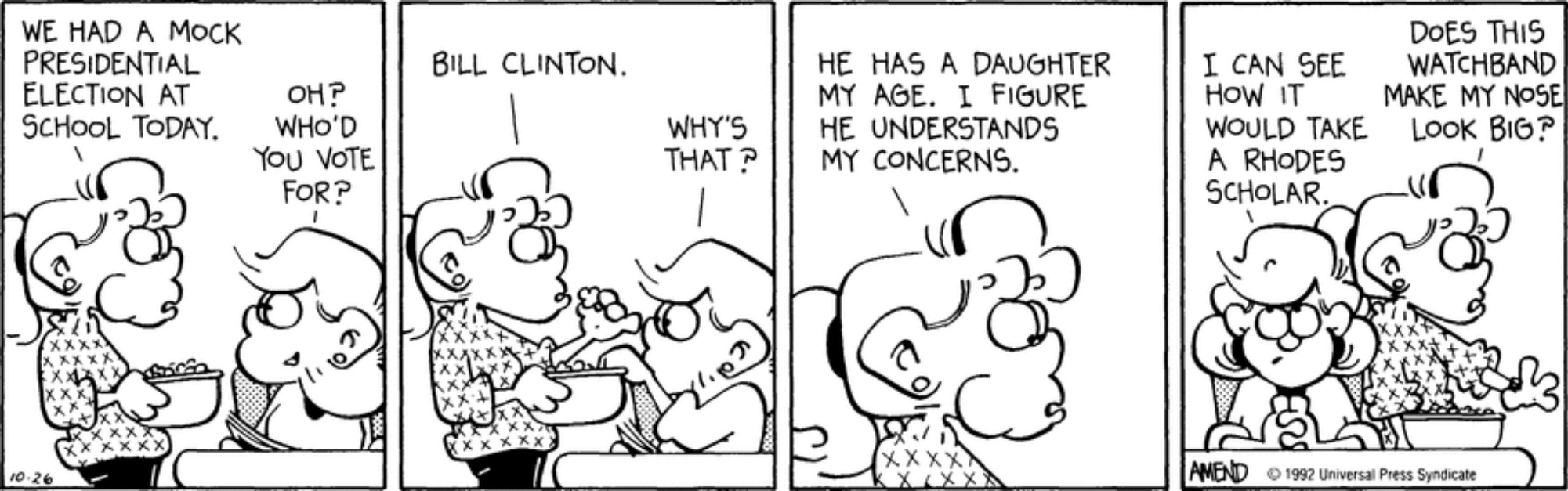
EXCUSE ME A MINUTE.
WHY DO YOU HAVE YOUR SISTER'S LAUNDRY?
10-24


WE HAD A MOCK PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AT SCHOOL TODAY.
OH? WHO'D YOU VOTE FOR?
10-26
BILL CLINTON.
WHY'S THAT?
HE HAS A DAUGHTER MY AGE. I FIGURE HE UNDERSTANDS MY CONCERNS.
I CAN SEE HOW IT WOULD TAKE A RHODES SCHOLAR.
DOES THIS WATCHBAND MAKE MY NOSE LOOK BIG?
AMEND
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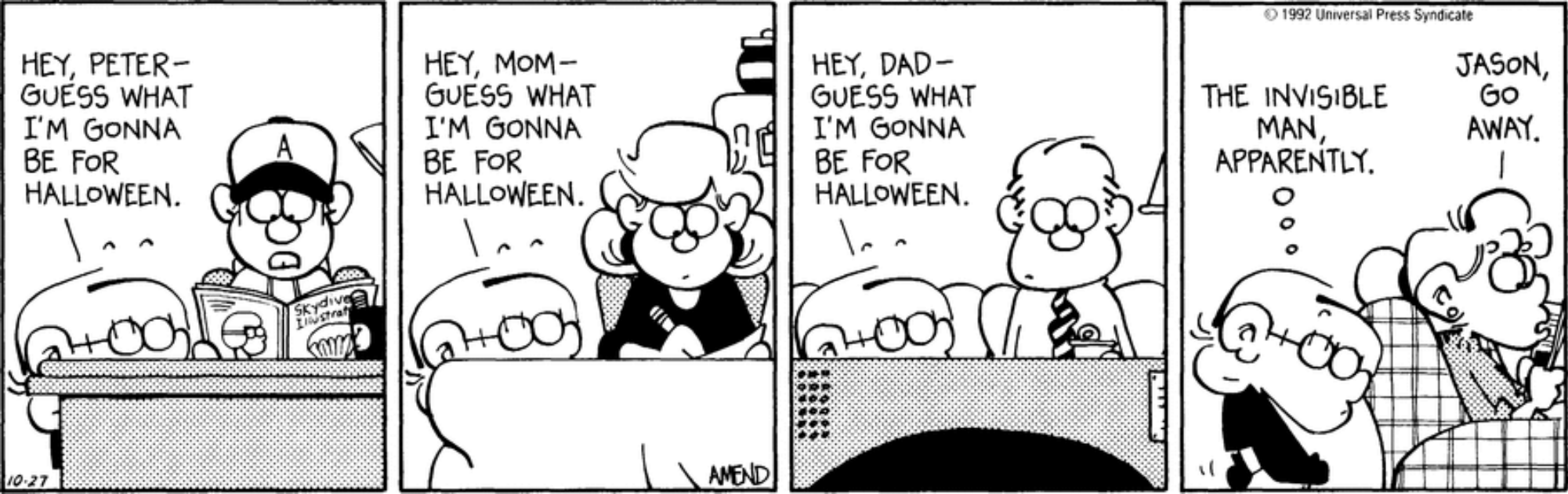
HEY, PETER- GUESS WHAT I'M GONNA BE FOR HALLOWEEN.
A
10-27
HEY, MOM- GUESS WHAT I'M GONNA BE FOR HALLOWEEN.
AMEND
HEY, DAD- GUESS WHAT I'M GONNA BE FOR HALLOWEEN.
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THE INVISIBLE MAN, APPARENTLY.
JASON, GO AWAY.

WHAT'S THIS?
A LIST OF THE STUFF I'LL NEED FOR HALLOWEEN.
MONSTER MAKEUP...
MONSTER CLOTHES...
MONSTER GLOVES...
MONSTER HAIR STUFF...
MONSTER SHOES...
MONSTER ACCESSORIES...
10-28
JASON, WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO GET ALL THIS?
AMEND
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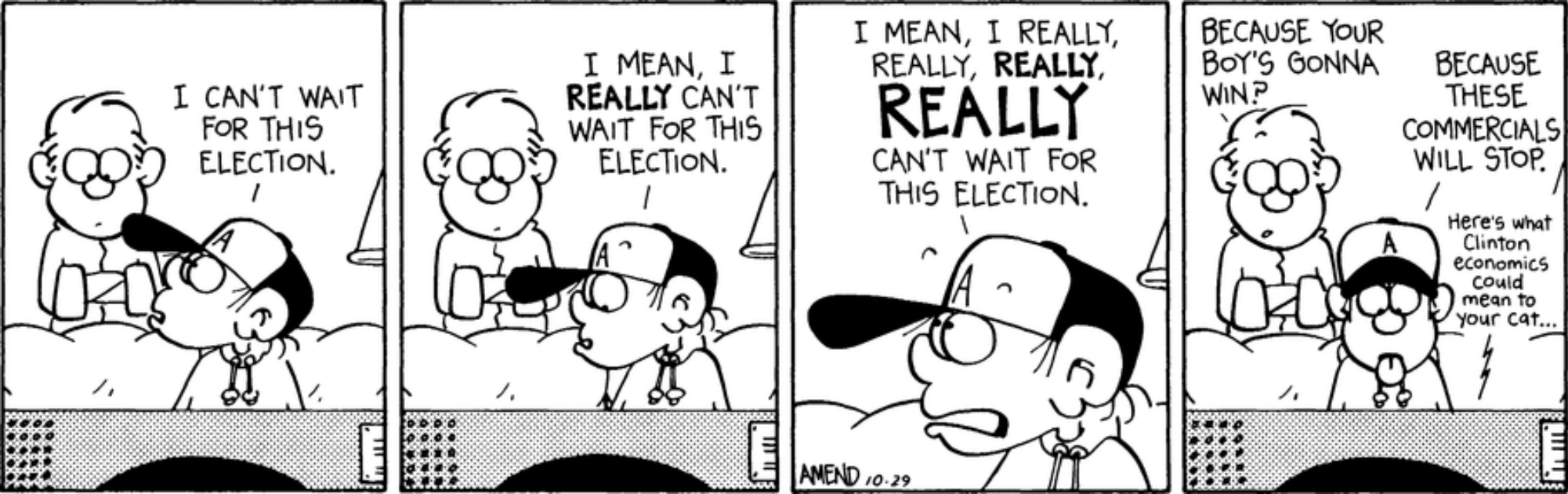
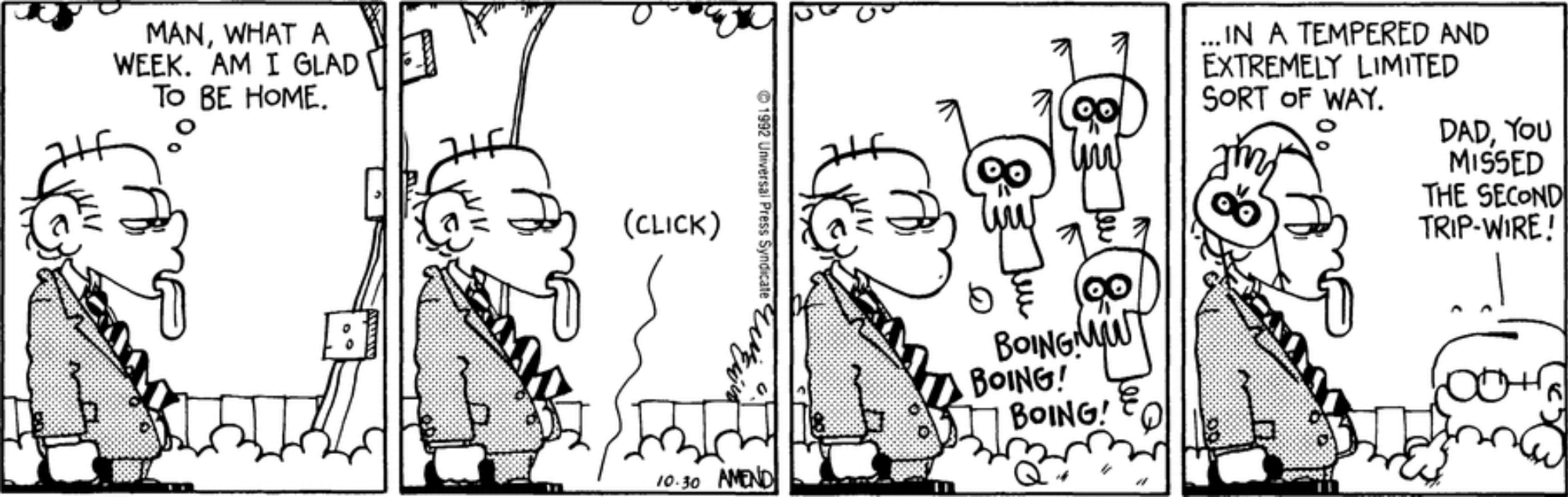
MOM NEEDS TO KNOW WHERE YOU SHOP.
WHAT FOR?


I CAN'T WAIT FOR THIS ELECTION.
I MEAN, I REALLY CAN'T WAIT FOR THIS ELECTION.
I MEAN, I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, REALLY CAN'T WAIT FOR THIS ELECTION.
AMEND 10.29
BECAUSE YOUR BOY'S GONNA WIN?
BECAUSE THESE COMMERCIALS WILL STOP.
Here's what Clinton economics could mean to your cat...


MAN, WHAT A WEEK. AM I GLAD TO BE HOME.
(CLICK)
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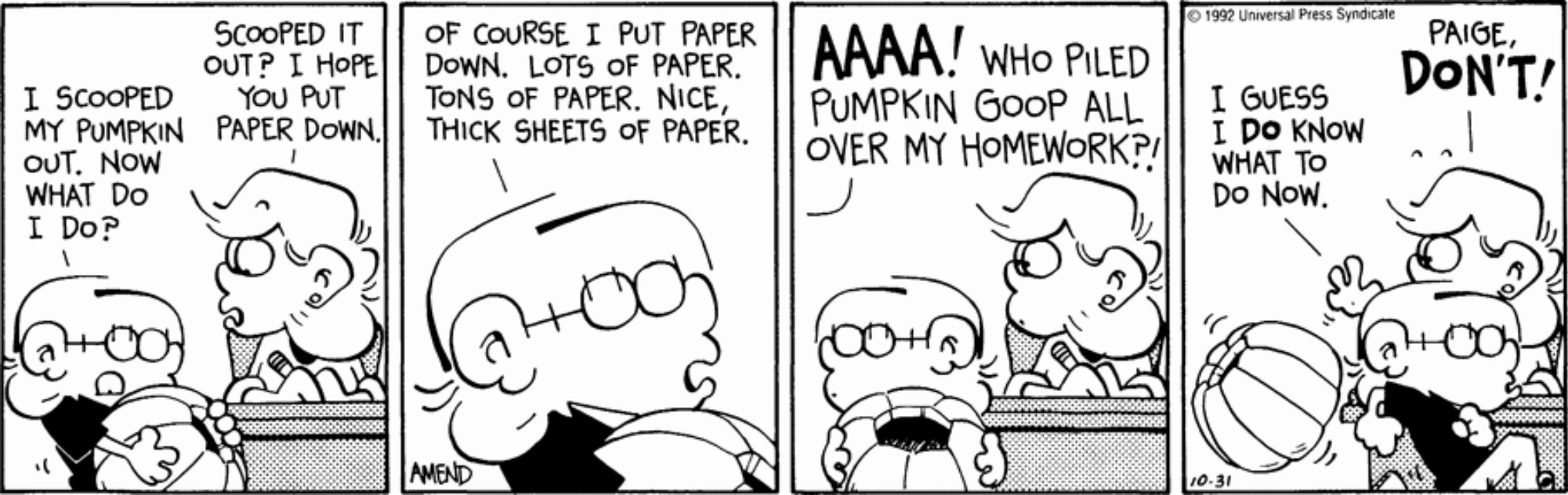
10-30 AMEND
BOING! BOING! BOING!
...IN A TEMPERED AND EXTREMELY LIMITED SORT OF WAY.
DAD, YOU MISSED THE SECOND TRIP-WIRE!


I SCOOPED MY PUMPKIN OUT. NOW WHAT DO I DO?
SCOOPED IT OUT? I HOPE YOU PUT PAPER DOWN.
OF COURSE I PUT PAPER DOWN. LOTS OF PAPER. TONS OF PAPER. NICE, THICK SHEETS OF PAPER.
AMEND
AAAA! WHO PILED PUMPKIN GOOP ALL OVER MY HOMEWORK?!
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PAIGE, DON'T!
I GUESS I DO KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW.
10-31

11-2
YOU KNOW, TP-ING PAIGE'S BEDROOM DOES KINDA LIMIT THE SUSPECTS.
SAY HELLO TO DAD'S SOON-TO-BE-MISSING LEFT CUFFLINK.
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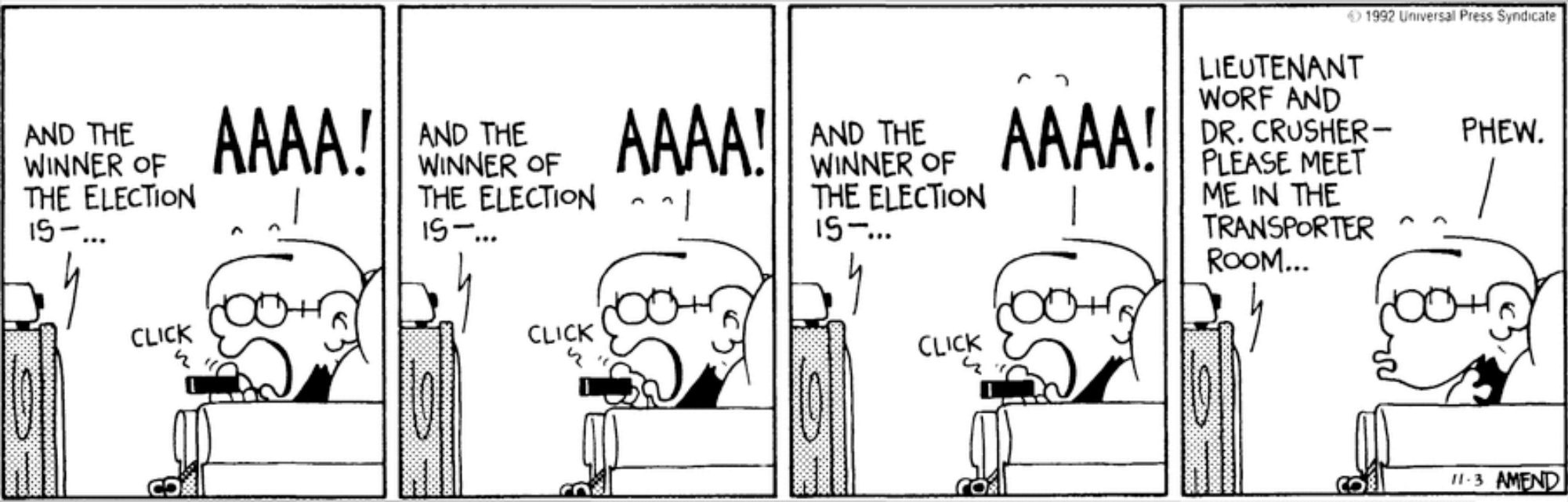
AND THE WINNER OF THE ELECTION IS—...
AAAA!
CLICK
AND THE WINNER OF THE ELECTION IS—...
AAAA!
CLICK
AND THE WINNER OF THE ELECTION IS—...
AAAA!
CLICK
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LIEUTENANT WORF AND DR. CRUSHER— PLEASE MEET ME IN THE TRANSPORTER ROOM...
PHEW.
11-3 AMEND

WELL, HERE WE ARE...
THE LAST PIECE OF MY HALLOWEEN CANDY.
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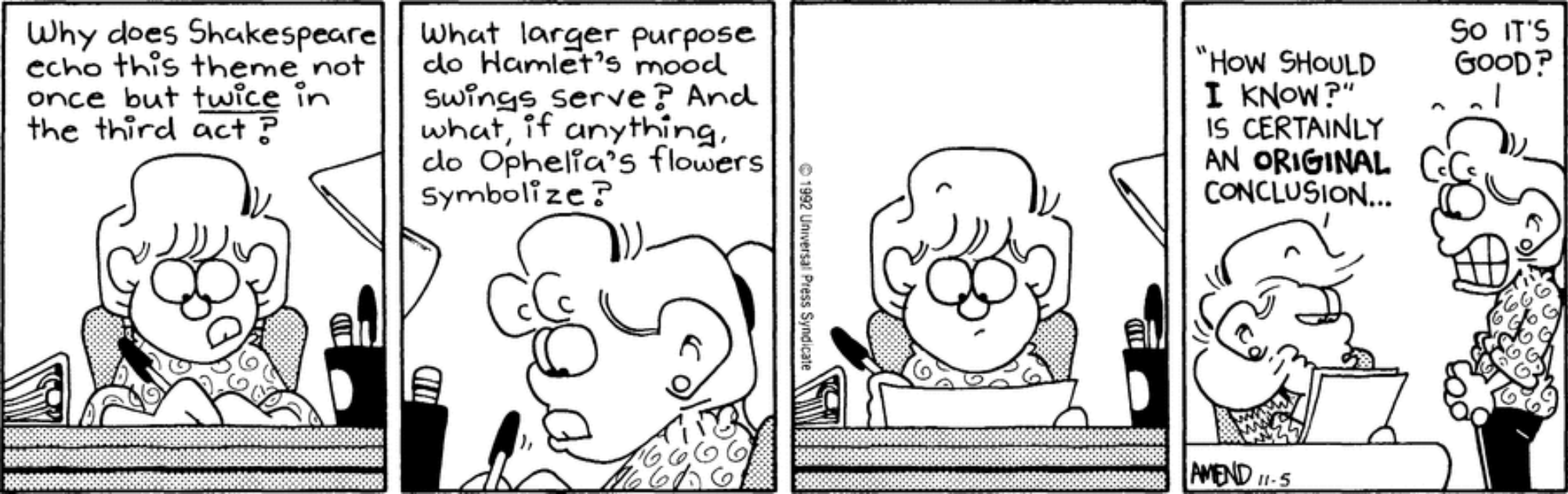
11-4
...FROM THIS BAG.
AMEND


Why does Shakespeare echo this theme not once but twice in the third act?
What larger purpose do Hamlet's mood swings serve? And what, if anything, do Ophelia's flowers symbolize?
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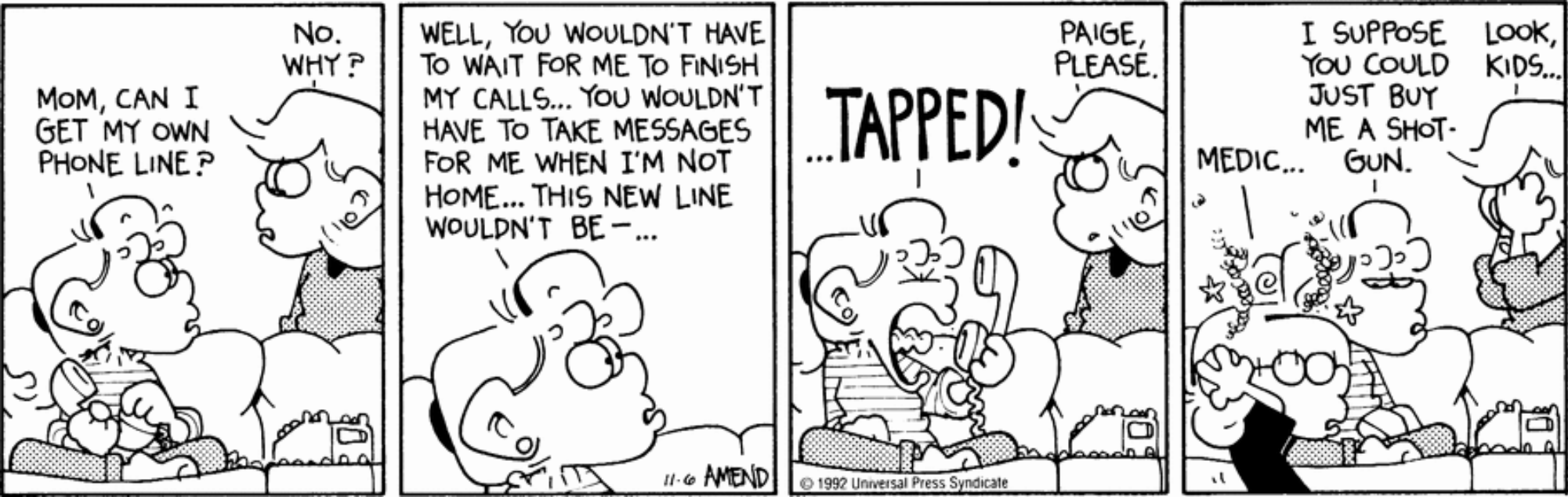
"HOW SHOULD I KNOW?" IS CERTAINLY AN ORIGINAL CONCLUSION...
SO IT'S GOOD?
AMEND 11-5


MOM, CAN I GET MY OWN PHONE LINE?
NO. WHY?
WELL, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR ME TO FINISH MY CALLS... YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO TAKE MESSAGES FOR ME WHEN I'M NOT HOME... THIS NEW LINE WOULDN'T BE—...
11-6 AMEND
...TAPPED!
PAIGE, PLEASE.
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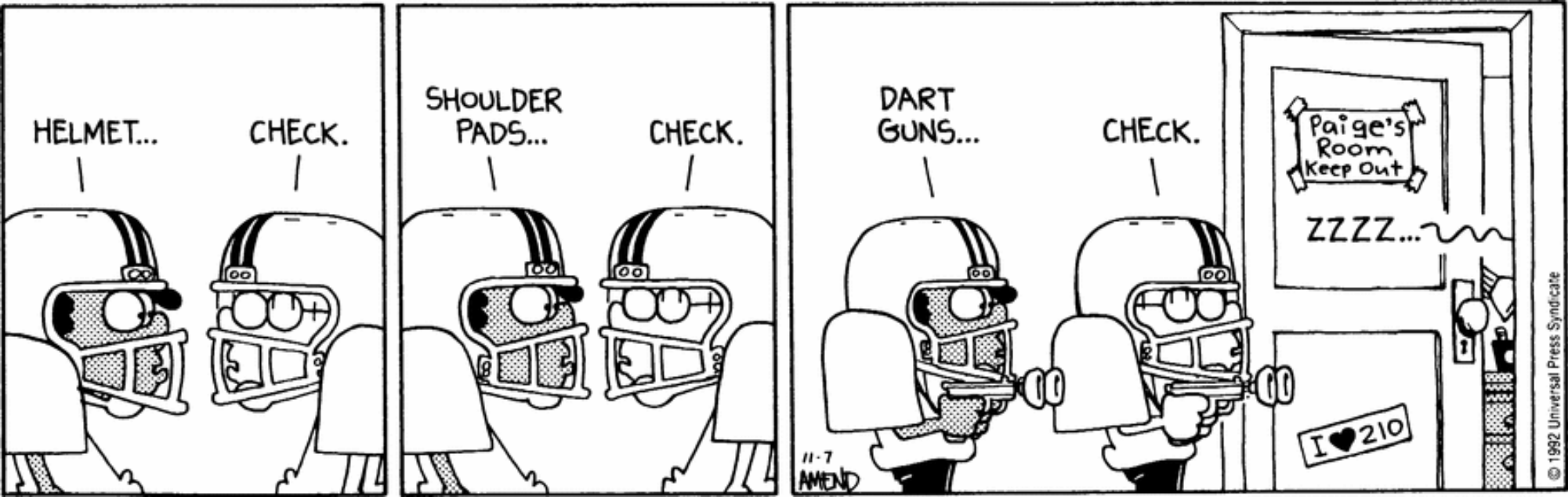
MEDIC...
I SUPPOSE YOU COULD JUST BUY ME A SHOT-GUN.
LOOK, KIDS...


HELMET...
CHECK.
SHOULDER PADS...
CHECK.
DART GUNS...
CHECK.
Paige's Room Keep Out
ZZZZ...
I ♥ 210
11-7
AMEND
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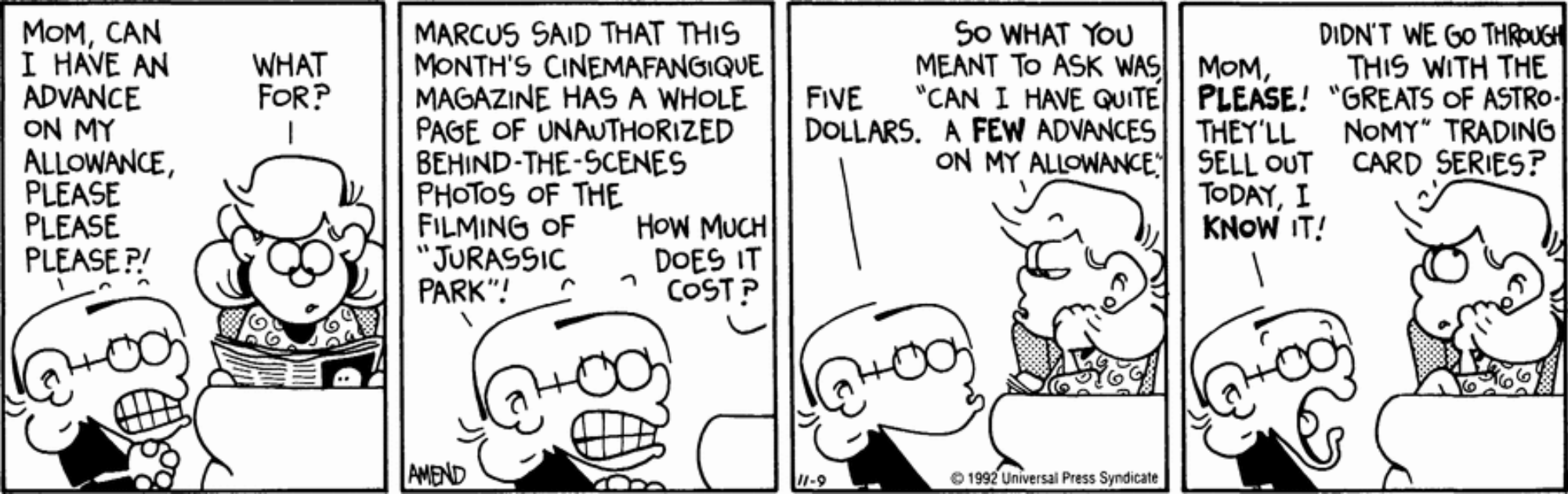
MOM, CAN I HAVE AN ADVANCE ON MY ALLOWANCE, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE?!
WHAT FOR?
MARCUS SAID THAT THIS MONTH'S CINEMAFANGIQUE MAGAZINE HAS A WHOLE PAGE OF UNAUTHORIZED BEHIND-THE-SCENES PHOTOS OF THE FILMING OF "JURASSIC PARK"!
HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
AMEND
FIVE DOLLARS.
SO WHAT YOU MEANT TO ASK WAS, "CAN I HAVE QUITE A **FEW** ADVANCES ON MY ALLOWANCE."
11-9
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MOM, **PLEASE!** THEY'LL SELL OUT TODAY, I **KNOW** IT!
DIDN'T WE GO THROUGH THIS WITH THE "GREATS OF ASTRONOMY" TRADING CARD SERIES?

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE
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PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE-...
FINE! HERE! JUST GO AWAY!
WHO SAYS KIDS DON'T WORK FOR THEIR MONEY.
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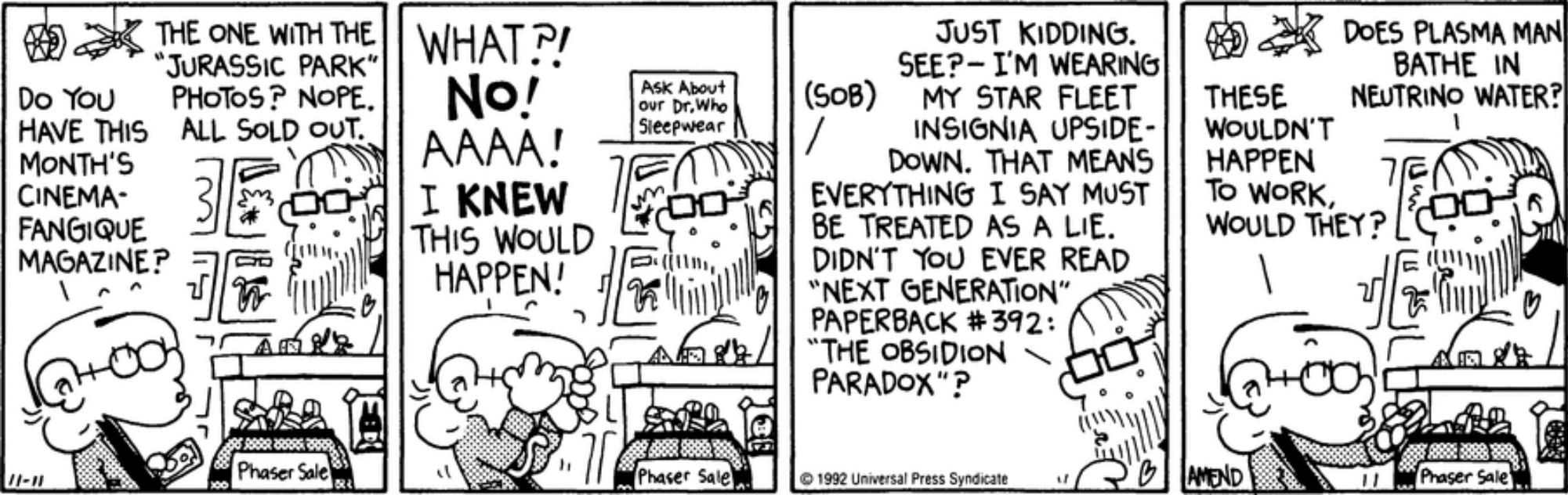
AMEND
11-10


DO YOU HAVE THIS MONTH'S CINEMA-FANGIQUE MAGAZINE?
THE ONE WITH THE "JURASSIC PARK" PHOTOS? NOPE. ALL SOLD OUT.
Phaser Sale
11-11
WHAT?! NO! AAAA! I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN!
Ask About our Dr. Who Sleepwear
Phaser Sale
(SOB)
JUST KIDDING. SEE? – I'M WEARING MY STAR FLEET INSIGNIA UPSIDE-DOWN. THAT MEANS EVERYTHING I SAY MUST BE TREATED AS A LIE. DIDN'T YOU EVER READ "NEXT GENERATION" PAPERBACK #392: "THE OBSIDION PARADOX"?
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THESE WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO WORK, WOULD THEY?
DOES PLASMA MAN BATHE IN NEUTRINO WATER?
AMEND
Phaser Sale

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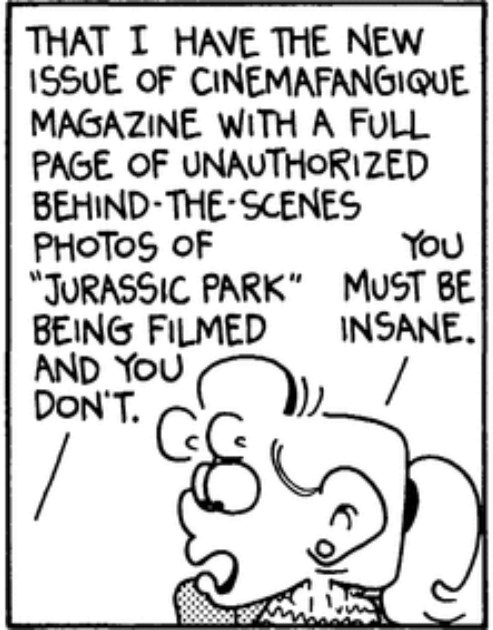

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SO DID YOU GET YOUR MAGAZINE?

YUP. WANNA SEE?

SURE.

THE "JURASSIC PARK" PHOTOS ARE ON PAGE 27 RIGHT AFTER THE FULL-COLOR FOLD-OUT "HEROES OF THE KLINGON EMPIRE" COLLECTOR SERIES POSTER SUPPLEMENT.

11-13

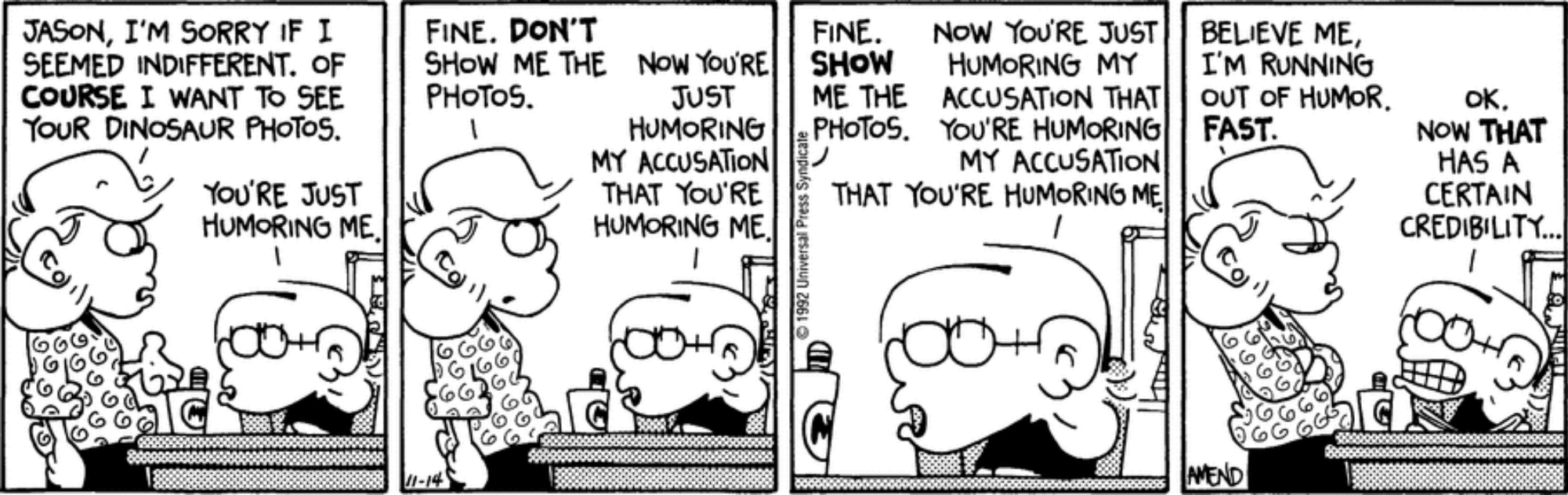
I'M GLAD **YOU**, AT LEAST, RECOGNIZE JUST HOW COOL THESE BEHIND-THE-SCENES PHOTOS ARE. PETER, PAIGE AND DAD DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO LOOK AT THEM. LOSERS.

Now on video!!!
Dragula

AMEND

I JUST WANTED TO CHECK THE PRICE TO SEE IF YOU OWED ME ANY CHANGE.

AM I THE **ONLY** PERSON WITH A NORMAL INTEREST IN MOTION PICTURE DINOSAUR SPECIAL EFFECTS TECHNOLOGY?!


JASON, I'M SORRY IF I SEEMED INDIFFERENT. OF **COURSE** I WANT TO SEE YOUR DINOSAUR PHOTOS.
YOU'RE JUST HUMORING ME.
FINE. **DON'T** SHOW ME THE PHOTOS.
NOW YOU'RE JUST HUMORING MY ACCUSATION THAT YOU'RE HUMORING ME.
11-14
FINE. **SHOW** ME THE PHOTOS.
NOW YOU'RE JUST HUMORING MY ACCUSATION THAT YOU'RE HUMORING MY ACCUSATION THAT YOU'RE HUMORING ME.
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BELIEVE ME, I'M RUNNING OUT OF HUMOR. **FAST.**
OK. NOW **THAT** HAS A CERTAIN CREDIBILITY...
AMEND

WHERE'S MY WALLET?!
WHERE'S MY BRIEFCASE?!
WHERE'RE MY KEYS?!
11-16
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AMEND
WHERE'S THE FIRE?
HEE HEE... GOOD ONE, OFFICER...

SIR, I CLOCKED YOU GOING 45 IN A 25 MPH ZONE.
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE.
SIR, I DON'T SEE HOW THERE COULD HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE.
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RIP!
11-17
...ON MY PART.
$200?!
AAAA!
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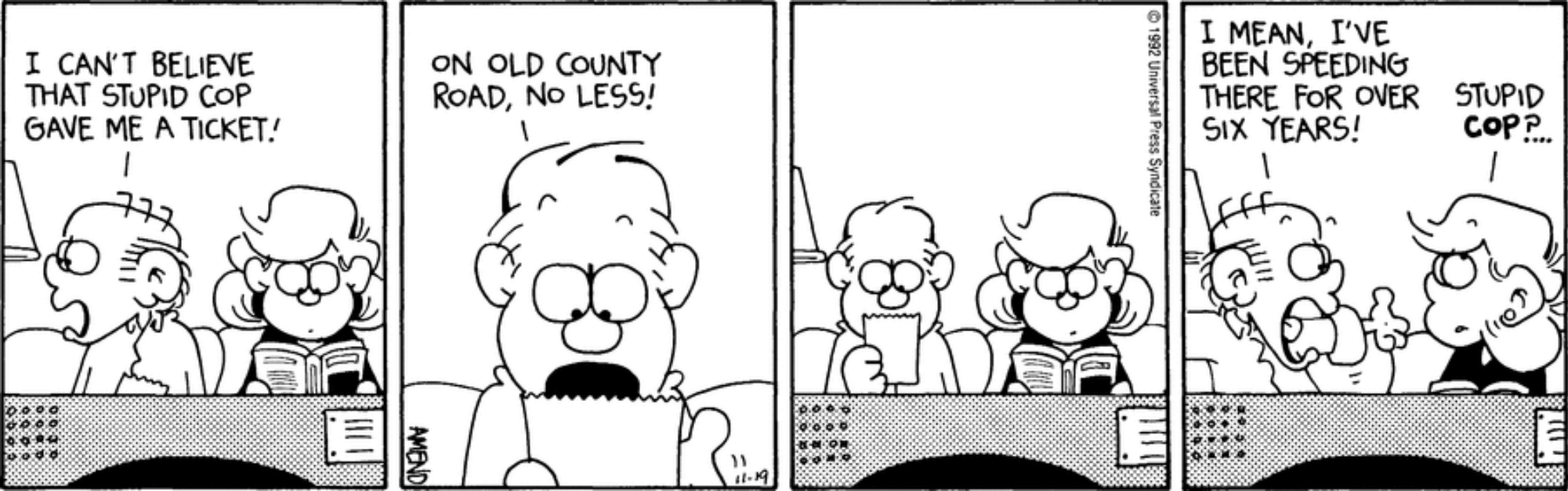
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT STUPID COP GAVE ME A TICKET!
ON OLD COUNTY ROAD, NO LESS!
AMEND
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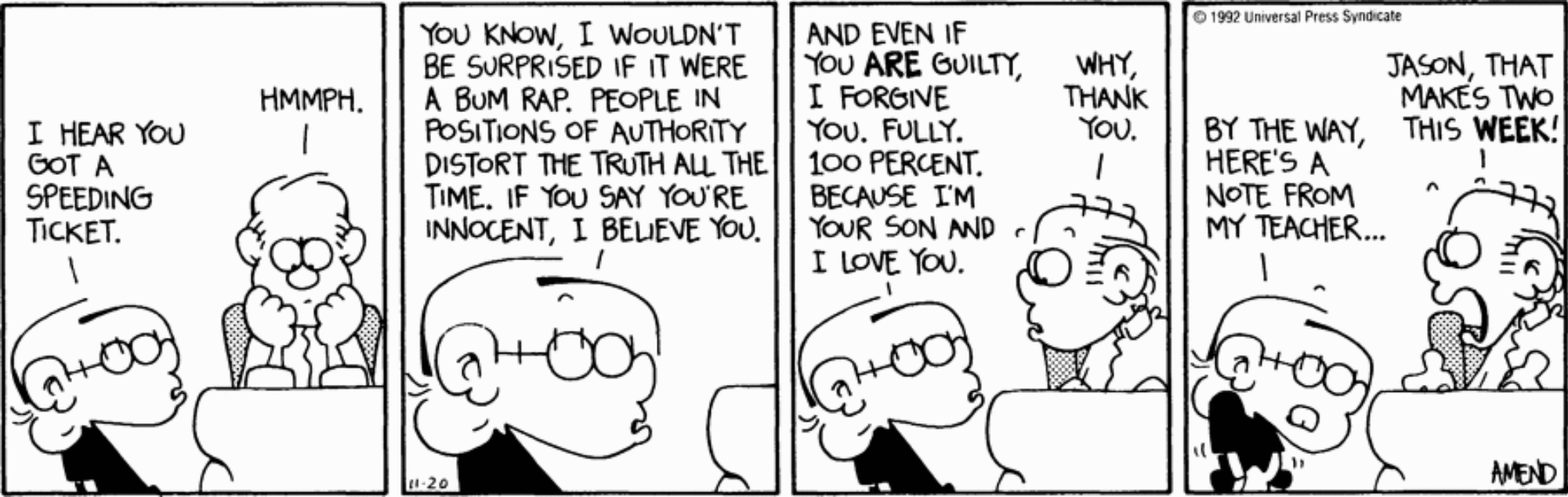
I MEAN, I'VE BEEN SPEEDING THERE FOR OVER SIX YEARS!
STUPID COP?...


I HEAR YOU GOT A SPEEDING TICKET.
HMMPH.
YOU KNOW, I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF IT WERE A BUM RAP. PEOPLE IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY DISTORT THE TRUTH ALL THE TIME. IF YOU SAY YOU'RE INNOCENT, I BELIEVE YOU.
11-20
AND EVEN IF YOU ARE GUILTY, I FORGIVE YOU. FULLY. 100 PERCENT. BECAUSE I'M YOUR SON AND I LOVE YOU.
WHY, THANK YOU.
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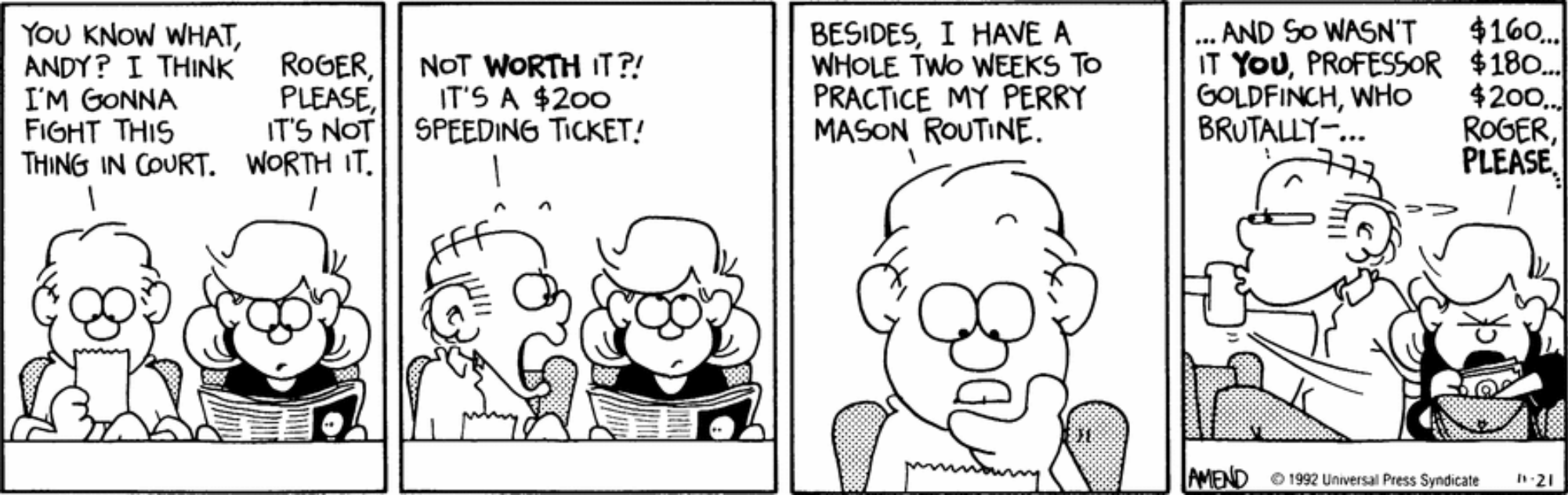
BY THE WAY, HERE'S A NOTE FROM MY TEACHER...
JASON, THAT MAKES TWO THIS WEEK!
AMEND


YOU KNOW WHAT, ANDY? I THINK I'M GONNA FIGHT THIS THING IN COURT.
ROGER, PLEASE, IT'S NOT WORTH IT.
NOT WORTH IT?! IT'S A $200 SPEEDING TICKET!
BESIDES, I HAVE A WHOLE TWO WEEKS TO PRACTICE MY PERRY MASON ROUTINE.
...AND SO WASN'T IT YOU, PROFESSOR GOLDFINCH, WHO BRUTALLY-...
$160... $180... $200... ROGER, PLEASE...
AMEND
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11-21

QUINCY SAYS YOU'RE UGLY.
Revlon
VOGUE
11-23
QUINCY SAYS YOU'RE STUPID.
Revlon
VOGUE
QUINCY SAYS HE'S SEEN SMOOTHER SKIN ON A PINEAPPLE.
AMEND
IT'S ALWAYS THE MESSENGER THAT GETS IT.
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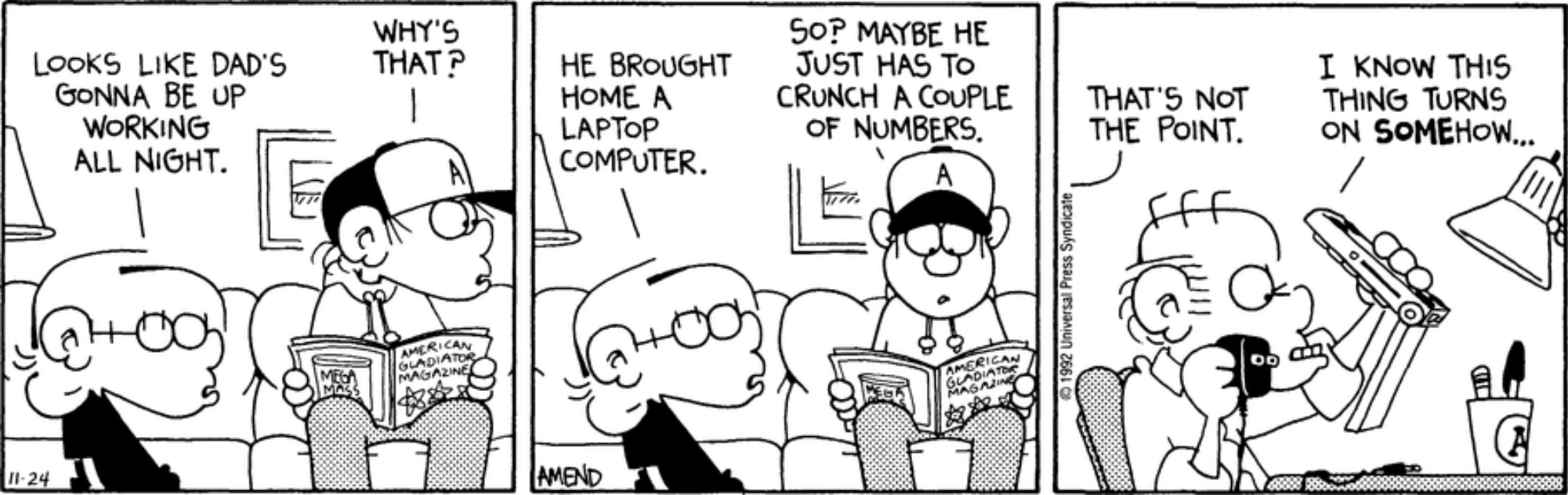
LOOKS LIKE DAD'S GONNA BE UP WORKING ALL NIGHT.
WHY'S THAT?
MEGA MASS
AMERICAN GLADIATOR MAGAZINE
11-24
HE BROUGHT HOME A LAPTOP COMPUTER.
SO? MAYBE HE JUST HAS TO CRUNCH A COUPLE OF NUMBERS.
AMERICAN GLADIATOR MAGAZINE
AMEND
THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
I KNOW THIS THING TURNS ON SOMEHOW...
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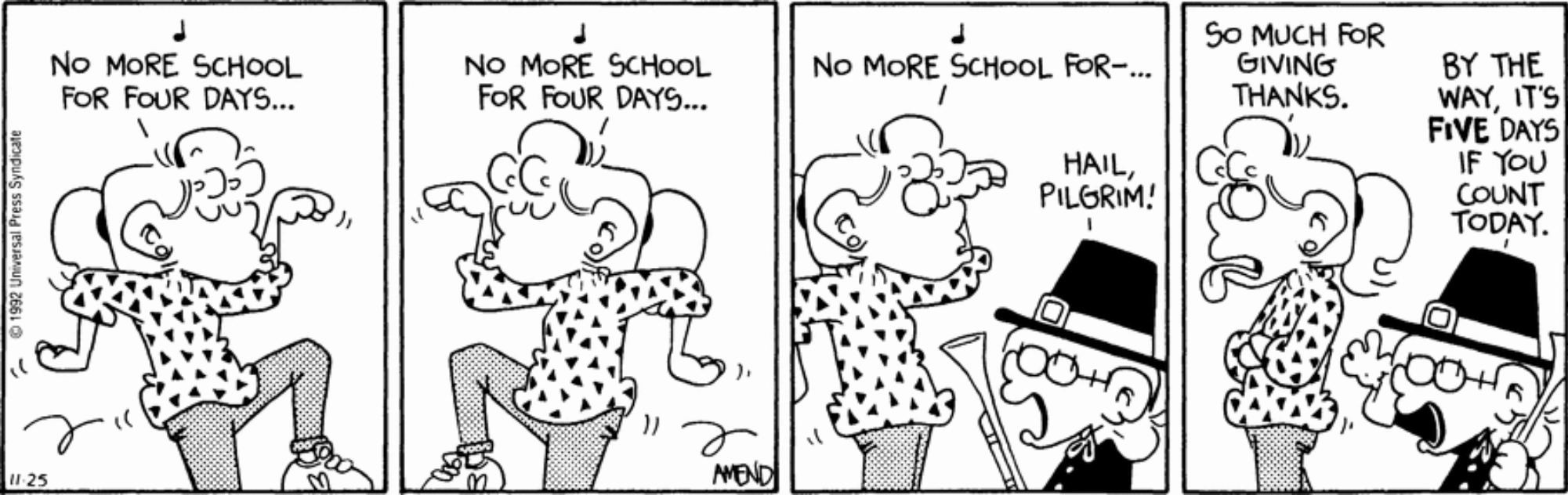
NO MORE SCHOOL FOR FOUR DAYS...
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11-25
NO MORE SCHOOL FOR FOUR DAYS...
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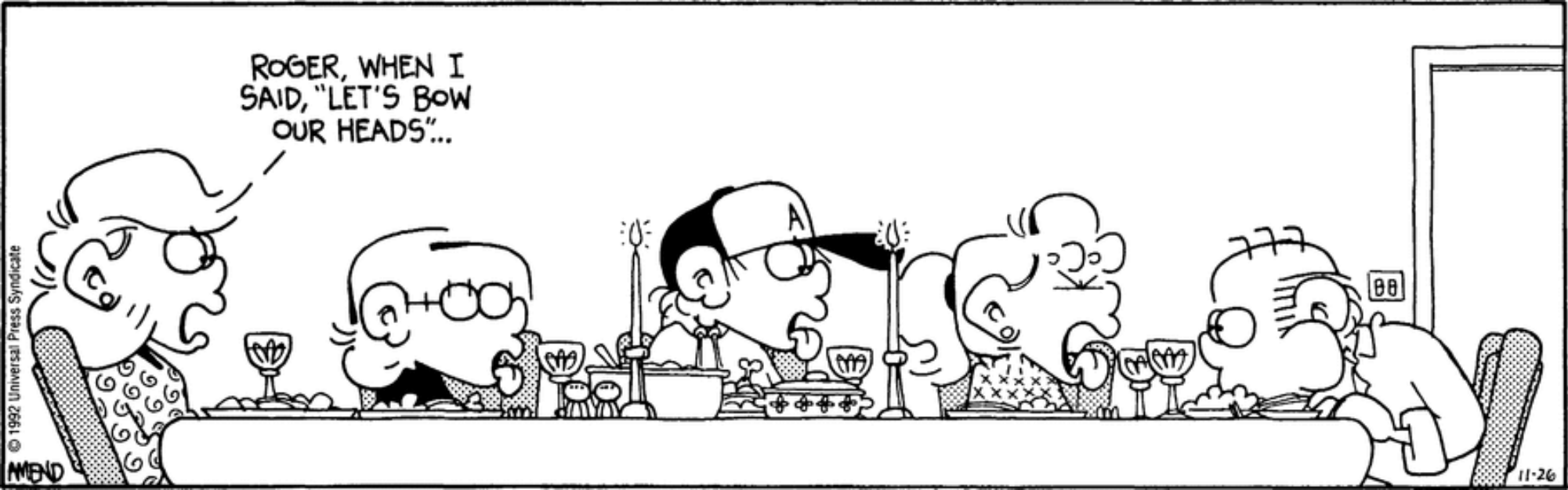
NO MORE SCHOOL FOR-...
HAIL, PILGRIM!
SO MUCH FOR GIVING THANKS.
BY THE WAY, IT'S FIVE DAYS IF YOU COUNT TODAY.



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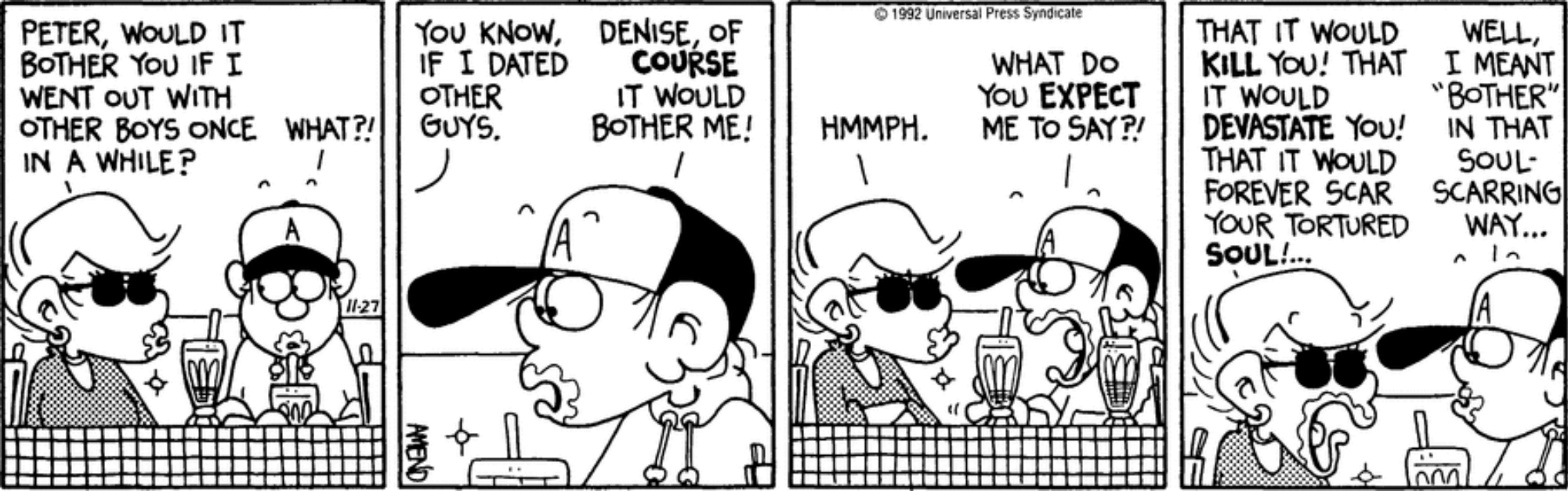
PETER, WOULD IT BOTHER YOU IF I WENT OUT WITH OTHER BOYS ONCE IN A WHILE?
WHAT?!
11-27
YOU KNOW, IF I DATED OTHER GUYS.
DENISE, OF COURSE IT WOULD BOTHER ME!
AMENG
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HMMPH.
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO SAY?!
THAT IT WOULD KILL YOU! THAT IT WOULD DEVASTATE YOU! THAT IT WOULD FOREVER SCAR YOUR TORTURED SOUL!...
WELL, I MEANT "BOTHER" IN THAT SOUL-SCARRING WAY...

READ 'EM AND WEEP.
MAN...
AMEND
PAIGE, DON'T YOU HAVE EIGHT TONS OF HOMEWORK YOU SHOULD BE DOING?
Cartoonist Named Chief of Staff "Easy choice," says Clinton
11-28
READ 'EM AND REALLY WEEP.
MAN...
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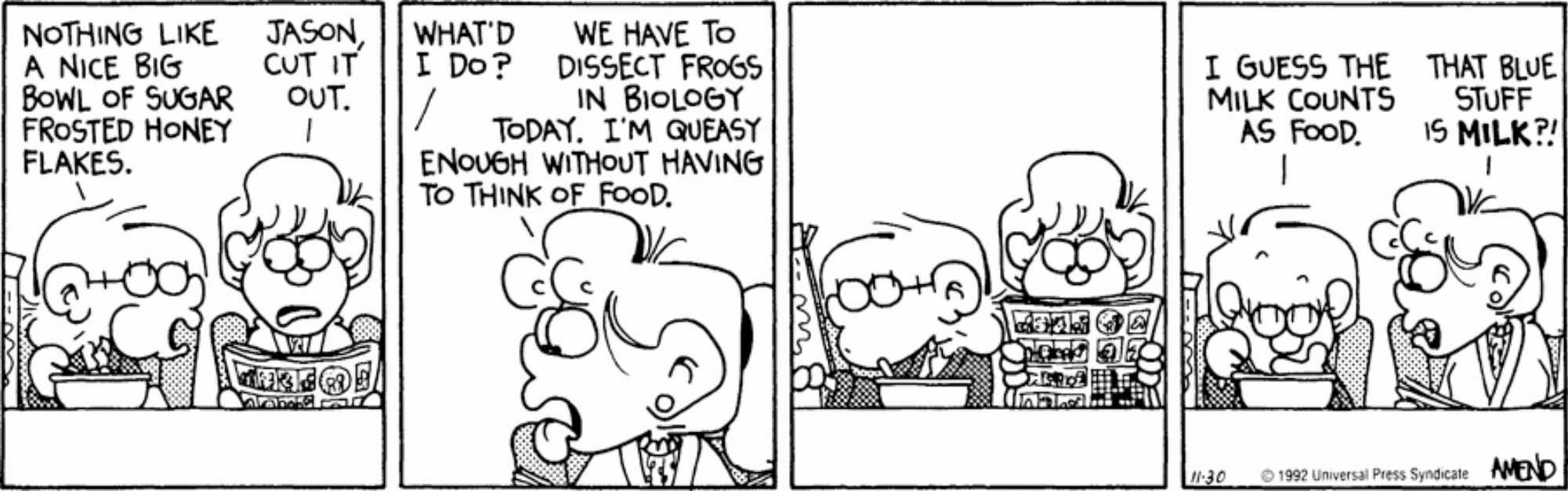
NOTHING LIKE A NICE BIG BOWL OF SUGAR FROSTED HONEY FLAKES.
JASON, CUT IT OUT.
WHAT'D I DO?
WE HAVE TO DISSECT FROGS IN BIOLOGY TODAY. I'M QUEASY ENOUGH WITHOUT HAVING TO THINK OF FOOD.
I GUESS THE MILK COUNTS AS FOOD.
THAT BLUE STUFF IS MILK?!
11-30
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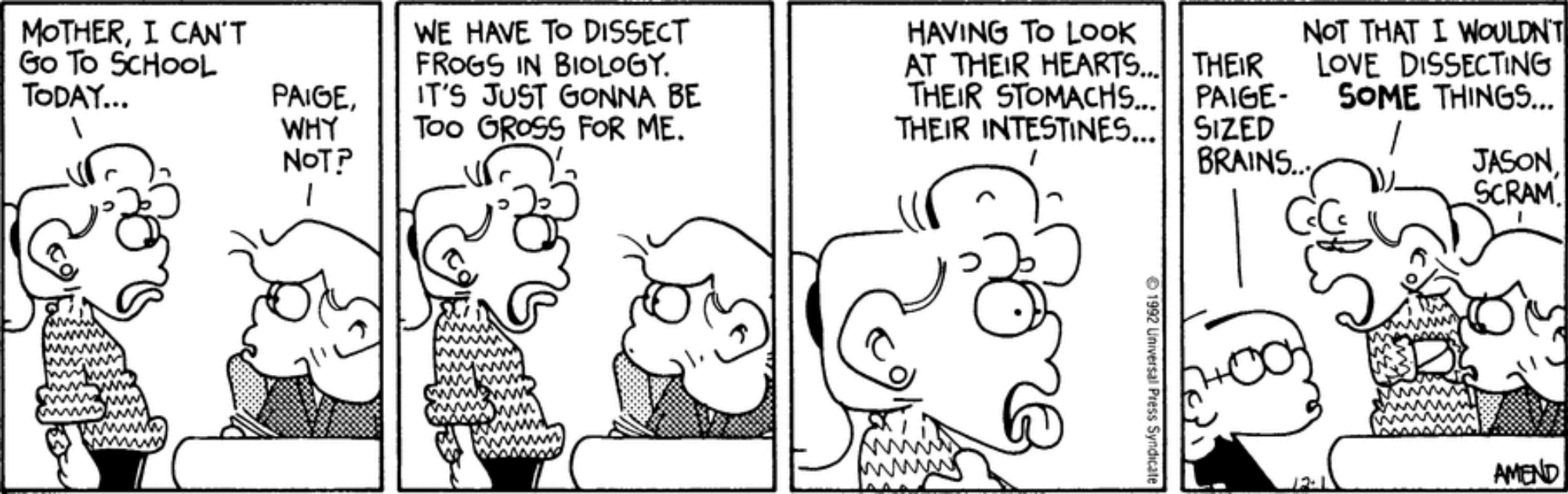
AMEND


MOTHER, I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL TODAY...
PAIGE, WHY NOT?
WE HAVE TO DISSECT FROGS IN BIOLOGY. IT'S JUST GONNA BE TOO GROSS FOR ME.
HAVING TO LOOK AT THEIR HEARTS... THEIR STOMACHS... THEIR INTESTINES...
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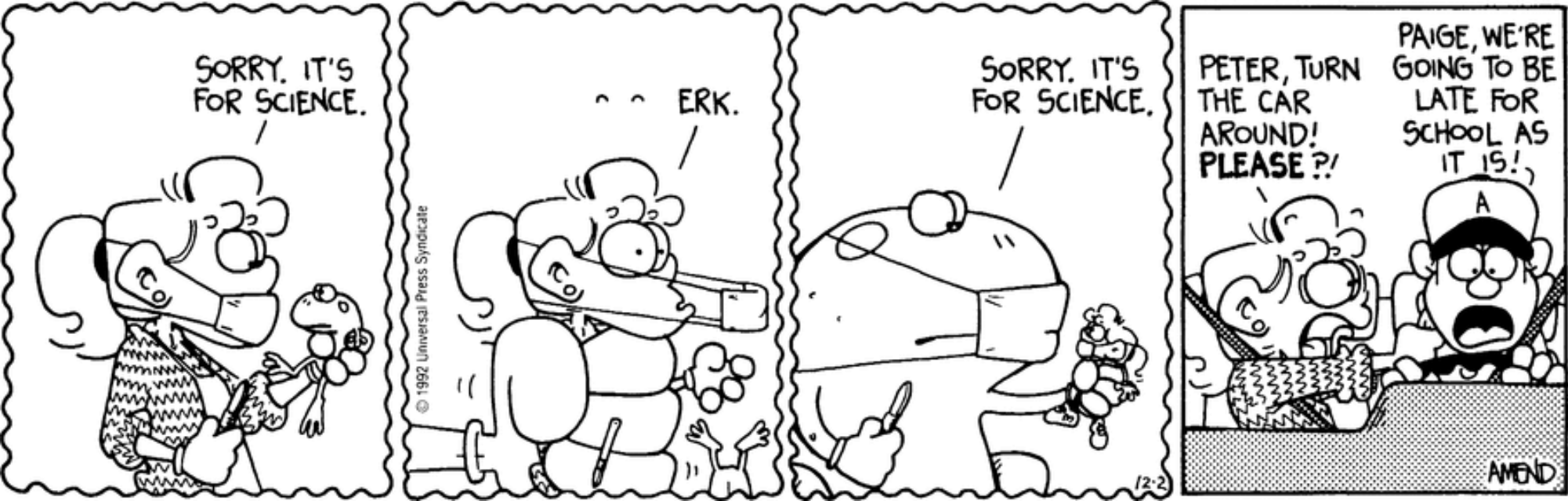
THEIR PAIGE-SIZED BRAINS...
NOT THAT I WOULDN'T LOVE DISSECTING SOME THINGS...
JASON, SCRAM.
AMEND


SORRY. IT'S FOR SCIENCE.
ERK.
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SORRY. IT'S FOR SCIENCE.
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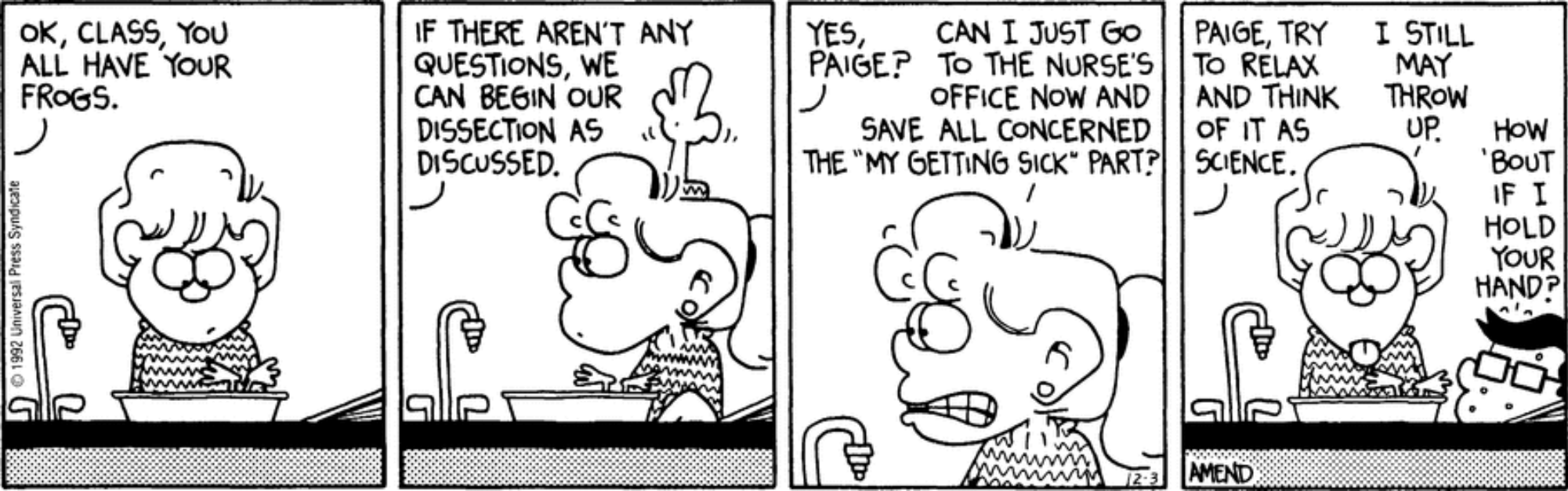
PETER, TURN THE CAR AROUND! PLEASE?!
PAIGE, WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR SCHOOL AS IT IS!
A
AMEND


OK, CLASS, YOU ALL HAVE YOUR FROGS.
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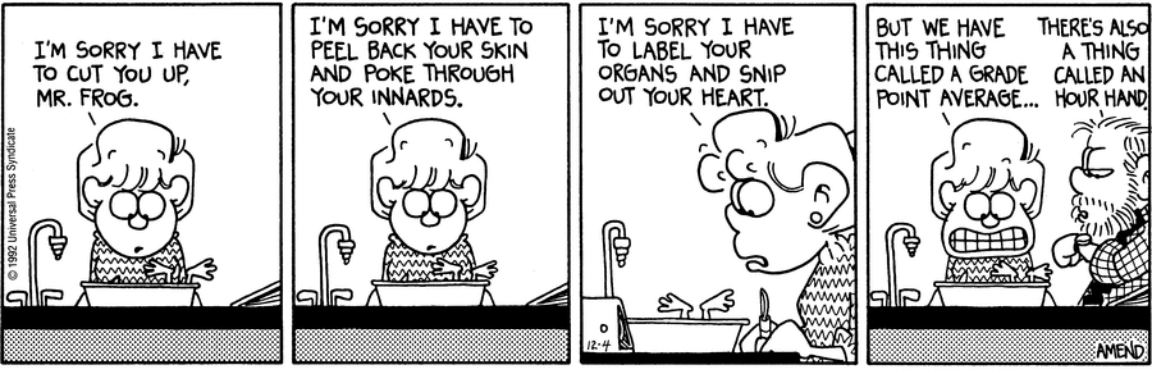
IF THERE AREN'T ANY QUESTIONS, WE CAN BEGIN OUR DISSECTION AS DISCUSSED.
YES, PAIGE?
CAN I JUST GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE NOW AND SAVE ALL CONCERNED THE "MY GETTING SICK" PART?
12-3
PAIGE, TRY TO RELAX AND THINK OF IT AS SCIENCE.
I STILL MAY THROW UP.
HOW 'BOUT IF I HOLD YOUR HAND?
AMEND



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OK, EVERYONE, LET'S MAKE OUR FIRST INCISION, BEGINNING AT THE FROG'S ABDOMEN.
COOOOL...
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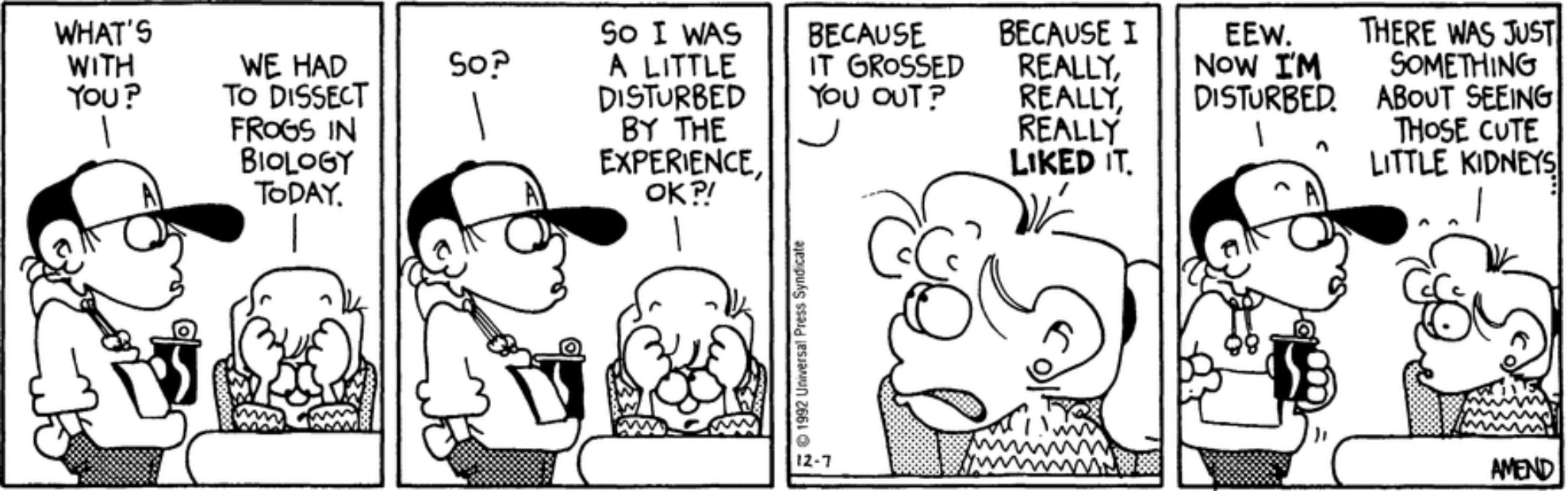
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
WE HAD TO DISSECT FROGS IN BIOLOGY TODAY.
SO?
SO I WAS A LITTLE DISTURBED BY THE EXPERIENCE, OK?!
BECAUSE IT GROSSED YOU OUT?
BECAUSE I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY LIKED IT.
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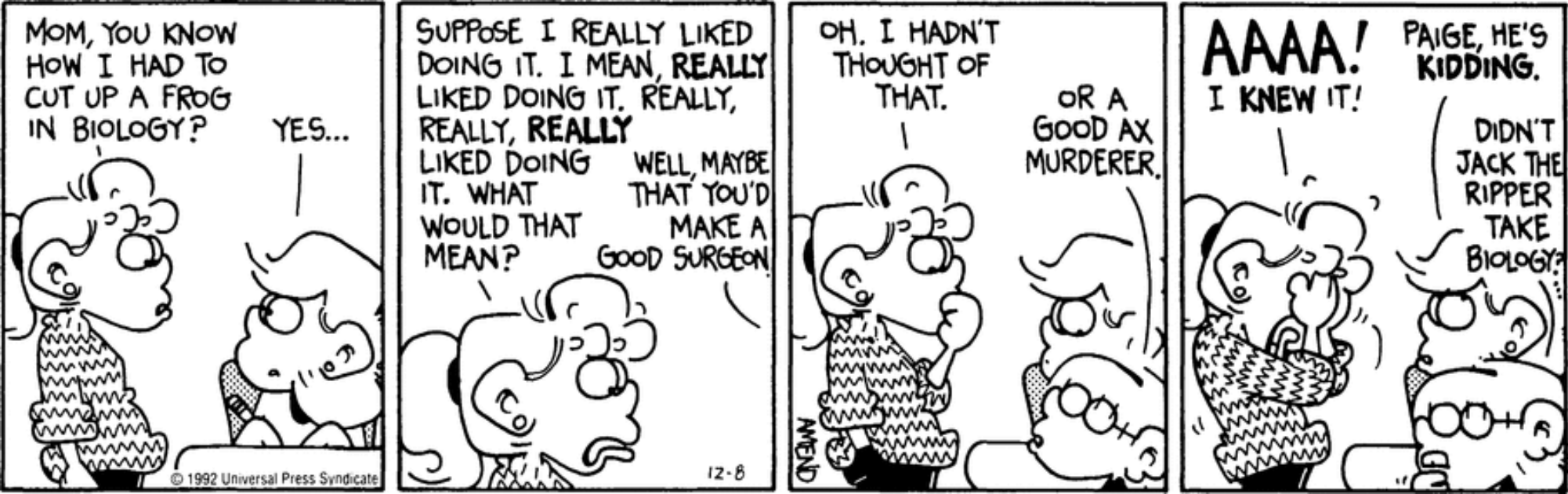
EEW. NOW I'M DISTURBED.
THERE WAS JUST SOMETHING ABOUT SEEING THOSE CUTE LITTLE KIDNEYS...
AMEND


MOM, YOU KNOW HOW I HAD TO CUT UP A FROG IN BIOLOGY?
YES...
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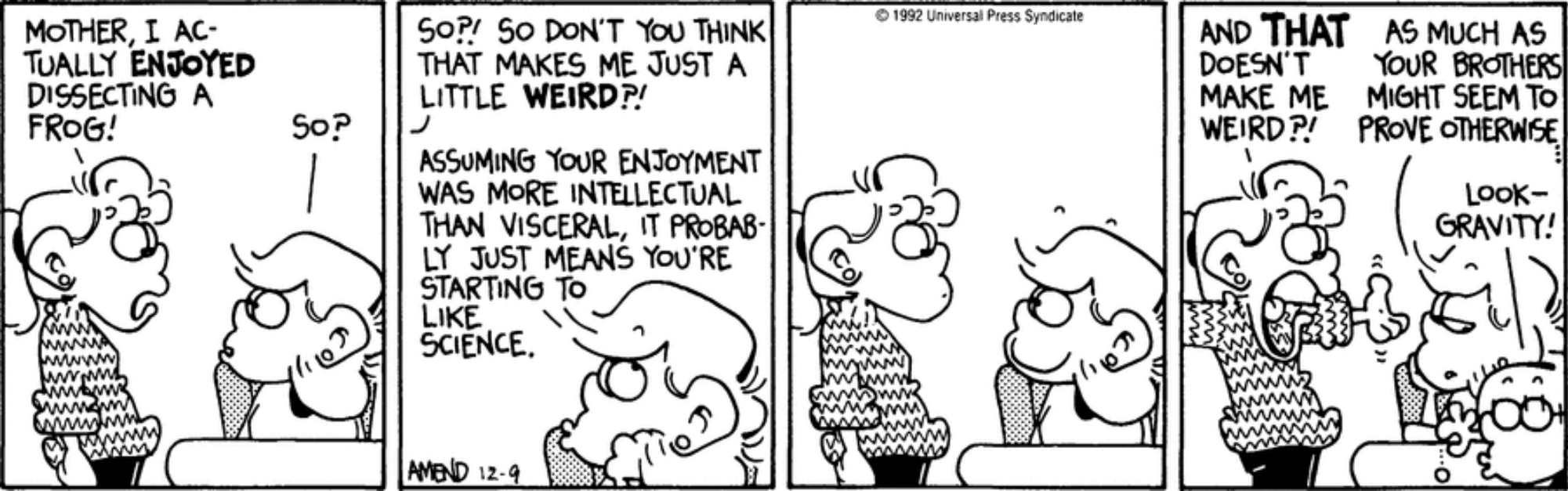
SUPPOSE I REALLY LIKED DOING IT. I MEAN, **REALLY** LIKED DOING IT. REALLY, REALLY, **REALLY** LIKED DOING IT. WHAT WOULD THAT MEAN?
WELL, MAYBE THAT YOU'D MAKE A GOOD SURGEON.
12-8
OH. I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT.
OR A GOOD AX MURDERER.
AMEND
AAAA!
I **KNEW** IT!
PAIGE, HE'S **KIDDING.**
DIDN'T JACK THE RIPPER TAKE BIOLOGY?


MOTHER, I ACTUALLY ENJOYED DISSECTING A FROG!
SO?
SO?! SO DON'T YOU THINK THAT MAKES ME JUST A LITTLE WEIRD?!
ASSUMING YOUR ENJOYMENT WAS MORE INTELLECTUAL THAN VISCERAL, IT PROBABLY JUST MEANS YOU'RE STARTING TO LIKE SCIENCE.
AMEND 12-9
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AND THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME WEIRD?!
AS MUCH AS YOUR BROTHERS MIGHT SEEM TO PROVE OTHERWISE...
LOOK— GRAVITY!

...THEN AFTER WE REMOVED THE FROGS' INTESTINES, WE-...
MMM-MM, GREAT SPAGHETTI, HON.
A
MYERS
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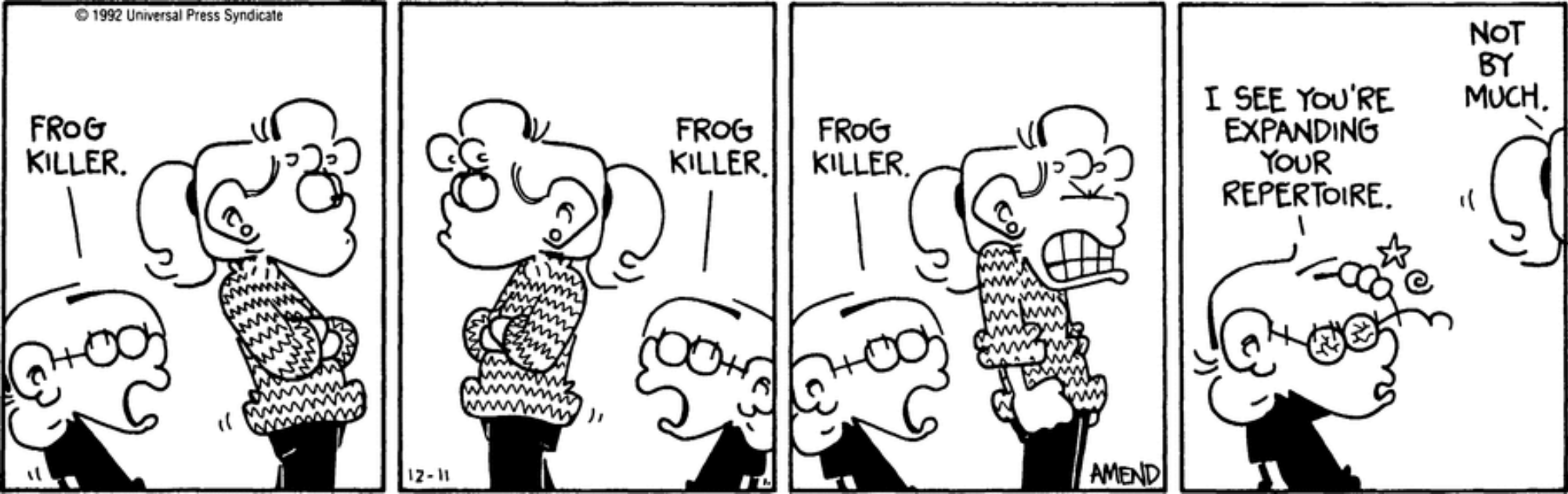

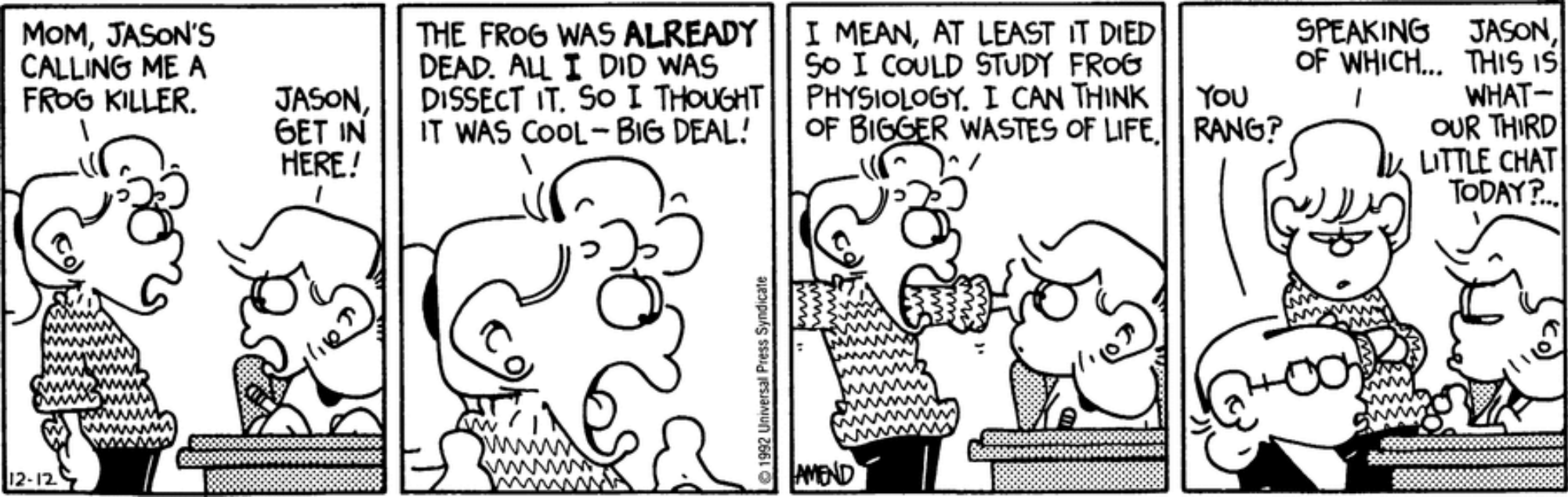
MOM, JASON'S CALLING ME A FROG KILLER.
JASON, GET IN HERE!
12-12
THE FROG WAS ALREADY DEAD. ALL I DID WAS DISSECT IT. SO I THOUGHT IT WAS COOL – BIG DEAL!
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I MEAN, AT LEAST IT DIED SO I COULD STUDY FROG PHYSIOLOGY. I CAN THINK OF BIGGER WASTES OF LIFE.
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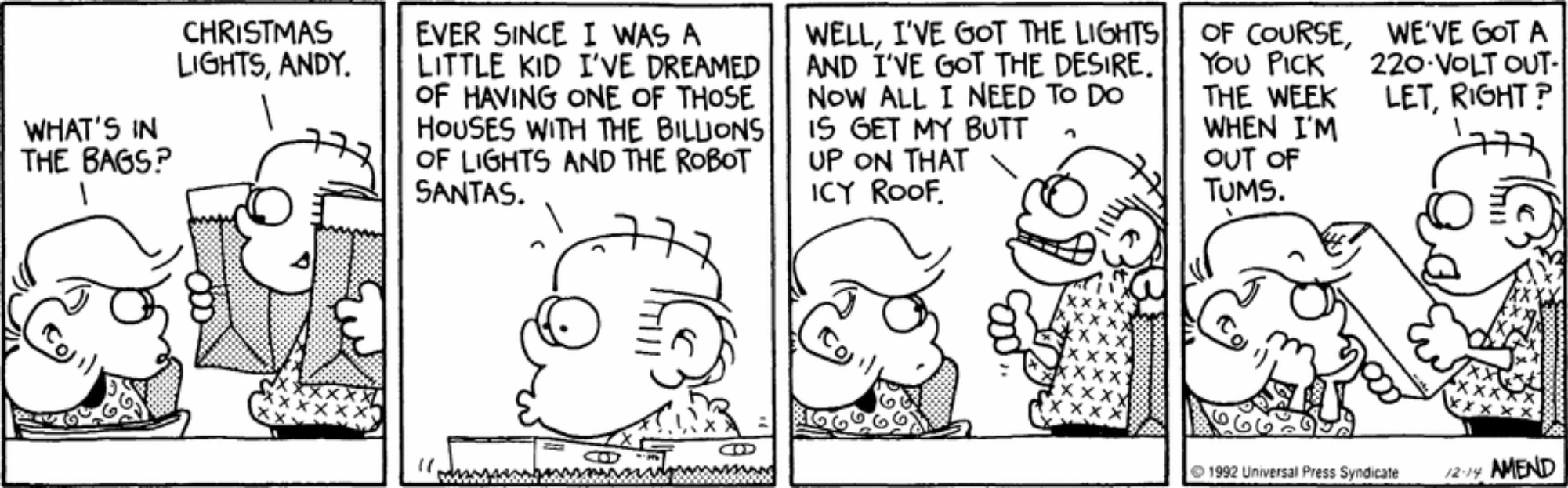
YOU RANG?
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
JASON, THIS IS WHAT– OUR THIRD LITTLE CHAT TODAY?...


WHAT'S IN THE BAGS?
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, ANDY.
EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE KID I'VE DREAMED OF HAVING ONE OF THOSE HOUSES WITH THE BILLIONS OF LIGHTS AND THE ROBOT SANTAS.
WELL, I'VE GOT THE LIGHTS AND I'VE GOT THE DESIRE. NOW ALL I NEED TO DO IS GET MY BUTT UP ON THAT ICY ROOF.
OF COURSE, YOU PICK THE WEEK WHEN I'M OUT OF TUMS.
WE'VE GOT A 220-VOLT OUTLET, RIGHT?
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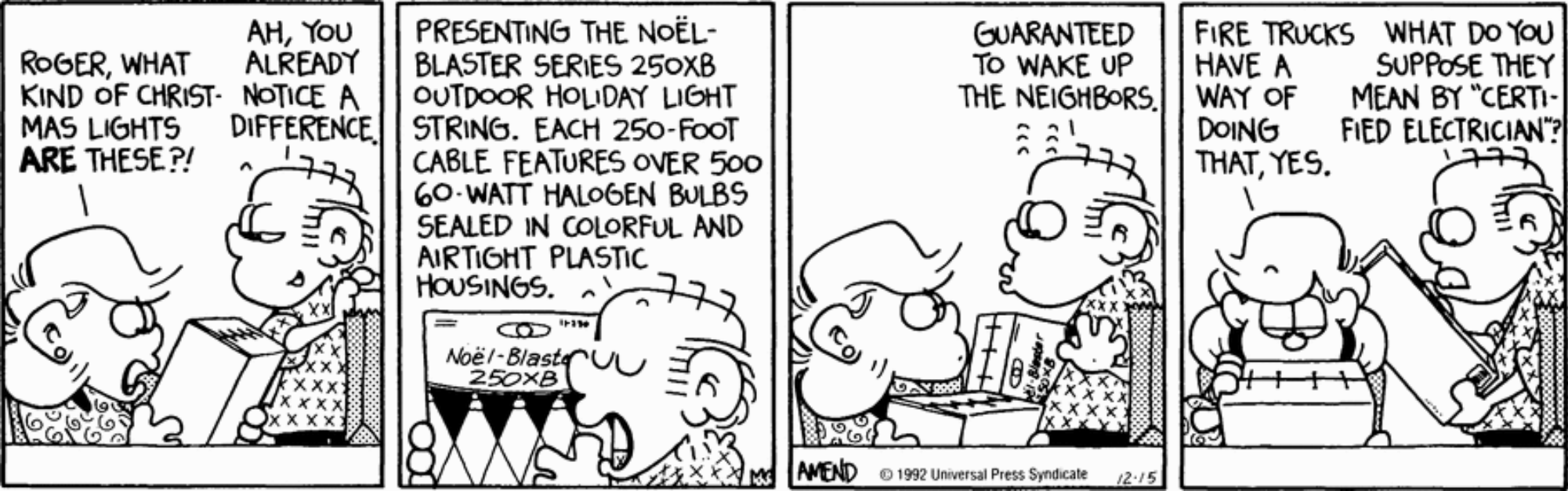
ROGER, WHAT KIND OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS **ARE** THESE?!
AH, YOU ALREADY NOTICE A DIFFERENCE.
PRESENTING THE NOËL-BLASTER SERIES 250XB OUTDOOR HOLIDAY LIGHT STRING. EACH 250-FOOT CABLE FEATURES OVER 500 60-WATT HALOGEN BULBS SEALED IN COLORFUL AND AIRTIGHT PLASTIC HOUSINGS.
Noël-Blaster 250XB
GUARANTEED TO WAKE UP THE NEIGHBORS.
FIRE TRUCKS HAVE A WAY OF DOING THAT, YES.
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY MEAN BY "CERTIFIED ELECTRICIAN"?
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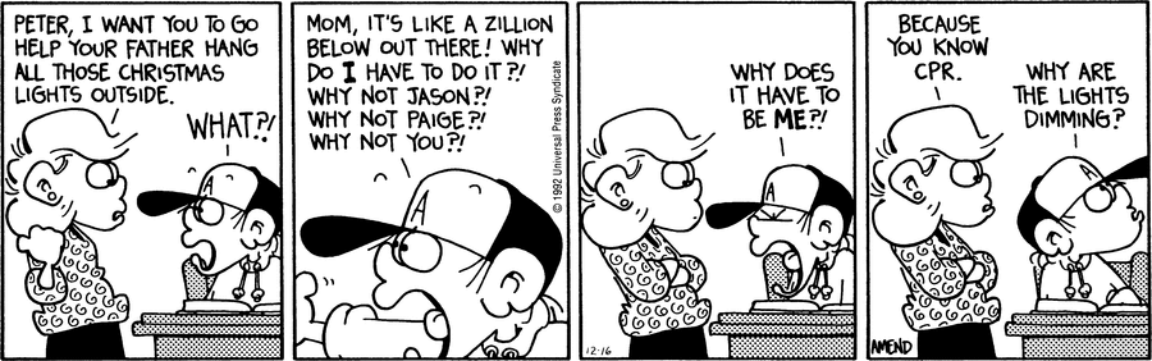
PETER, I WANT YOU TO GO HELP YOUR FATHER HANG ALL THOSE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTSIDE.
WHAT?!
MOM, IT'S LIKE A ZILLION BELOW OUT THERE! WHY DO I HAVE TO DO IT?! WHY NOT JASON?! WHY NOT PAIGE?! WHY NOT YOU?!
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WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE ME?!
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BECAUSE YOU KNOW CPR.
WHY ARE THE LIGHTS DIMMING?
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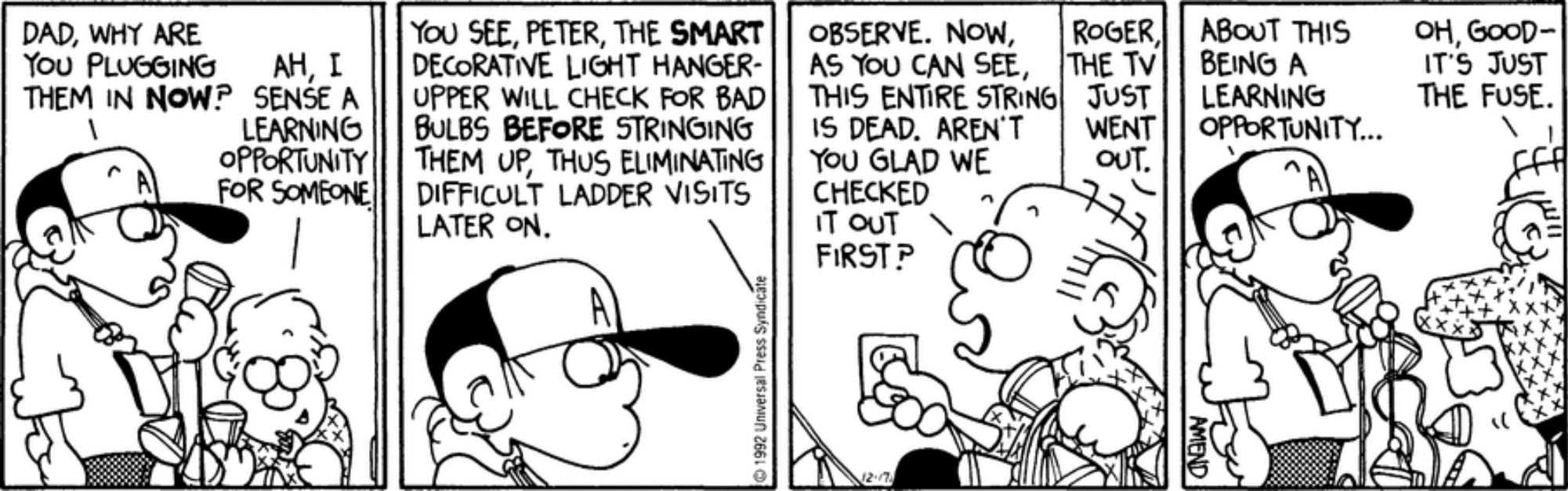
DAD, WHY ARE YOU PLUGGING THEM IN NOW?
AH, I SENSE A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE.
YOU SEE, PETER, THE SMART DECORATIVE LIGHT HANGER-UPPER WILL CHECK FOR BAD BULBS BEFORE STRINGING THEM UP, THUS ELIMINATING DIFFICULT LADDER VISITS LATER ON.
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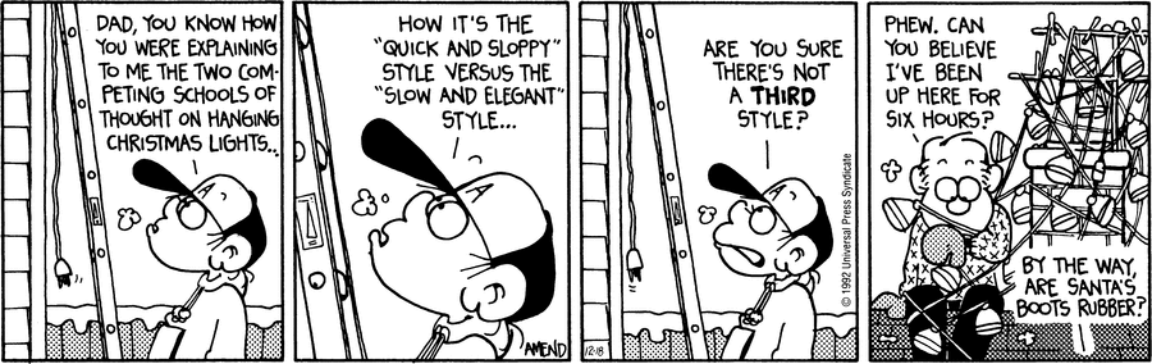
OBSERVE. NOW, AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS ENTIRE STRING IS DEAD. AREN'T YOU GLAD WE CHECKED IT OUT FIRST?
ROGER, THE TV JUST WENT OUT.
ABOUT THIS BEING A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY...
OH, GOOD- IT'S JUST THE FUSE.


DAD, YOU KNOW HOW YOU WERE EXPLAINING TO ME THE TWO COMPETING SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT ON HANGING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS...
HOW IT'S THE "QUICK AND SLOPPY" STYLE VERSUS THE "SLOW AND ELEGANT" STYLE...
AMEND
ARE YOU SURE THERE'S NOT A THIRD STYLE?
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PHEW. CAN YOU BELIEVE I'VE BEEN UP HERE FOR SIX HOURS?
BY THE WAY, ARE SANTA'S BOOTS RUBBER?

WELL, IT TOOK ME NINE HOURS OUT ON THE ROOF IN SUB-ZERO WEATHER, BUT THE LIGHTS ARE ALL UP.
YESSIRREE, ALL 3,000 FEET OF OUR NEW NOËL-BLASTER 250XB HALOGEN LIGHT STRINGS ARE UP, SECURED, TIGHTENED AND READY FOR ACTION. IT'S A SPECIAL FEELING.
THIS JUST IN...
THE MANUFACTURER OF THE NOËL-BLASTER SERIES 250XB HALOGEN CHRISTMAS LIGHT STRING HAS ISSUED AN IMMEDIATE RECALL DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS. SAYS A COMPANY SPOKESMAN: "DO NOT USE THESE LIGHTS. PERIOD."
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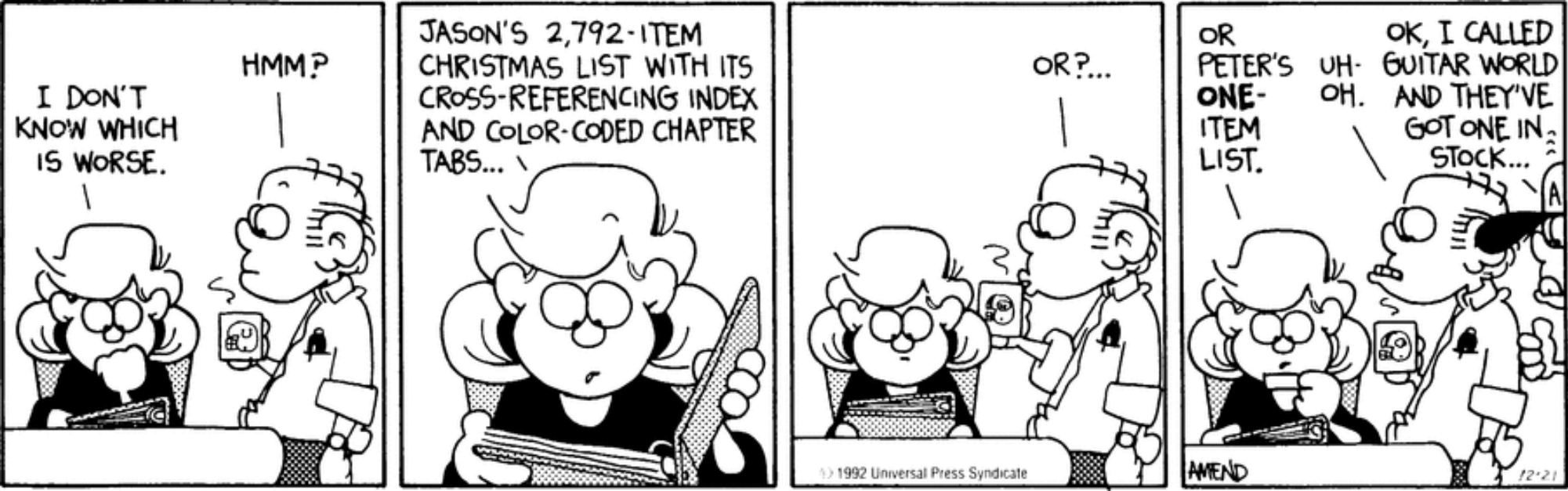
YET ANOTHER SPECIAL FEELING?
YOU KNOW, THEY STILL LOOK GOOD TURNED OFF...
NOW BACK TO "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"...
AMEND
12 19


I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS WORSE.
HMM?
JASON'S 2,792-ITEM CHRISTMAS LIST WITH ITS CROSS-REFERENCING INDEX AND COLOR-CODED CHAPTER TABS...
OR?...
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OR PETER'S ONE-ITEM LIST.
UH-OH.
OK, I CALLED GUITAR WORLD AND THEY'VE GOT ONE IN STOCK...
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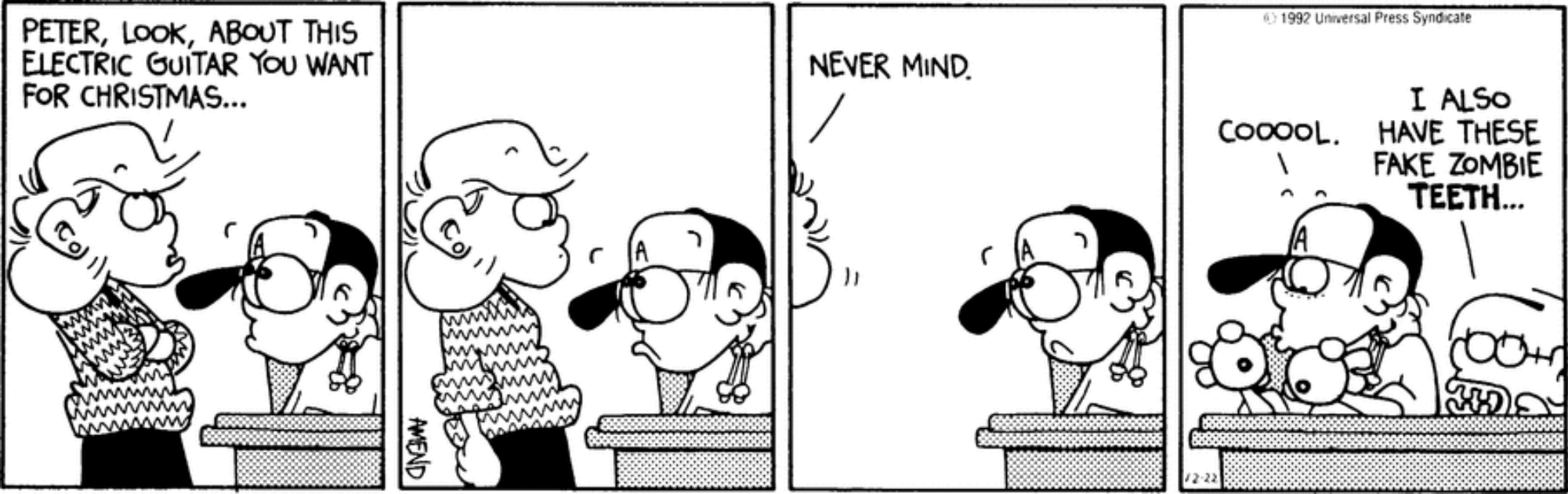
PETER, LOOK, ABOUT THIS ELECTRIC GUITAR YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...
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NEVER MIND.
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COOOOL.
I ALSO HAVE THESE FAKE ZOMBIE TEETH...
12-22

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT... YOU BETTER NOT CRY...
Revlon
ELLE
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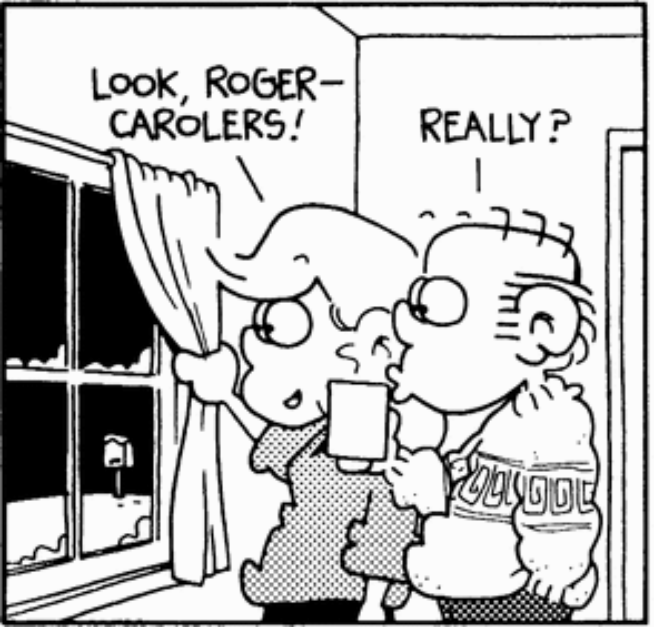
YOU BETTER NOT POUT... I'M TELLIN' YOU WHY...
SANTA QUINCY'S CO-MINNG TO TOWWN...
AAAA!
AMEND
SHE'D BETTER WATCH OUT?!?
I WOULD CALL THAT POUNDING BOTH NAUGHTY AND NICE.
12-23


LOOK, ROGER– CAROLERS!
REALLY?

IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE THEY'VE COME DOWN OUR STREET.
THEY USED TO COME ALL THE TIME. I WONDER WHY THEY STOPPED.

WRIST ROCKET READY...
READY...
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UM, I BLINKED. DID I MISS IT?
Dad
Mom
Jason
Miss Clairol Madelmaker 200
John Madden
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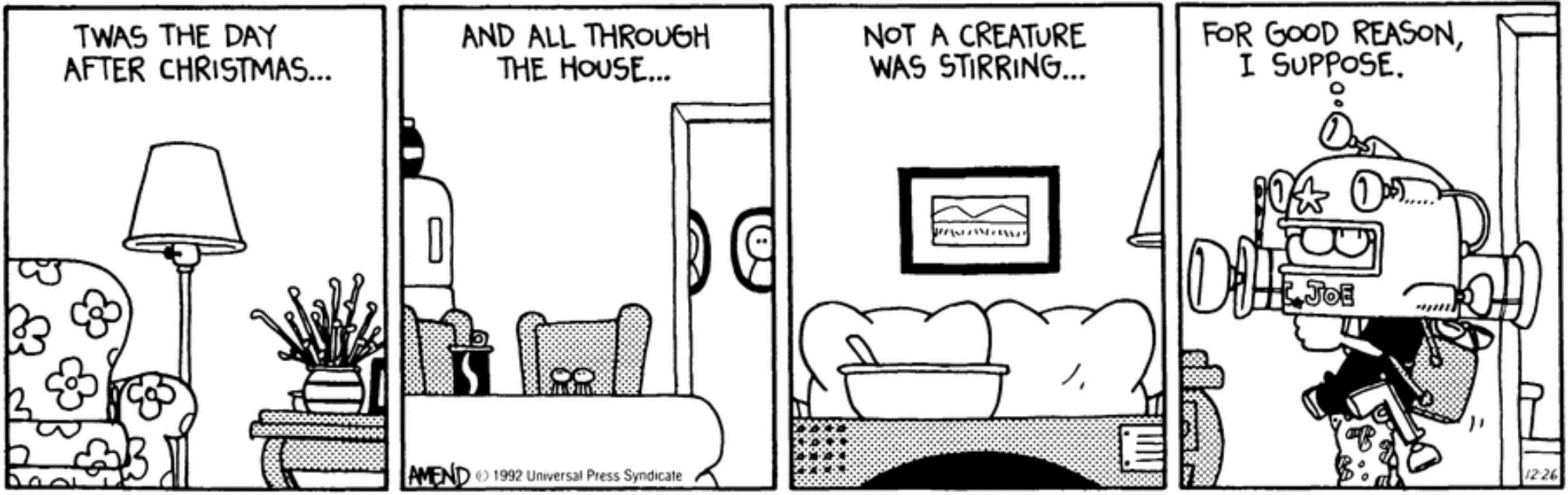
TWAS THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS...
AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE...
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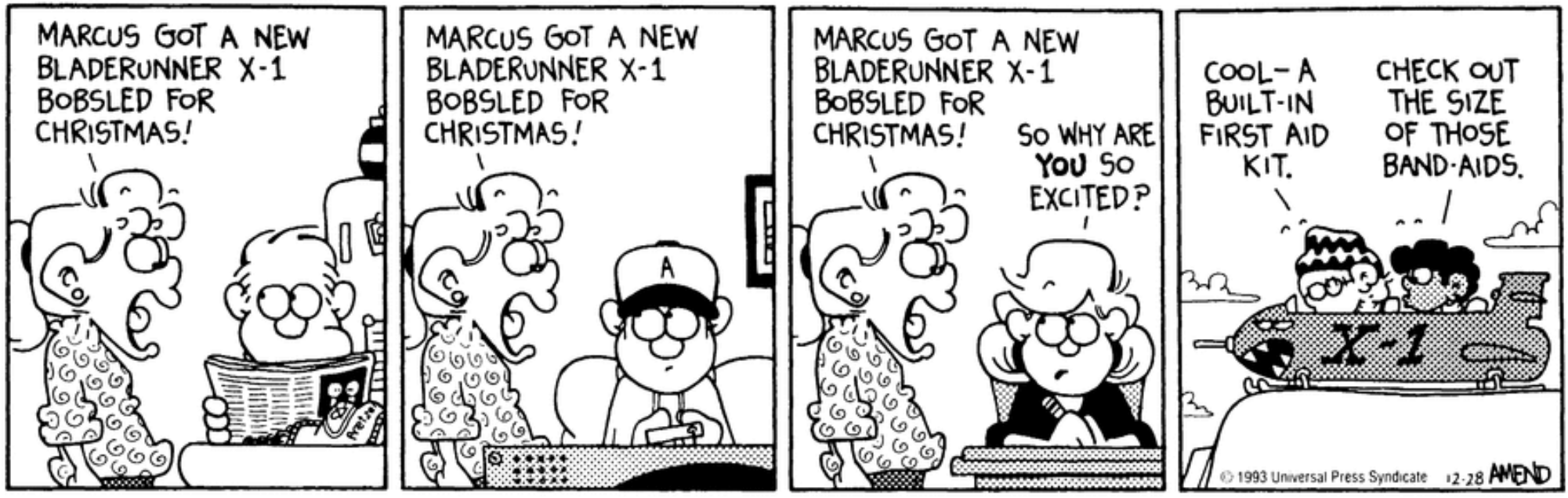
NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING...
FOR GOOD REASON, I SUPPOSE.
JOE
12-26


MARCUS GOT A NEW BLADERUNNER X-1 BOBSLED FOR CHRISTMAS!
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MARCUS GOT A NEW BLADERUNNER X-1 BOBSLED FOR CHRISTMAS!
SO WHY ARE YOU SO EXCITED?
COOL– A BUILT-IN FIRST AID KIT.
CHECK OUT THE SIZE OF THOSE BAND-AIDS.
X-1
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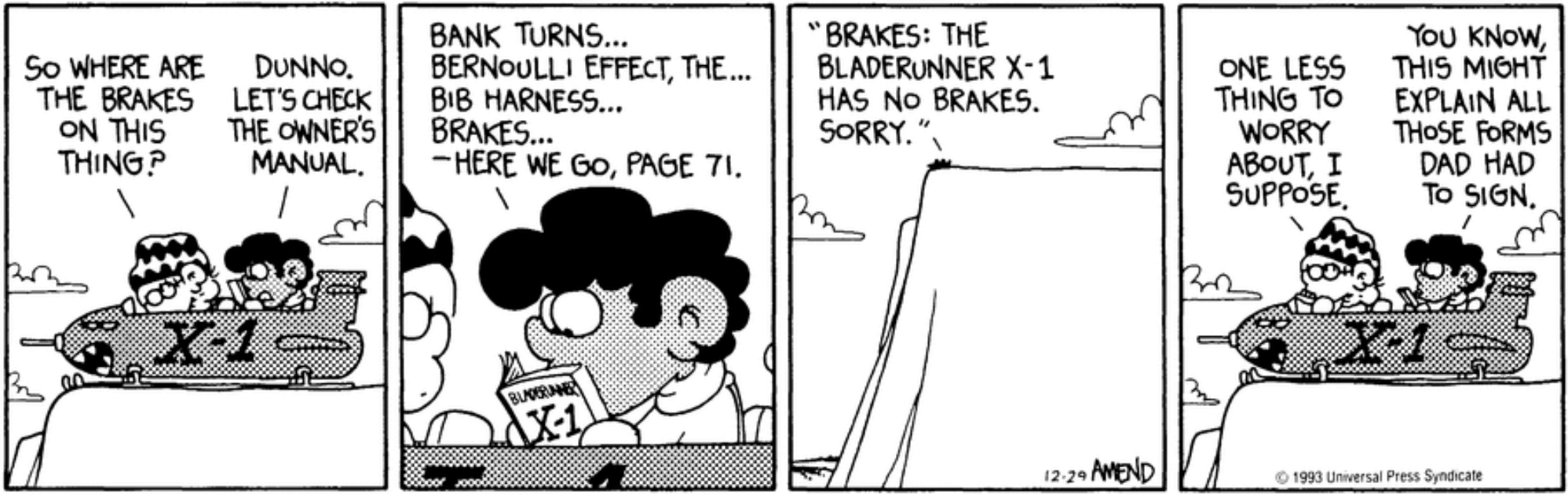
SO WHERE ARE THE BRAKES ON THIS THING?
DUNNO. LET'S CHECK THE OWNER'S MANUAL.
X-1
BANK TURNS... BERNOULLI EFFECT, THE... BIB HARNESS... BRAKES... —HERE WE GO, PAGE 71.
BLADERUNNER X-1
"BRAKES: THE BLADERUNNER X-1 HAS NO BRAKES. SORRY."
12-29 AMEND
ONE LESS THING TO WORRY ABOUT, I SUPPOSE.
YOU KNOW, THIS MIGHT EXPLAIN ALL THOSE FORMS DAD HAD TO SIGN.
X-1
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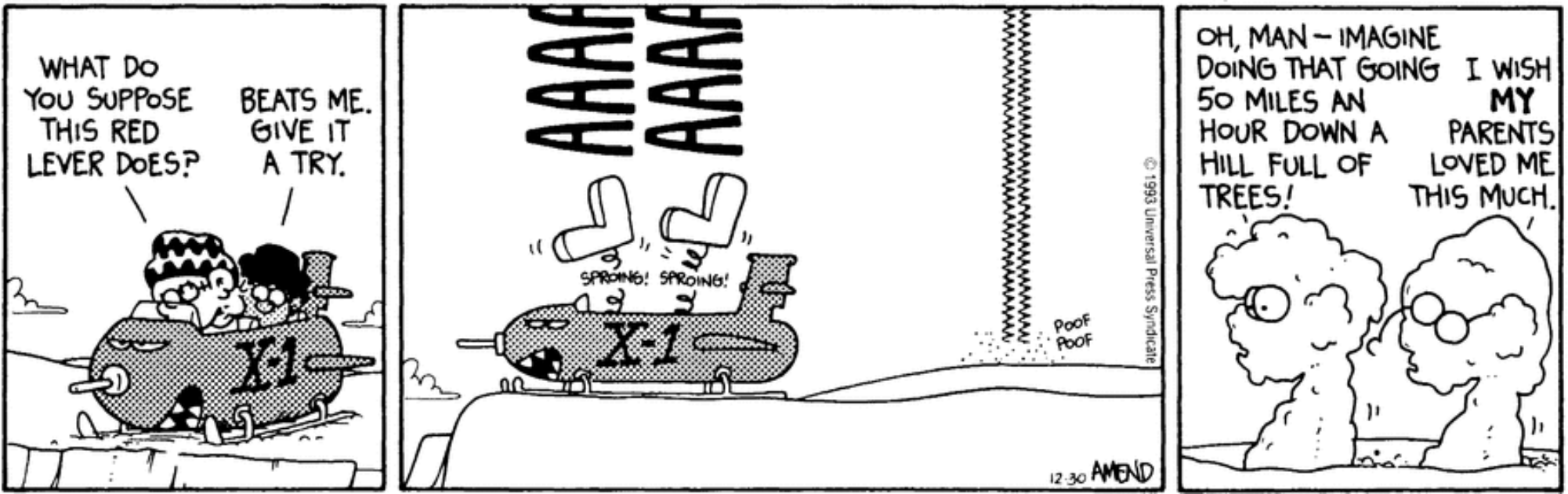
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THIS RED LEVER DOES?
BEATS ME. GIVE IT A TRY.
X-1
AAAA
AAAA
SPROING! SPROING!
X-1
POOF POOF
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OH, MAN – IMAGINE DOING THAT GOING 50 MILES AN HOUR DOWN A HILL FULL OF TREES!
I WISH MY PARENTS LOVED ME THIS MUCH.

READY?
READY.
X-1
12-31
I MEAN, **READY**-READY?
READY-READY.
X-1
READY-READY-THIS-IS-IT-THE-MOMENT-OF-TRUTH-BITE-THE-BULLET-NOW-OR-NEVER-HERE-WE-GO-READY?
YUP.
THEN LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN...
T-MINUS 1,000...
X-1
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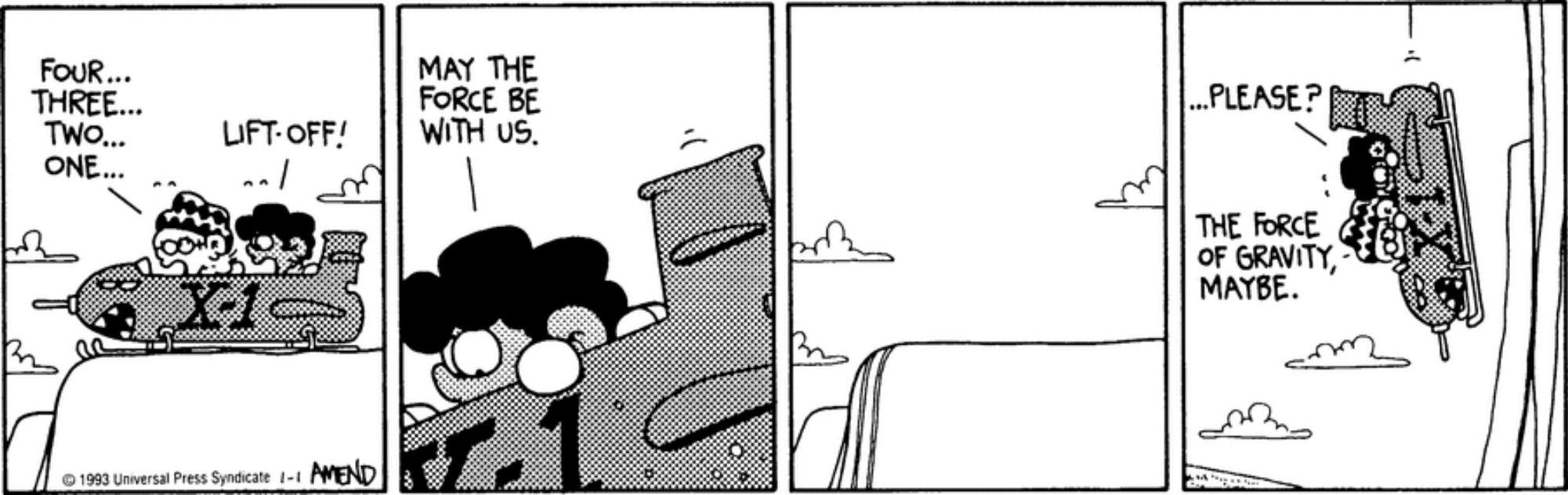
AMEND


FOUR...
THREE...
TWO...
ONE...
LIFT-OFF!
X-1
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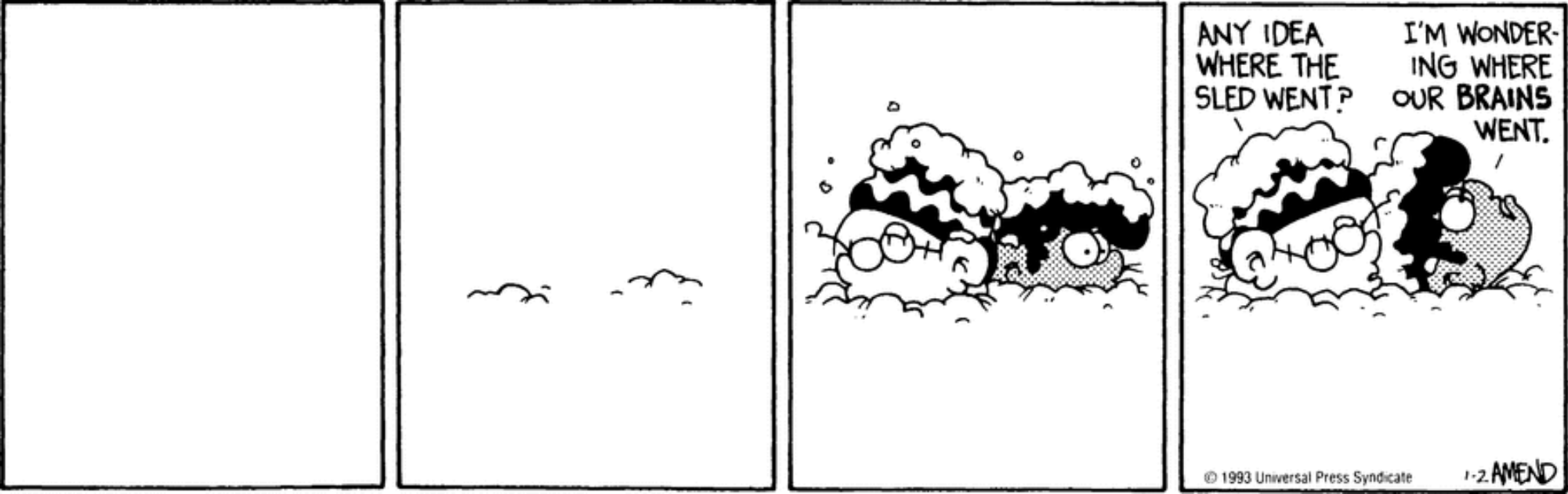
MAY THE FORCE BE WITH US.
...PLEASE?
THE FORCE OF GRAVITY, MAYBE.


ANY IDEA WHERE THE SLED WENT?
I'M WONDERING WHERE OUR BRAINS WENT.
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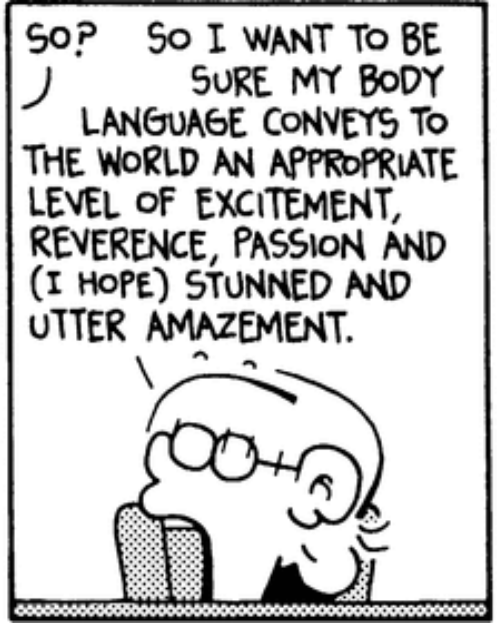

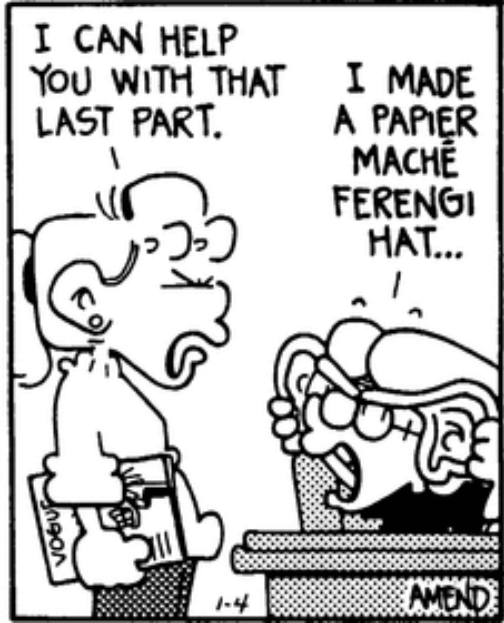

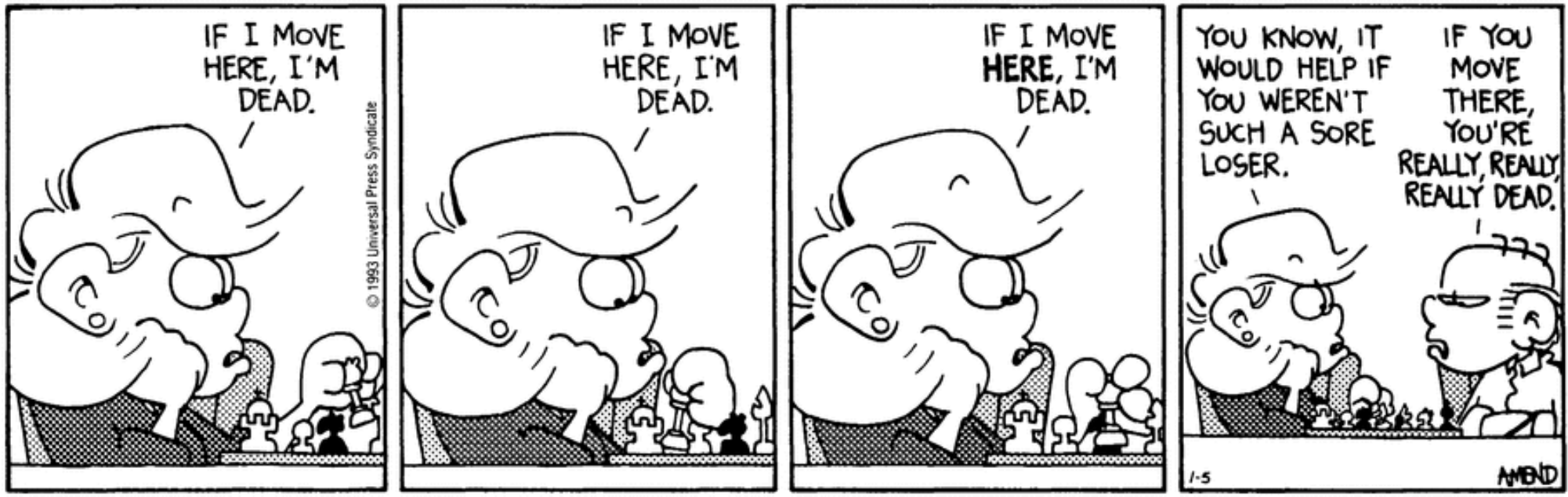
IF I MOVE HERE, I'M DEAD.
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IF I MOVE HERE, I'M DEAD.
IF I MOVE HERE, I'M DEAD.
YOU KNOW, IT WOULD HELP IF YOU WEREN'T SUCH A SORE LOSER.
IF YOU MOVE THERE, YOU'RE REALLY, REALLY, REALLY DEAD.
1-5
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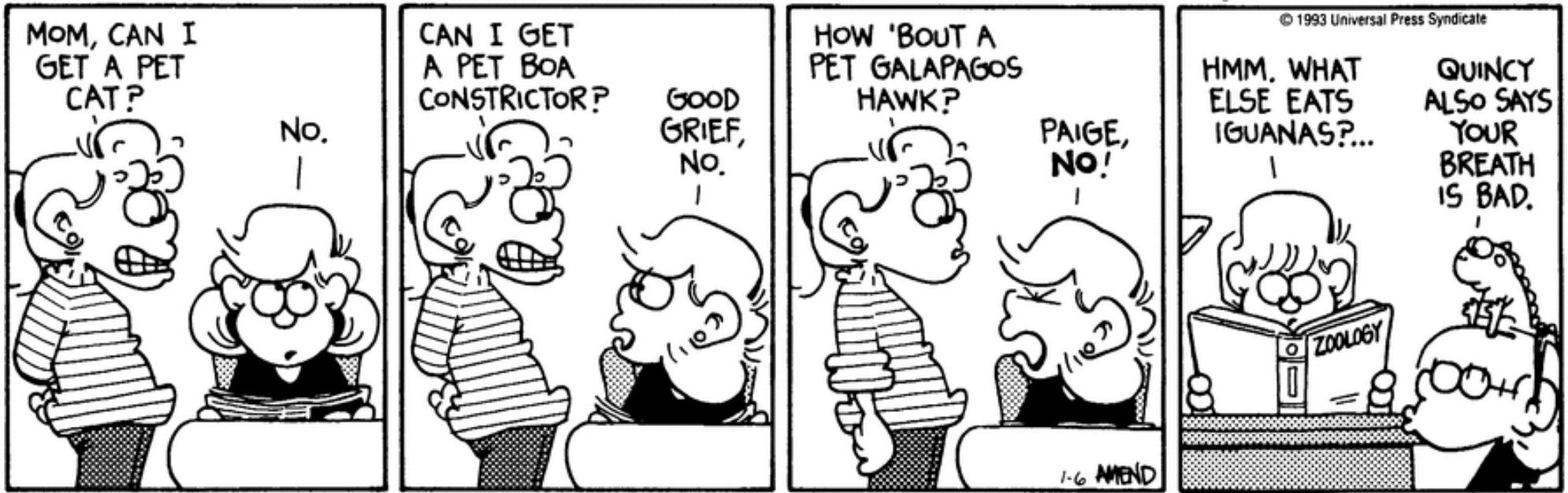
MOM, CAN I GET A PET CAT?
NO.
CAN I GET A PET BOA CONSTRICTOR?
GOOD GRIEF, NO.
HOW 'BOUT A PET GALAPAGOS HAWK?
PAIGE, NO!
1-6 AMEND
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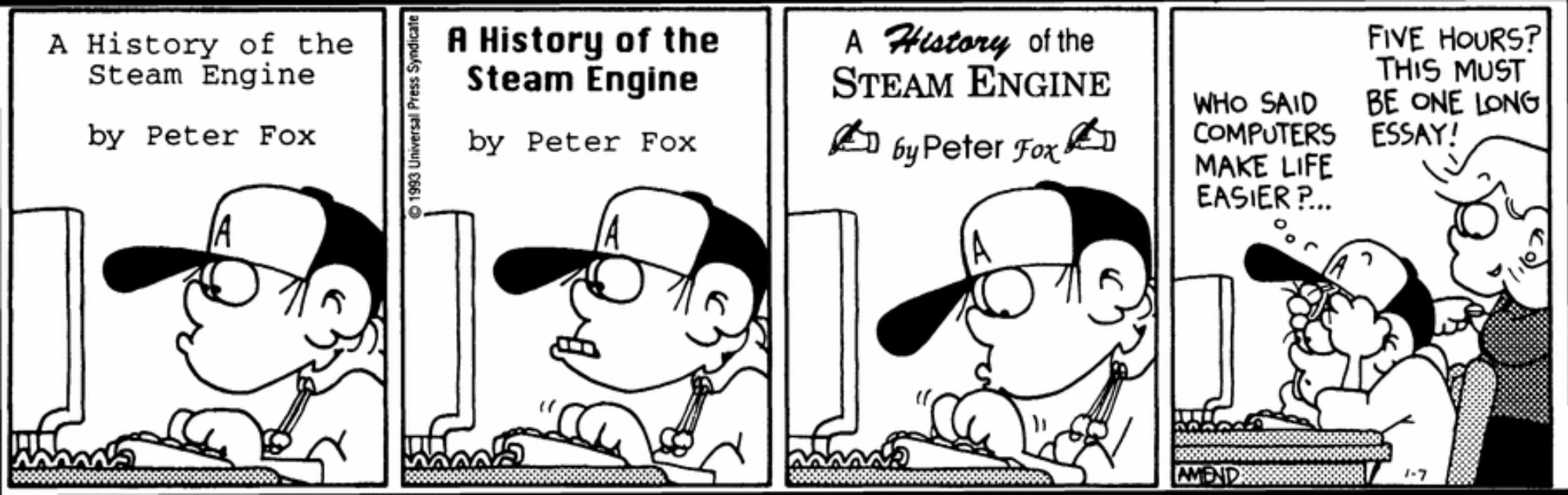
HMM. WHAT ELSE EATS IGUANAS?...
QUINCY ALSO SAYS YOUR BREATH IS BAD.
ZOOLOGY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WHO SAID COMPUTERS MAKE LIFE EASIER?...
FIVE HOURS? THIS MUST BE ONE LONG ESSAY!
AMEND
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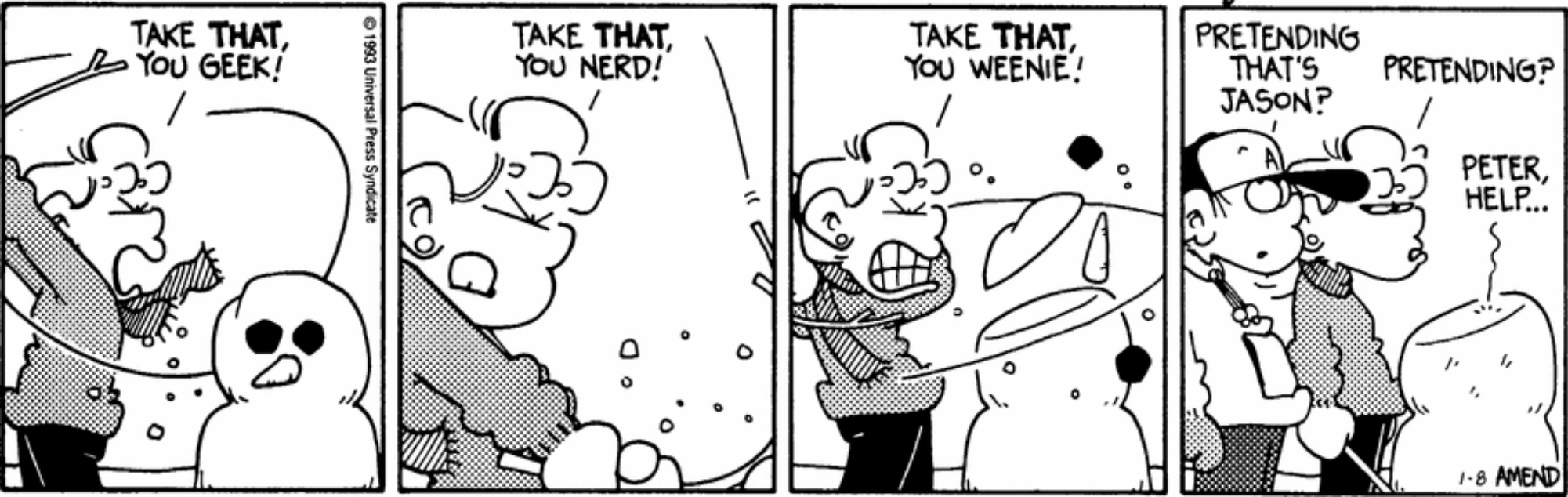
TAKE THAT, YOU GEEK!
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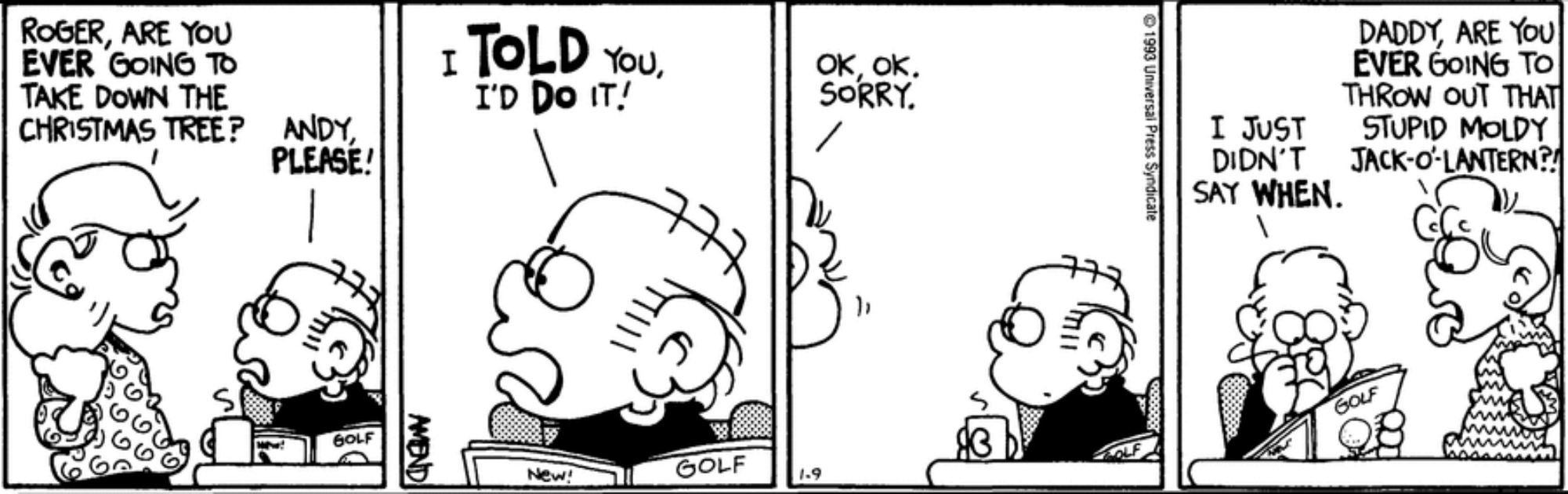
TAKE THAT, YOU NERD!
TAKE THAT, YOU WEENIE!
PRETENDING THAT'S JASON?
PRETENDING?
PETER, HELP...
1-8 AMEND


ROGER, ARE YOU EVER GOING TO TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREE?
ANDY, PLEASE!
I TOLD YOU, I'D DO IT!
New!
GOLF
OK, OK. SORRY.
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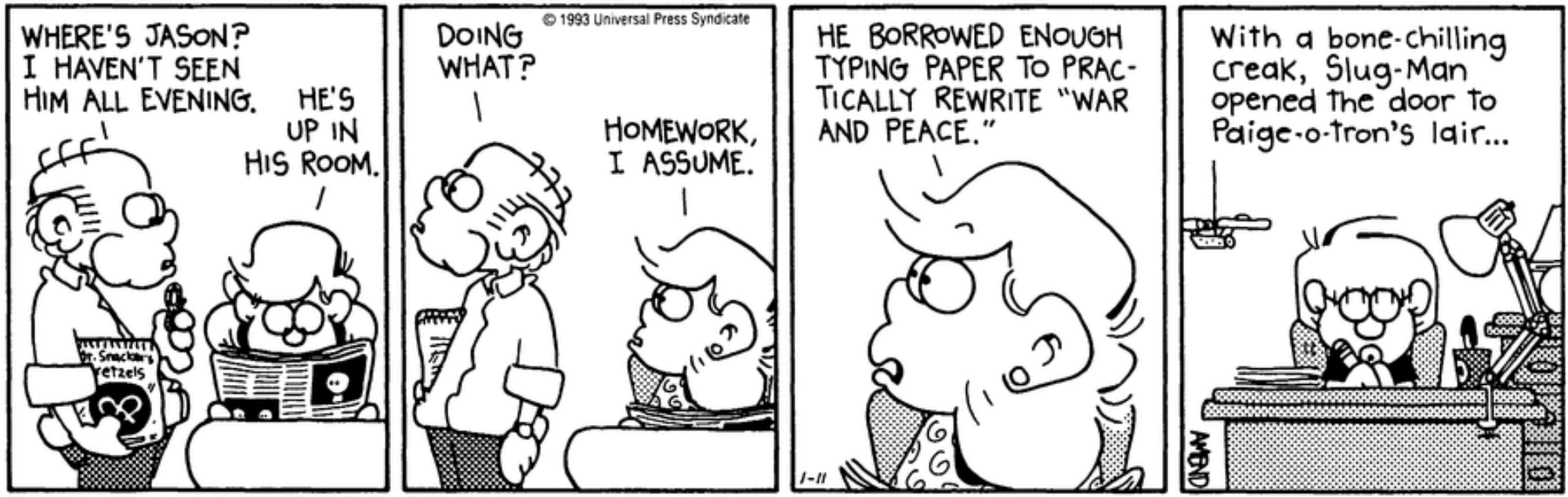
DADDY, ARE YOU EVER GOING TO THROW OUT THAT STUPID MOLDY JACK-O'-LANTERN?!
I JUST DIDN'T SAY WHEN.


WHERE'S JASON? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM ALL EVENING.
HE'S UP IN HIS ROOM.
Dr. Snacker's Pretzels
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DOING WHAT?
HOMEWORK, I ASSUME.
HE BORROWED ENOUGH TYPING PAPER TO PRACTICALLY REWRITE "WAR AND PEACE."
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With a bone-chilling creak, Slug-Man opened the door to Paige-o-tron's lair...
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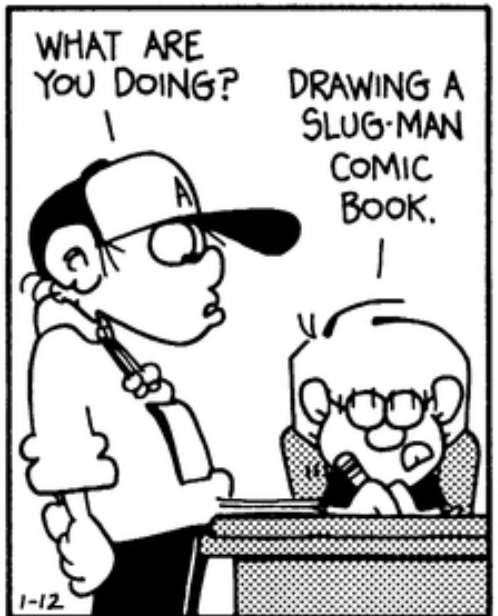
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DRAWING A SLUG-MAN COMIC BOOK.
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ANOTHER ONE?!
YUP. ISSUE № 804: "SLUG-MAN VERSUS PAIGE-O-TRON."

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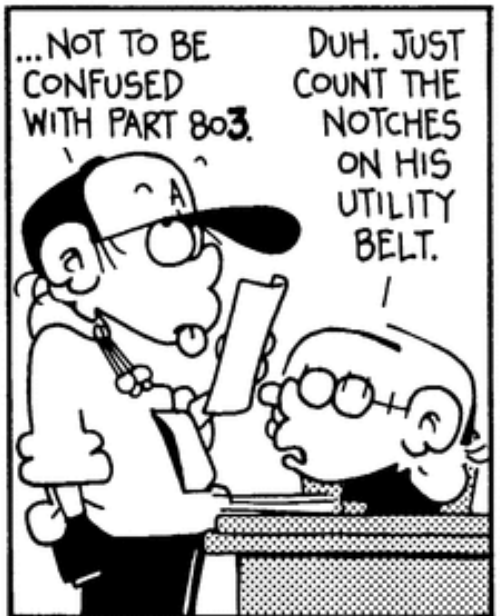
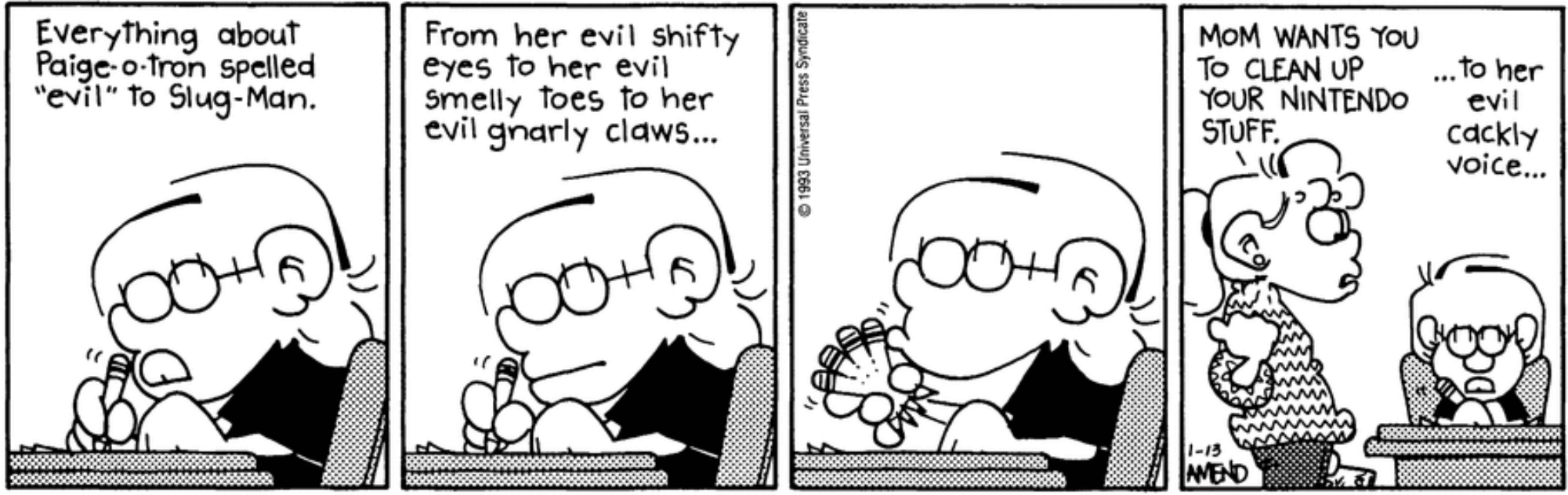

...NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH PART 803.
DUH. JUST COUNT THE NOTCHES ON HIS UTILITY BELT.


Everything about Paige-o-tron spelled "evil" to Slug-Man.
From her evil shifty eyes to her evil smelly toes to her evil gnarly claws...
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MOM WANTS YOU TO CLEAN UP YOUR NINTENDO STUFF.
...to her evil cackly voice...
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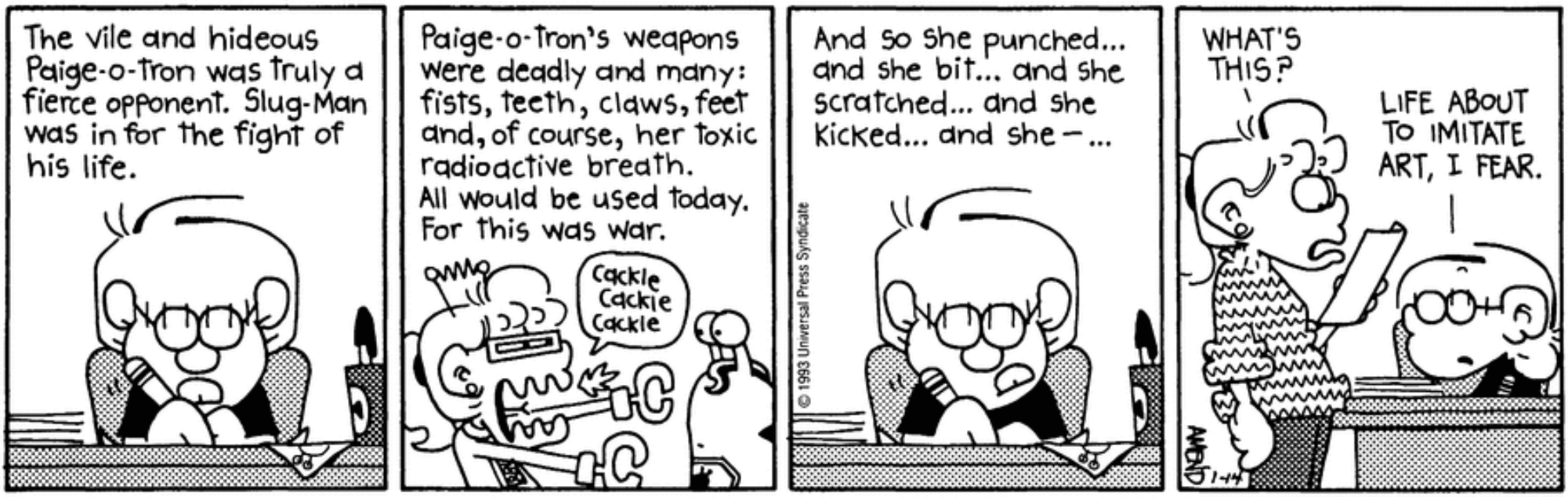
The vile and hideous Paige-o-Tron was truly a fierce opponent. Slug-Man was in for the fight of his life.
Paige-o-Tron's weapons were deadly and many: fists, teeth, claws, feet and, of course, her toxic radioactive breath. All would be used today. For this was war.
Cackle Cackle Cackle
And so she punched... and she bit... and she scratched... and she kicked... and she—...
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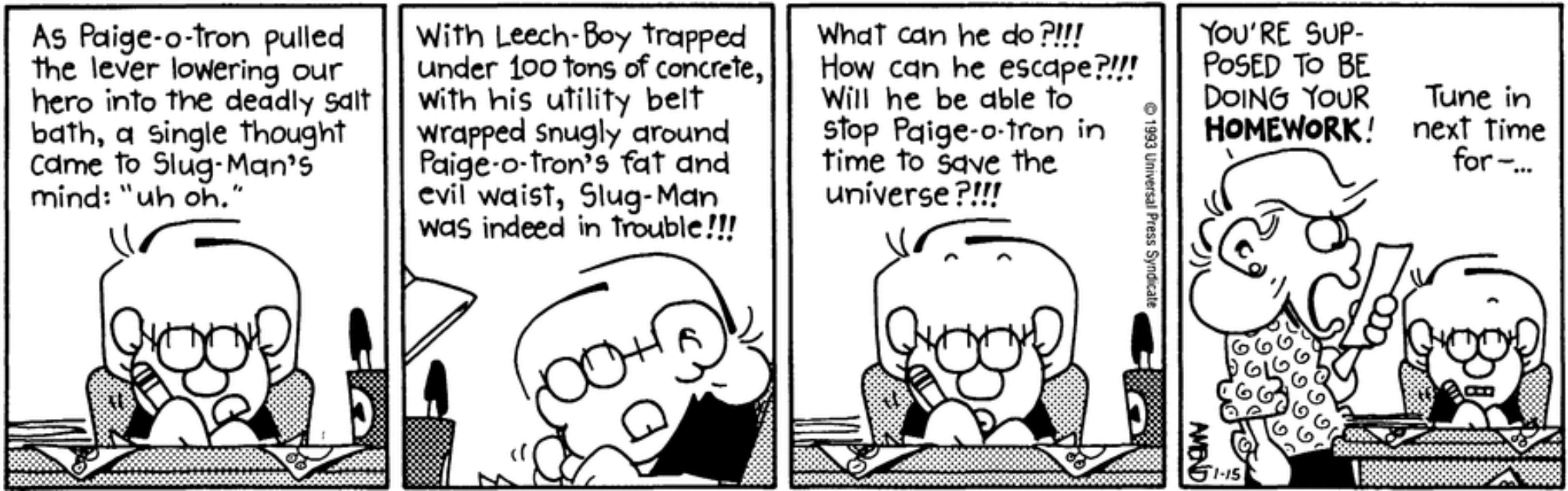
WHAT'S THIS?
LIFE ABOUT TO IMITATE ART, I FEAR.
AMOND 1-44


As Paige-o-tron pulled the lever lowering our hero into the deadly salt bath, a single thought came to Slug-Man's mind: "uh oh."
With Leech-Boy trapped under 100 tons of concrete, with his utility belt wrapped snugly around Paige-o-tron's fat and evil waist, Slug-Man was indeed in trouble!!!
What can he do?!!! How can he escape?!!! Will he be able to stop Paige-o-tron in time to save the universe?!!!
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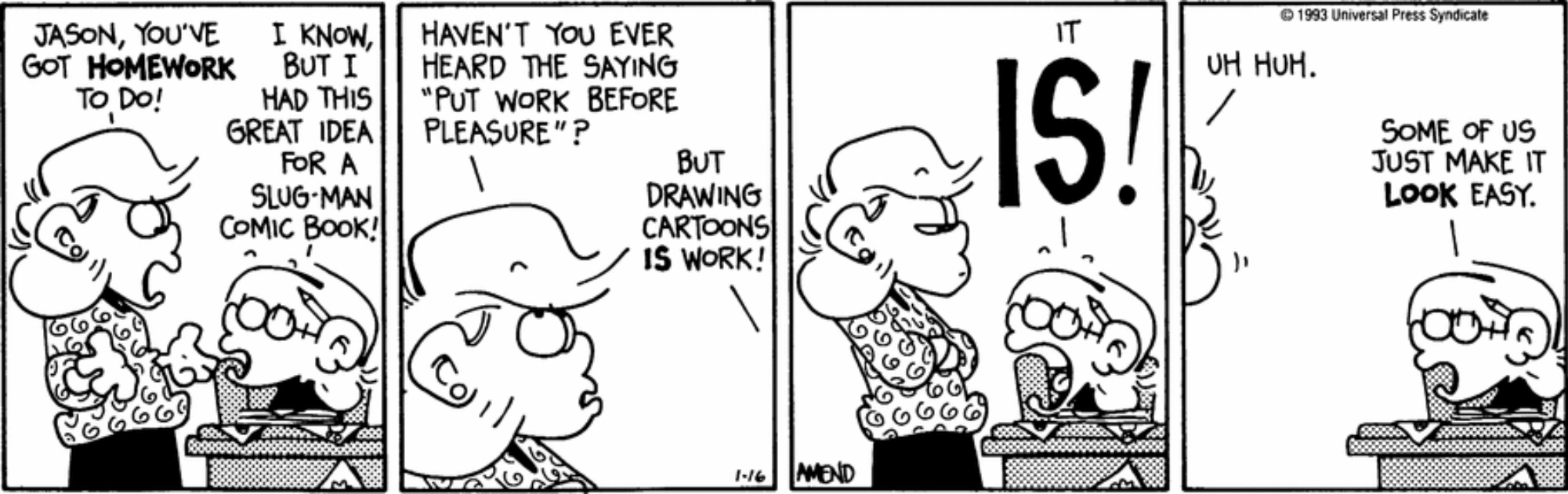
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING YOUR HOMEWORK!
Tune in next time for-...
AMENG 1-15


JASON, YOU'VE GOT HOMEWORK TO DO!
I KNOW, BUT I HAD THIS GREAT IDEA FOR A SLUG-MAN COMIC BOOK!
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD THE SAYING "PUT WORK BEFORE PLEASURE"?
BUT DRAWING CARTOONS IS WORK!
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IT IS!
AMEND
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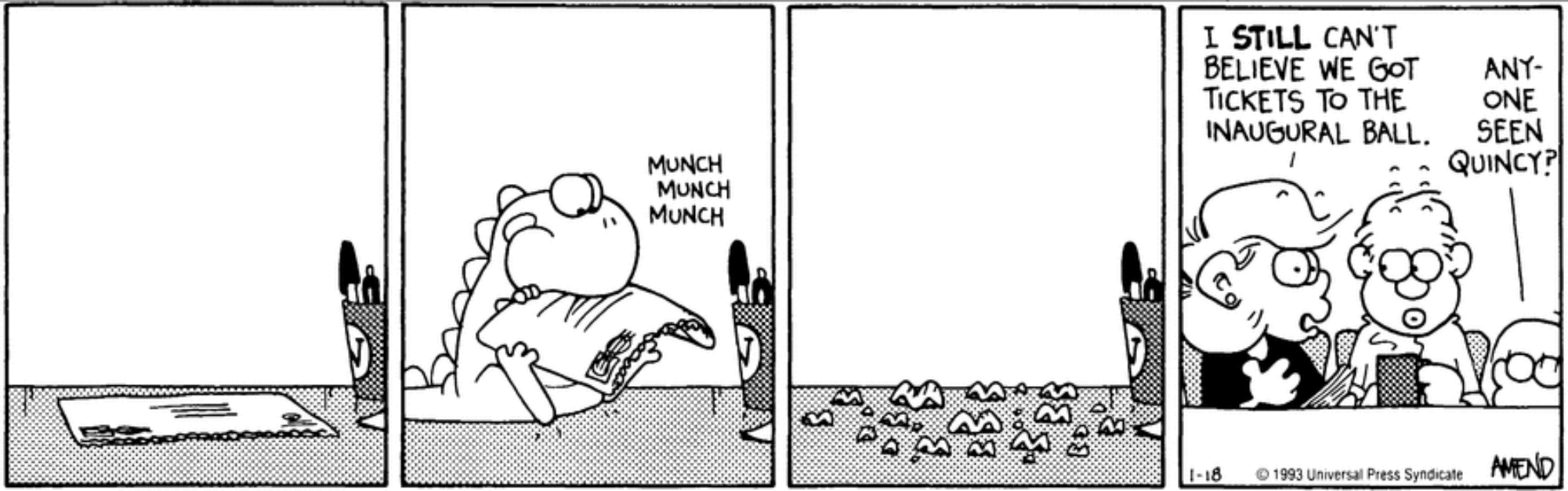
UH HUH.
SOME OF US JUST MAKE IT LOOK EASY.


MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WE GOT TICKETS TO THE INAUGURAL BALL.
ANYONE SEEN QUINCY?
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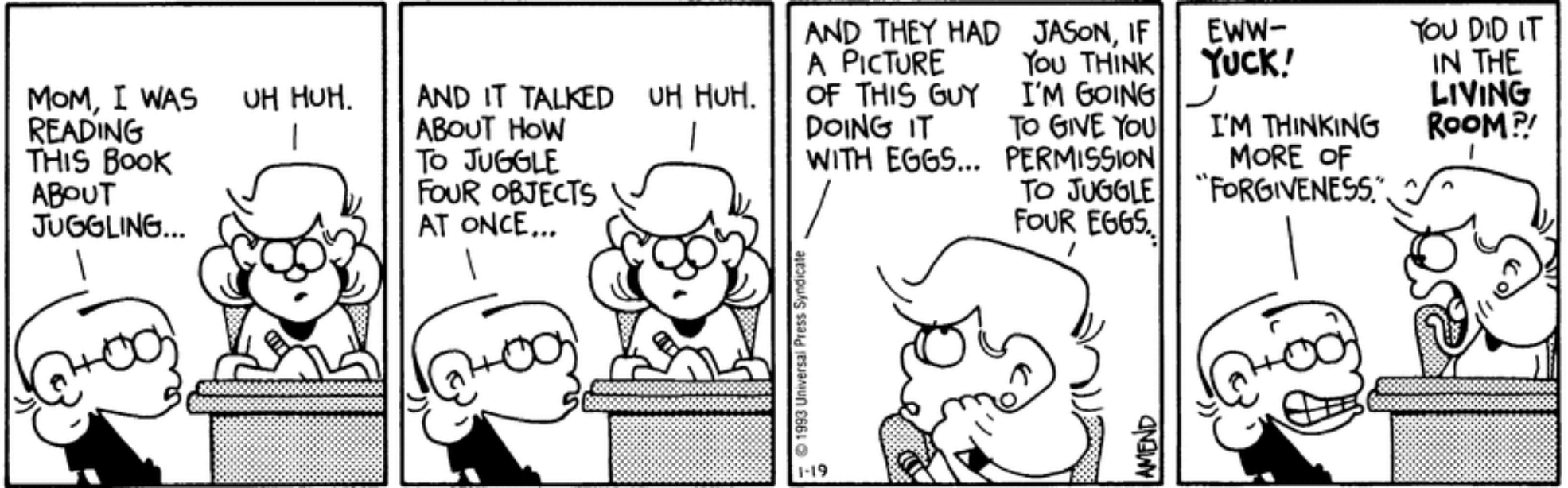
MOM, I WAS READING THIS BOOK ABOUT JUGGLING...
UH HUH.
AND IT TALKED ABOUT HOW TO JUGGLE FOUR OBJECTS AT ONCE...
UH HUH.
AND THEY HAD A PICTURE OF THIS GUY DOING IT WITH EGGS...
JASON, IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO JUGGLE FOUR EGGS...
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EWW- YUCK!
I'M THINKING MORE OF "FORGIVENESS."
YOU DID IT IN THE LIVING ROOM?!

RIDE 'IM, COWBOY.
I BELIEVE YOU MEAN "DRAGON BOY."
HOW 'BOUT JUST NERD BOY?
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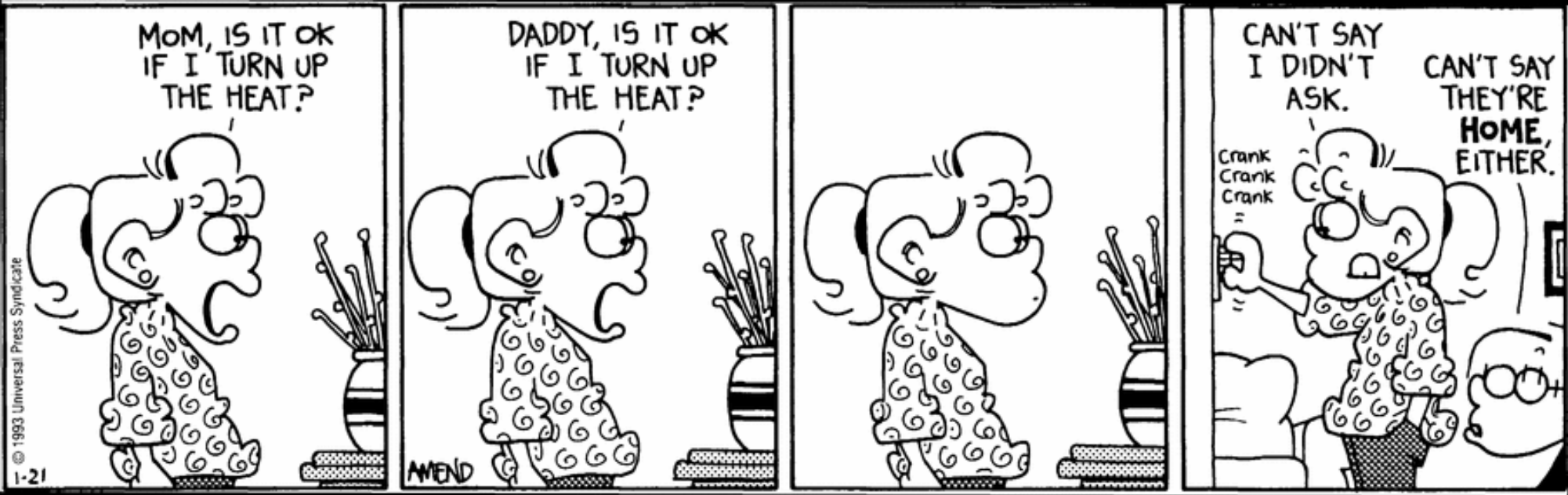
MOM, IS IT OK IF I TURN UP THE HEAT?
DADDY, IS IT OK IF I TURN UP THE HEAT?
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CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T ASK.
Crank Crank Crank
CAN'T SAY THEY'RE HOME, EITHER.
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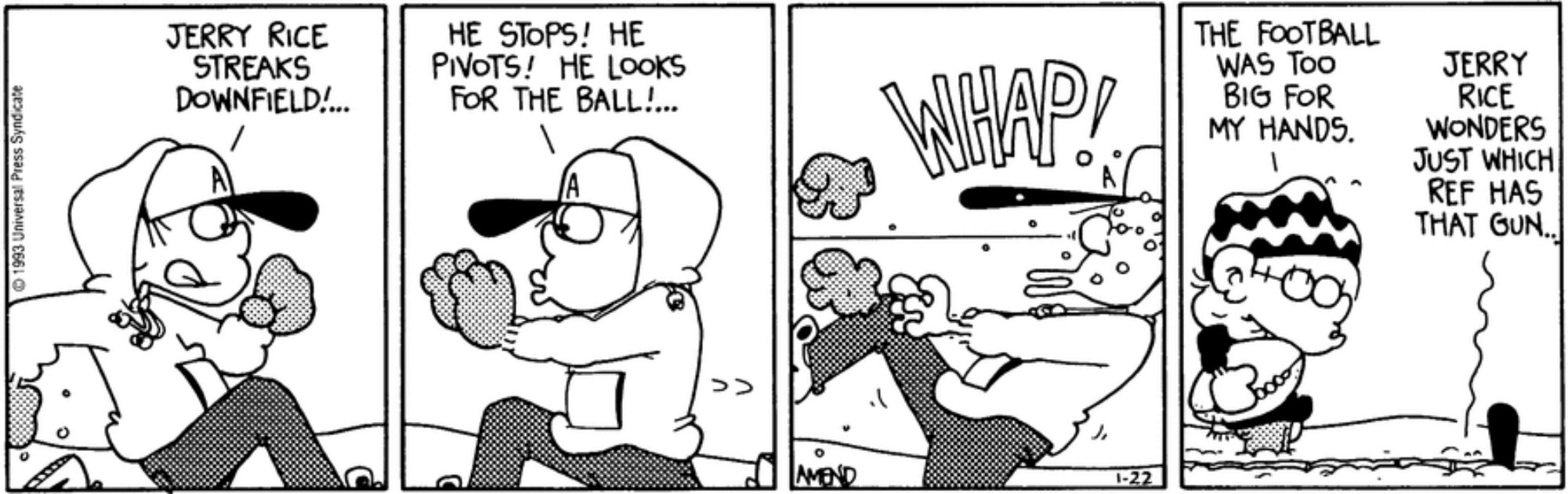
JERRY RICE STREAKS DOWNFIELD!...
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HE STOPS! HE PIVOTS! HE LOOKS FOR THE BALL!...
WHAP!
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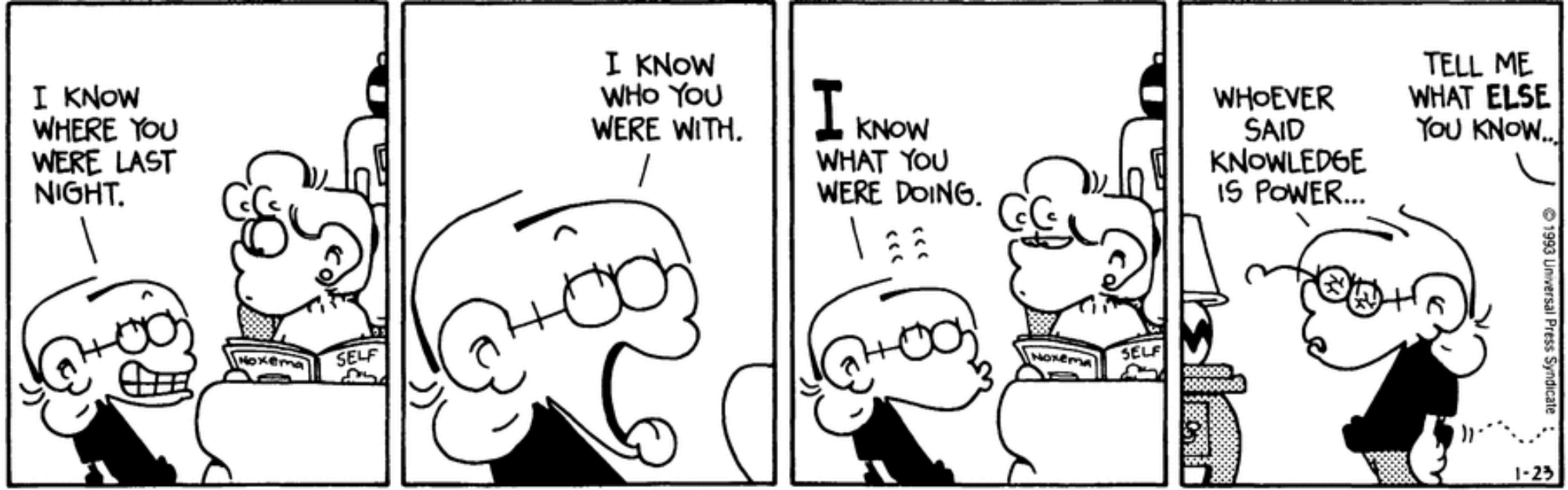
THE FOOTBALL WAS TOO BIG FOR MY HANDS.
JERRY RICE WONDERS JUST WHICH REF HAS THAT GUN...


I KNOW WHERE YOU WERE LAST NIGHT.
Noxema
SELF
I KNOW WHO YOU WERE WITH.
I KNOW WHAT YOU WERE DOING.
Noxema
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WHOEVER SAID KNOWLEDGE IS POWER...
TELL ME WHAT ELSE YOU KNOW...
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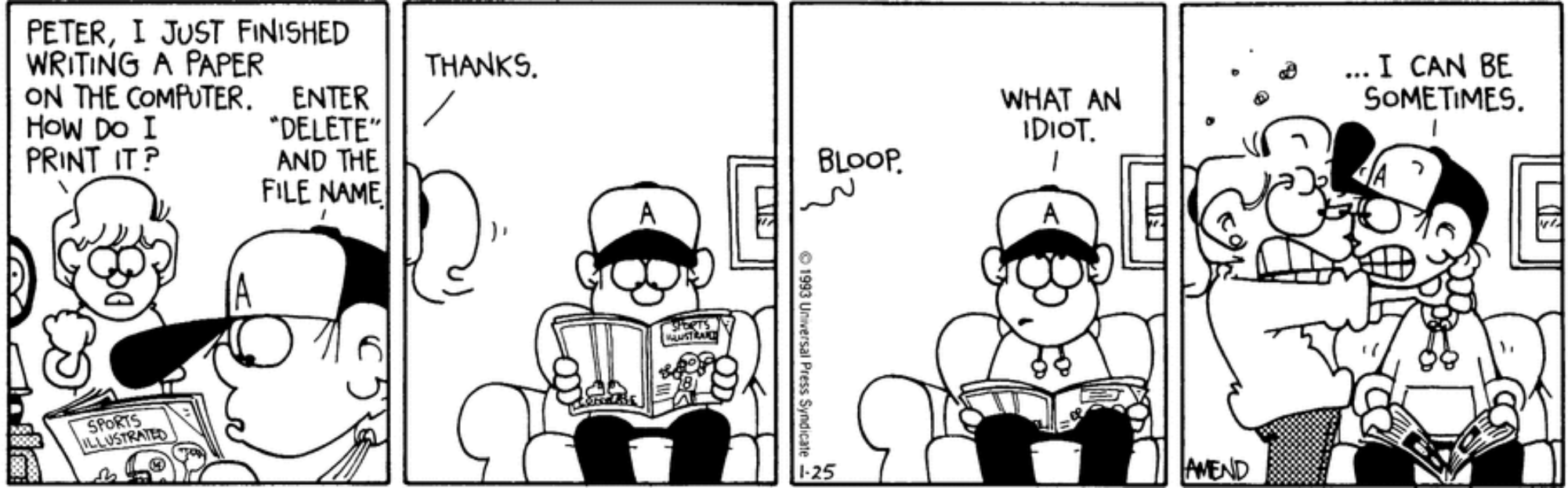
PETER, I JUST FINISHED WRITING A PAPER ON THE COMPUTER. HOW DO I PRINT IT?
ENTER "DELETE" AND THE FILE NAME.
SPORTS ILLUSTRATED
THANKS.
BLOOP.
WHAT AN IDIOT.
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... I CAN BE SOMETIMES.
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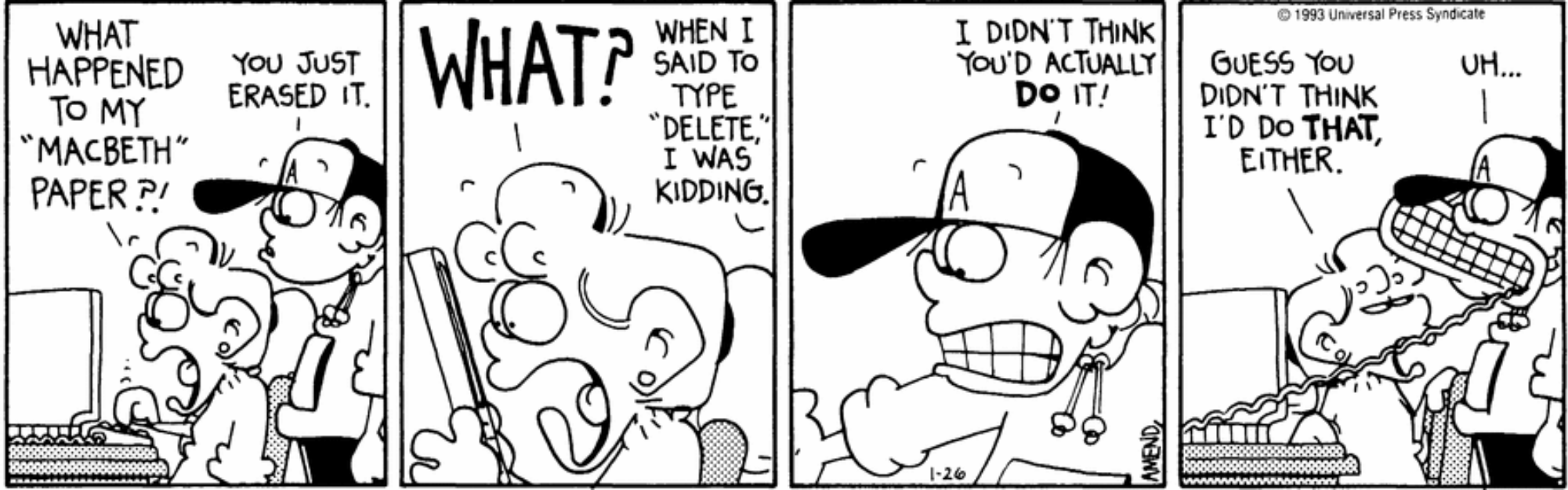
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY "MACBETH" PAPER?!
YOU JUST ERASED IT.
WHAT?
WHEN I SAID TO TYPE "DELETE," I WAS KIDDING.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D ACTUALLY DO IT!
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AMEND.
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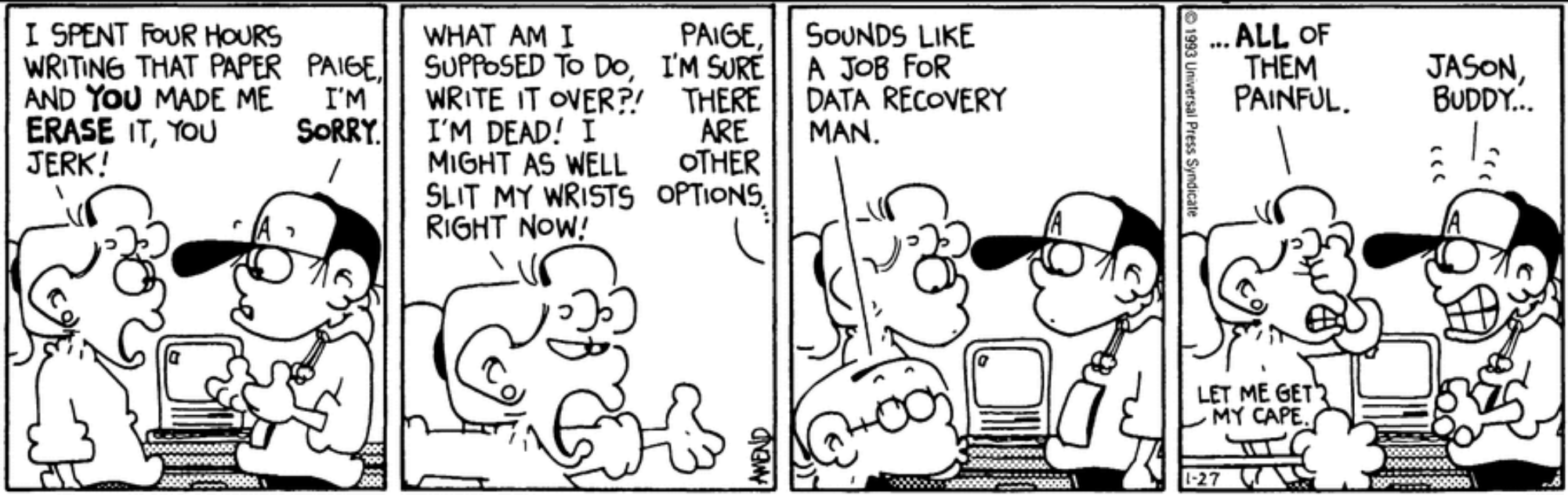
GUESS YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D DO THAT, EITHER.
UH...


I SPENT FOUR HOURS WRITING THAT PAPER AND YOU MADE ME ERASE IT, YOU JERK!
PAIGE, I'M SORRY.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO, WRITE IT OVER?! I'M DEAD! I MIGHT AS WELL SLIT MY WRISTS RIGHT NOW!
PAIGE, I'M SURE THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS...
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SOUNDS LIKE A JOB FOR DATA RECOVERY MAN.
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...ALL OF THEM PAINFUL.
JASON, BUDDY...
LET ME GET MY CAPE.
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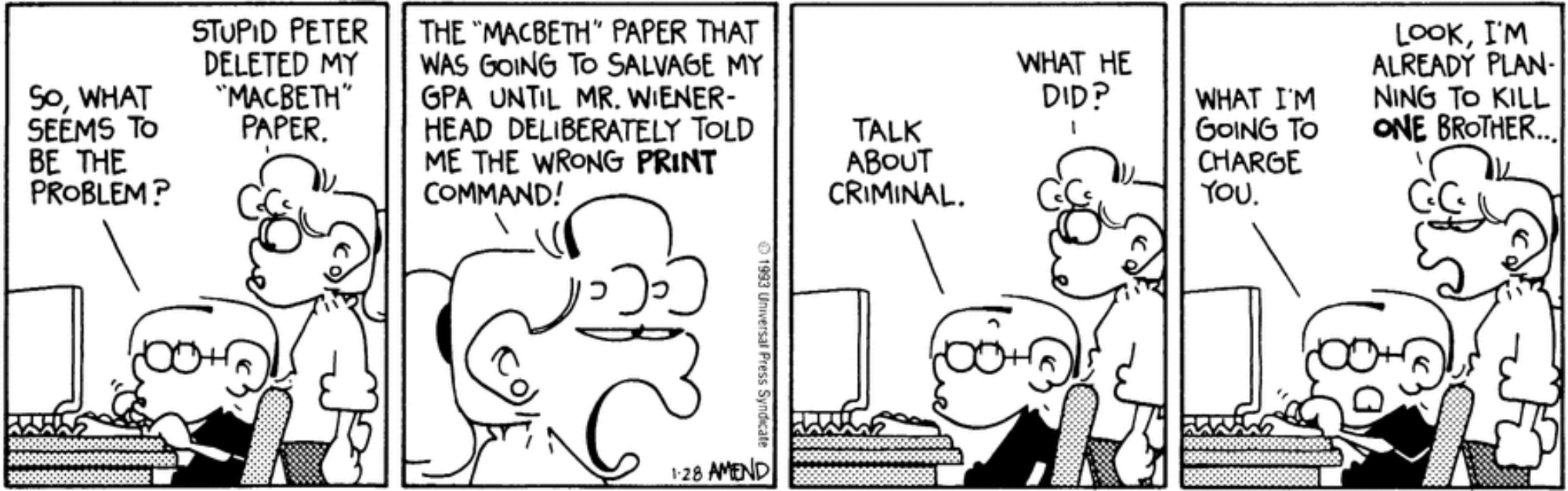
SO, WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?
STUPID PETER DELETED MY "MACBETH" PAPER.
THE "MACBETH" PAPER THAT WAS GOING TO SALVAGE MY GPA UNTIL MR. WIENER-HEAD DELIBERATELY TOLD ME THE WRONG PRINT COMMAND!
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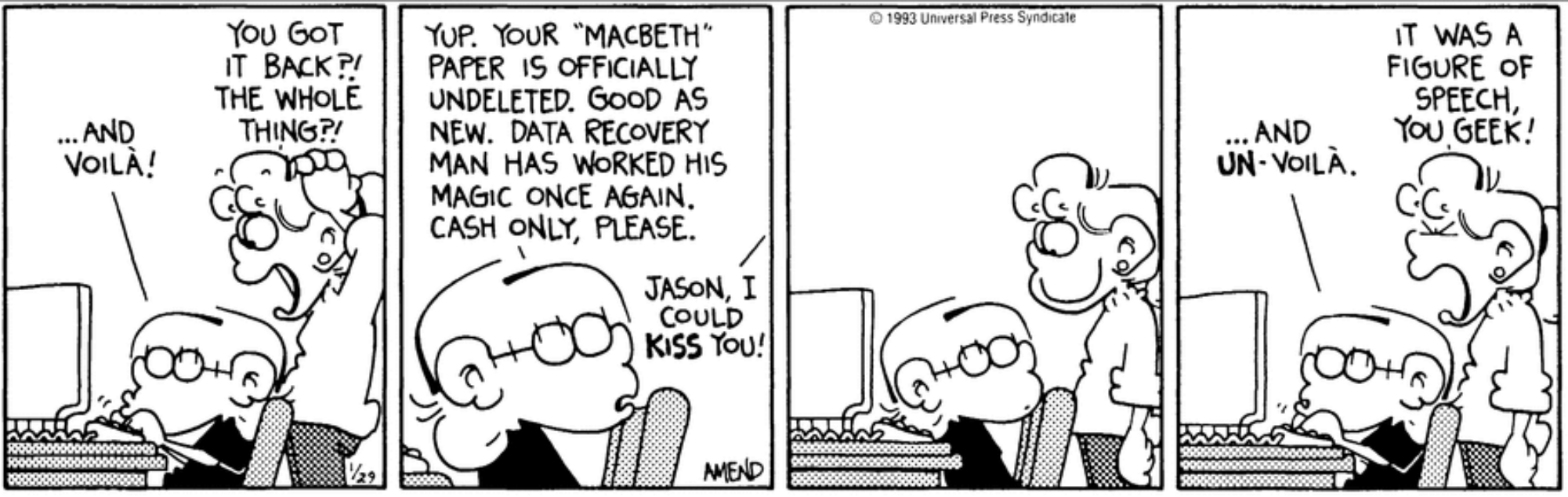
TALK ABOUT CRIMINAL.
WHAT HE DID?
WHAT I'M GOING TO CHARGE YOU.
LOOK, I'M ALREADY PLANNING TO KILL ONE BROTHER...


...AND VOILÀ!
YOU GOT IT BACK?! THE WHOLE THING?!
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YUP. YOUR "MACBETH" PAPER IS OFFICIALLY UNDELETED. GOOD AS NEW. DATA RECOVERY MAN HAS WORKED HIS MAGIC ONCE AGAIN. CASH ONLY, PLEASE.
JASON, I COULD KISS YOU!
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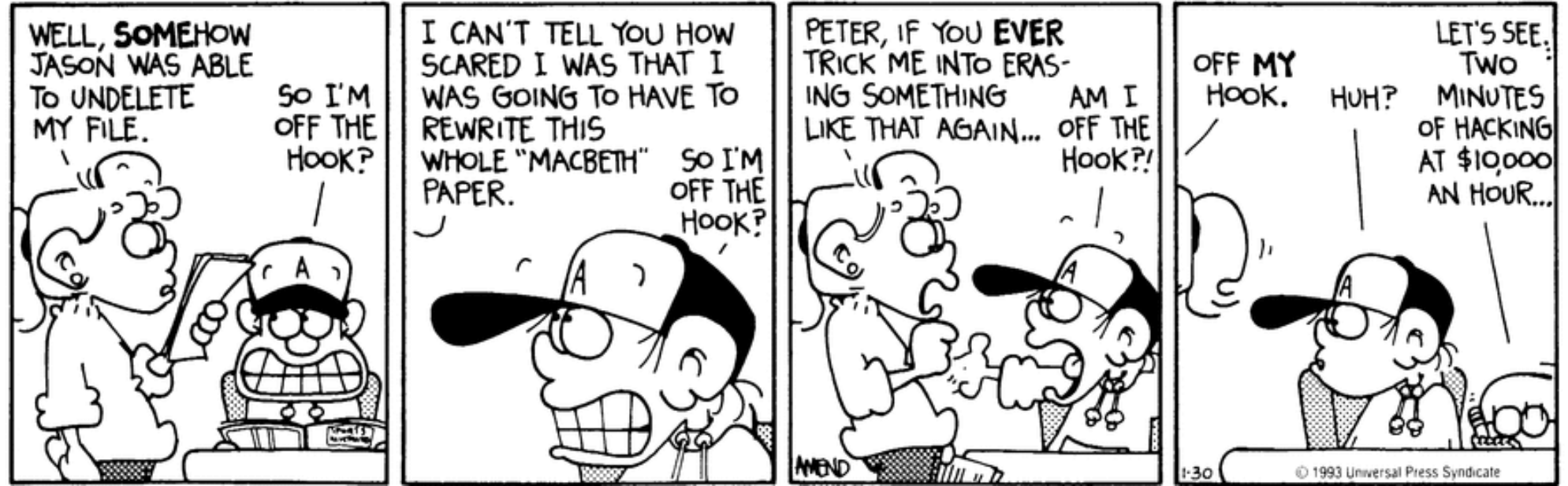
...AND UN-VOILÀ.
IT WAS A FIGURE OF SPEECH, YOU GEEK!


WELL, SOMEHOW JASON WAS ABLE TO UNDELETE MY FILE.
SO I'M OFF THE HOOK?
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW SCARED I WAS THAT I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO REWRITE THIS WHOLE "MACBETH" PAPER.
SO I'M OFF THE HOOK?
PETER, IF YOU EVER TRICK ME INTO ERASING SOMETHING LIKE THAT AGAIN...
AM I OFF THE HOOK?!
AMEND
OFF MY HOOK.
HUH?
LET'S SEE. TWO MINUTES OF HACKING AT $10,000 AN HOUR...
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I CAN'T BELIEVE FOOTBALL'S OVER.
I REALLY CAN'T BELIEVE FOOTBALL'S OVER.
I REALLY, REALLY, **REALLY** CAN'T BELIEVE FOOTBALL'S OVER.
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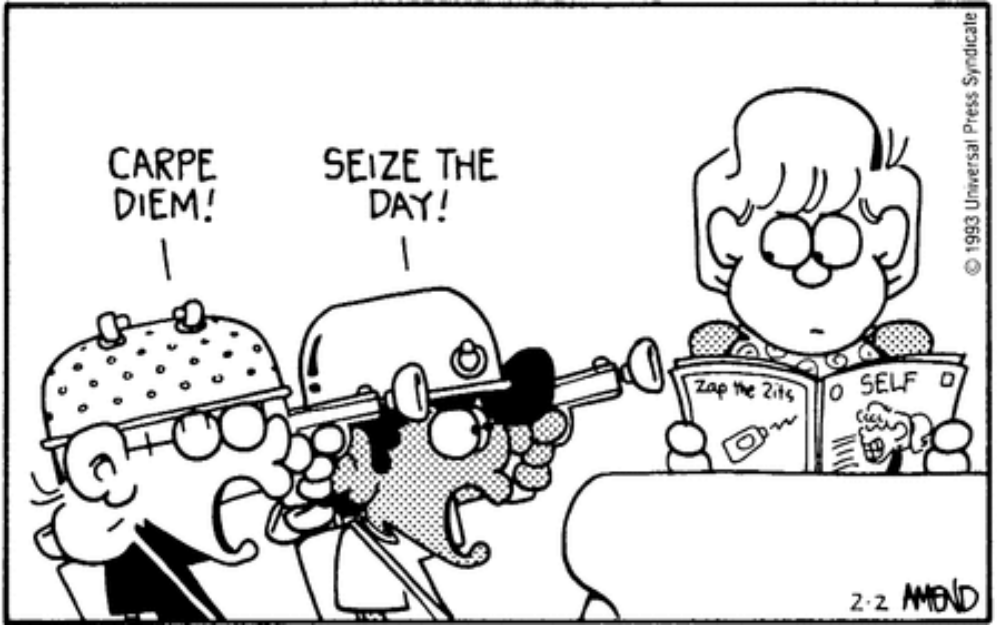
GOOD THING WE TAPED THE WHOLE SEASON.
CAN WE SKIP WEEK ONE? I'VE SEEN IT SIX TIMES.


CARPE DIEM!
SEIZE THE DAY!
Zap the Zits
SELF
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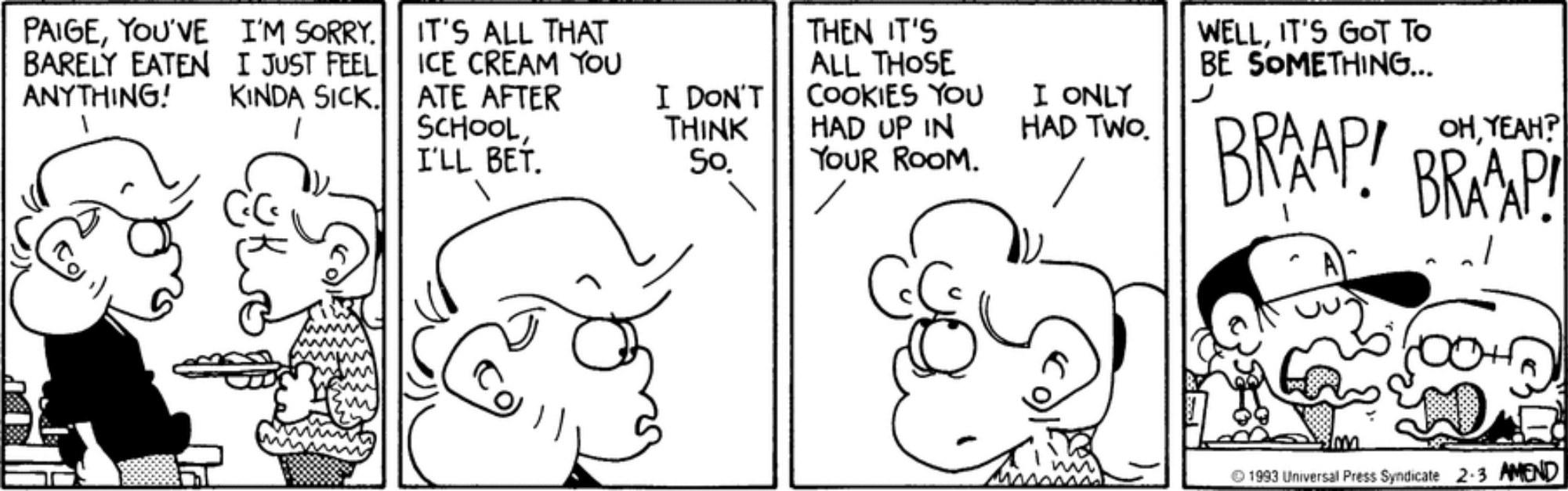
CARPE DEAD MEN!
RUN AWAY!


PAIGE, YOU'VE BARELY EATEN ANYTHING!
I'M SORRY. I JUST FEEL KINDA SICK.
IT'S ALL THAT ICE CREAM YOU ATE AFTER SCHOOL, I'LL BET.
I DON'T THINK SO.
THEN IT'S ALL THOSE COOKIES YOU HAD UP IN YOUR ROOM.
I ONLY HAD TWO.
WELL, IT'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING...
BRAAAP!
OH, YEAH? BRAAAP!
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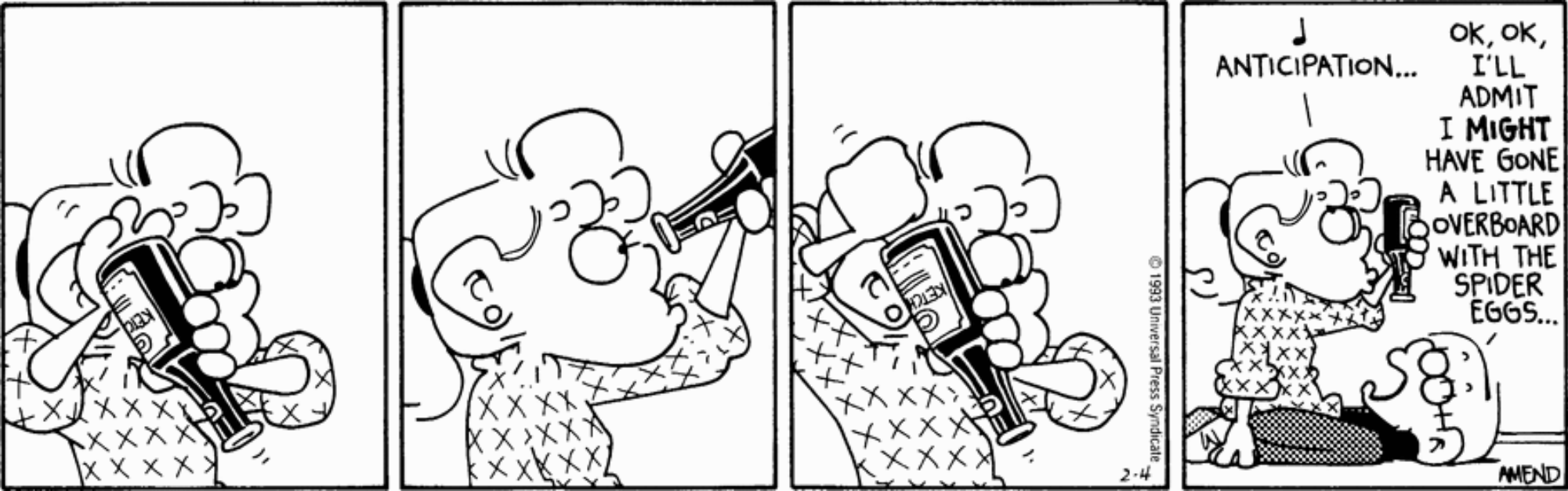
KETCHUP
KETCHUP
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ANTICIPATION...
OK, OK, I'LL ADMIT I MIGHT HAVE GONE A LITTLE OVERBOARD WITH THE SPIDER EGGS...
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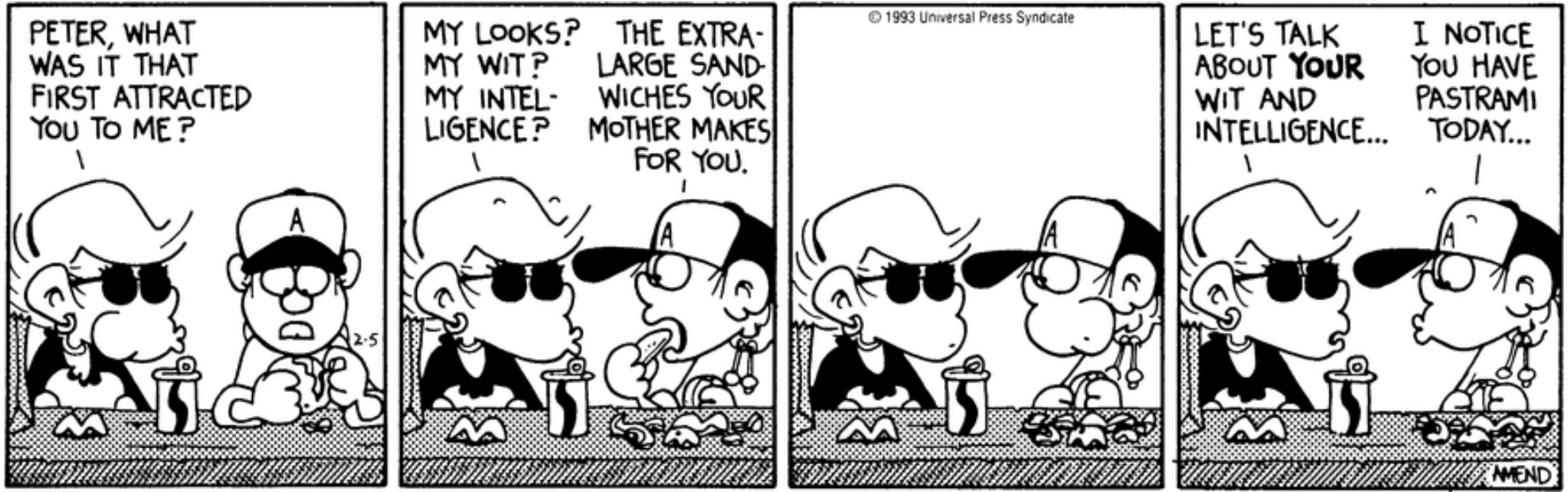
PETER, WHAT WAS IT THAT FIRST ATTRACTED YOU TO ME?
MY LOOKS? MY WIT? MY INTELLIGENCE?
THE EXTRA-LARGE SANDWICHES YOUR MOTHER MAKES FOR YOU.
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LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR WIT AND INTELLIGENCE...
I NOTICE YOU HAVE PASTRAMI TODAY...
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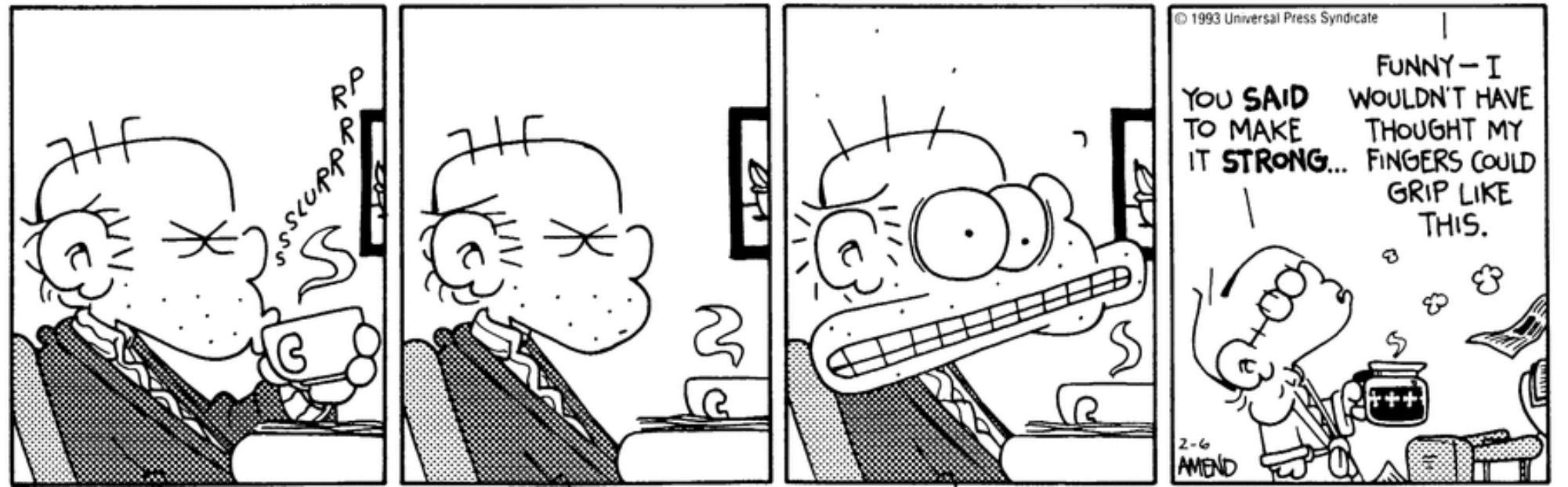
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YOU SAID TO MAKE IT STRONG...
FUNNY — I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT MY FINGERS COULD GRIP LIKE THIS.
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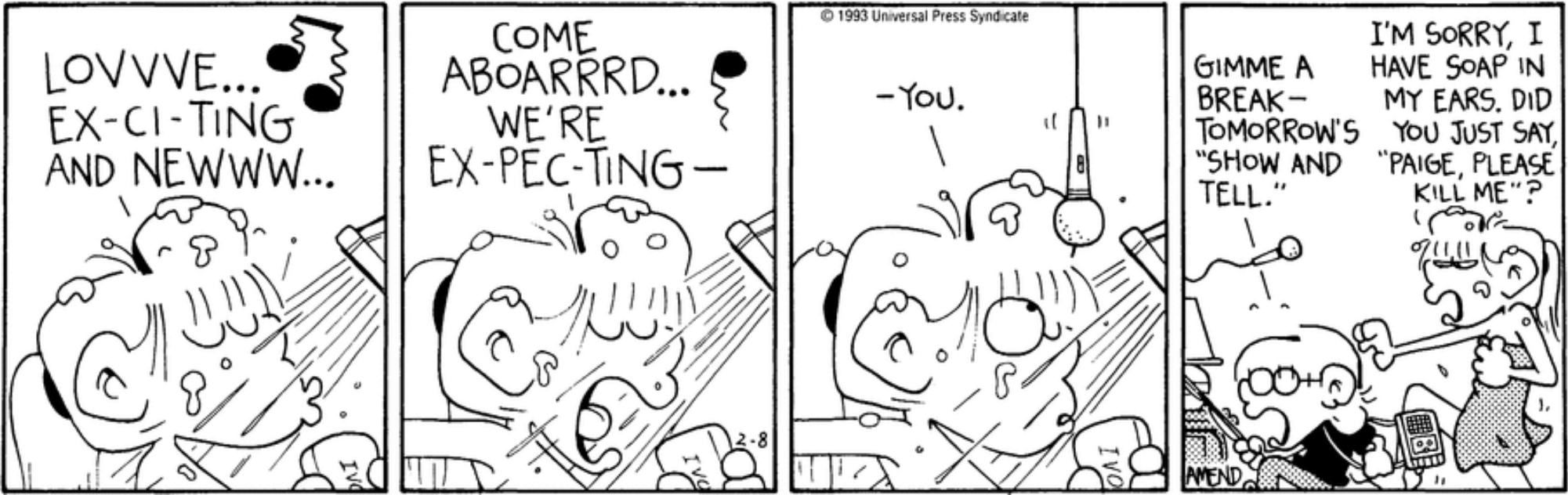
LOVVVE... EX-CI-TING AND NEWWW...
COME ABOARRRD... WE'RE EX-PEC-TING—
2-8
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—YOU.
GIMME A BREAK— TOMORROW'S "SHOW AND TELL."
I'M SORRY, I HAVE SOAP IN MY EARS. DID YOU JUST SAY, "PAIGE, PLEASE KILL ME"?
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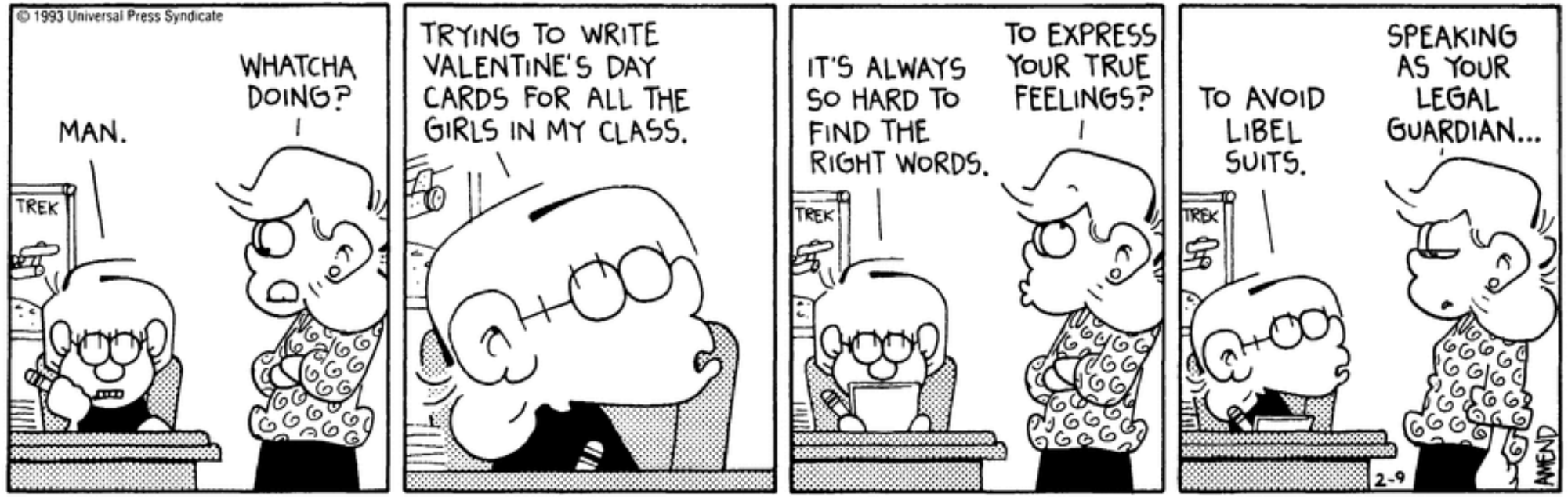
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MAN.
WHATCHA DOING?
TREK
TRYING TO WRITE VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS FOR ALL THE GIRLS IN MY CLASS.
IT'S ALWAYS SO HARD TO FIND THE RIGHT WORDS.
TO EXPRESS YOUR TRUE FEELINGS?
TREK
TO AVOID LIBEL SUITS.
SPEAKING AS YOUR LEGAL GUARDIAN...
TREK
2-9
AMEND

I THINK YOU'RE VERRRY GOOD-LOOKING.
Max Factor
Cosmopolitan
VERY, VERY, VERY, VERRRY GOOD-LOOKING.
WHAT?!
2-10
I'M SORRY. I WAS TALKING TO QUINCY THROUGH MY NEW "STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION" LAPEL PIN INSIGNIA/COMMUNICATOR. YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS TALKING TO YOU, DID YOU?!
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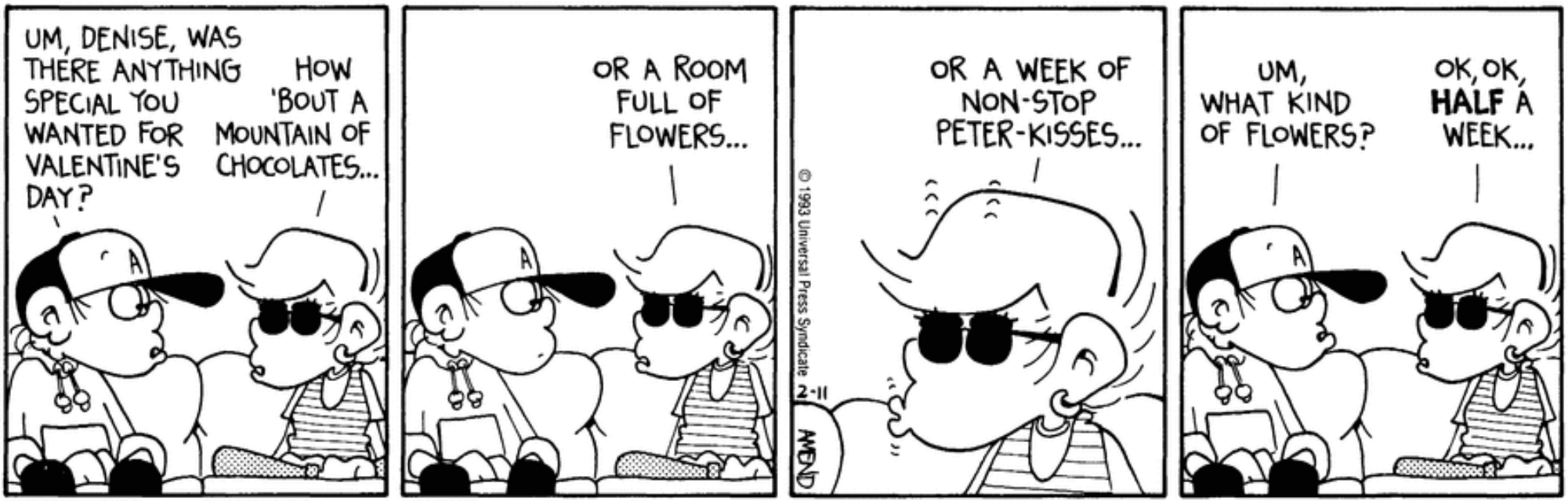
MR. QUINCY, PLEASE READY THE TRANSPORTER ROOM...
BETTER READY SICK BAY.


UM, DENISE, WAS THERE ANYTHING SPECIAL YOU WANTED FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?
HOW 'BOUT A MOUNTAIN OF CHOCOLATES...
OR A ROOM FULL OF FLOWERS...
OR A WEEK OF NON-STOP PETER-KISSES...
UM, WHAT KIND OF FLOWERS?
OK, OK, HALF A WEEK...
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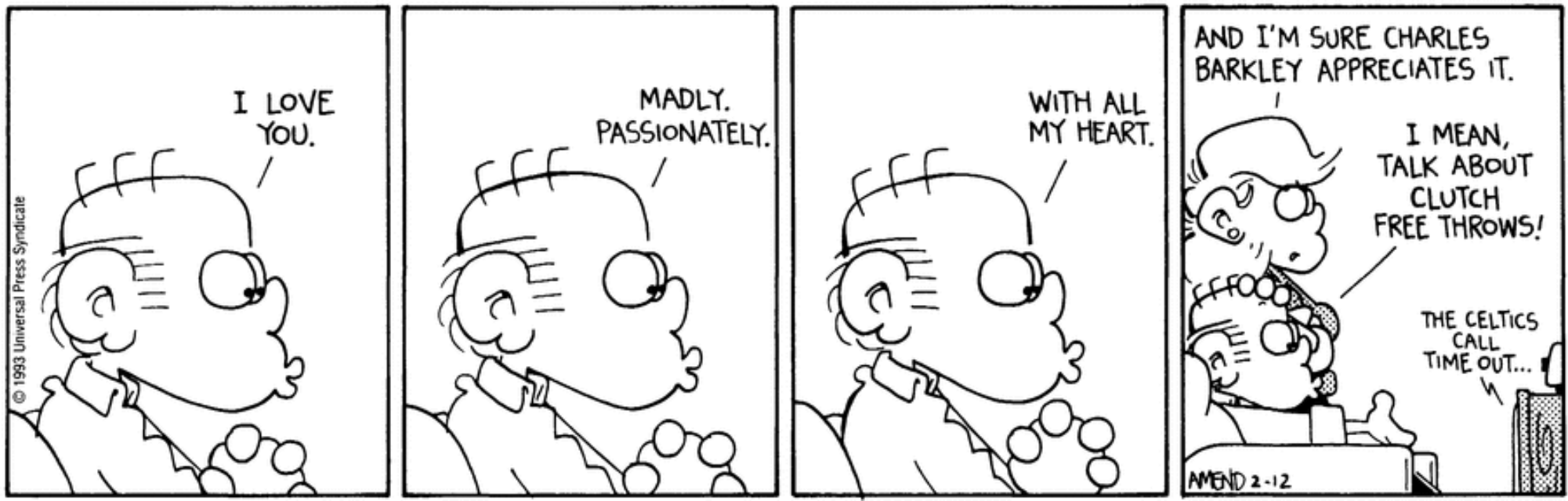
I LOVE YOU.
MADLY. PASSIONATELY.
WITH ALL MY HEART.
AND I'M SURE CHARLES BARKLEY APPRECIATES IT.
I MEAN, TALK ABOUT CLUTCH FREE THROWS!
THE CELTICS CALL TIME OUT...
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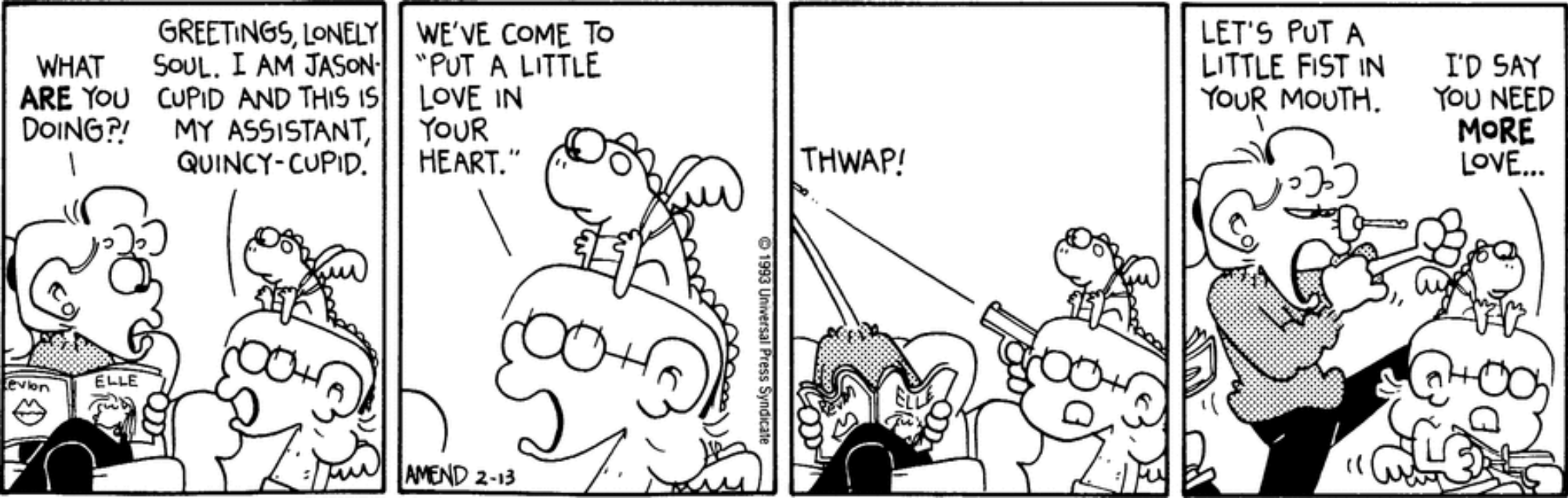
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GREETINGS, LONELY SOUL. I AM JASON-CUPID AND THIS IS MY ASSISTANT, QUINCY-CUPID.
ELLE
WE'VE COME TO "PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART."
AMEND 2-13
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THWAP!
LET'S PUT A LITTLE FIST IN YOUR MOUTH.
I'D SAY YOU NEED MORE LOVE...

Kids!
STARFISH MAN
SLug-Man Cartoons $5.00
SLug-Man Cartoons $5.00
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THE BEST THING ABOUT ART IS HOW QUICKLY IT APPRECIATES.
WEREN'T THESE A QUARTER YESTERDAY?
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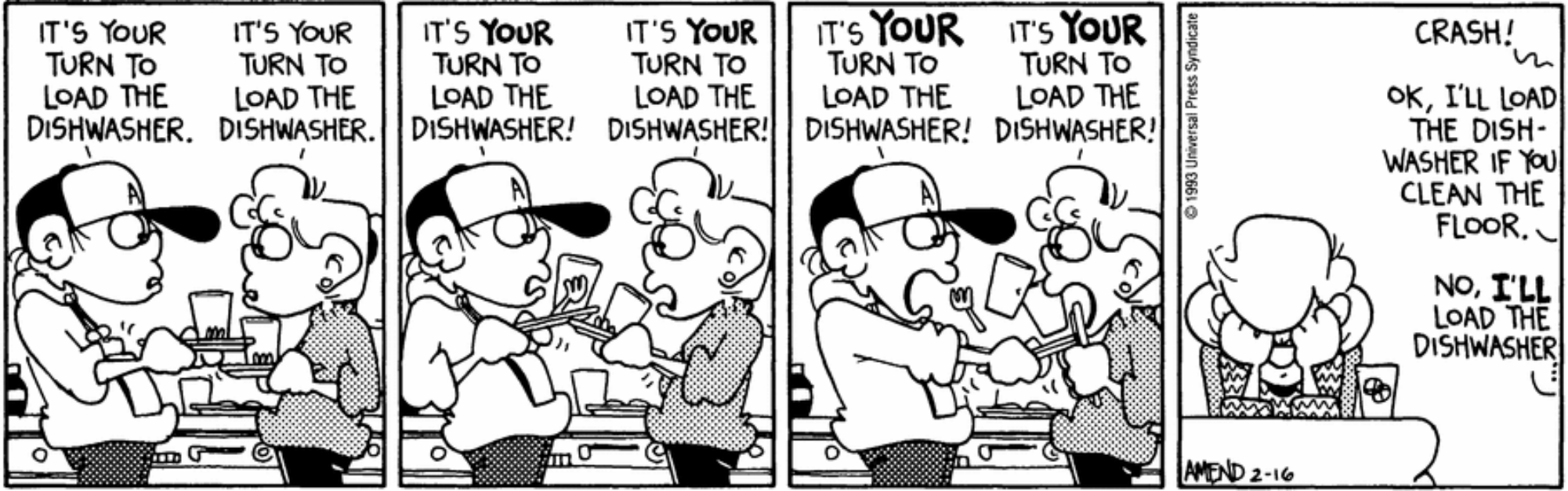
IT'S YOUR TURN TO LOAD THE DISHWASHER.
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IT'S YOUR TURN TO LOAD THE DISHWASHER!
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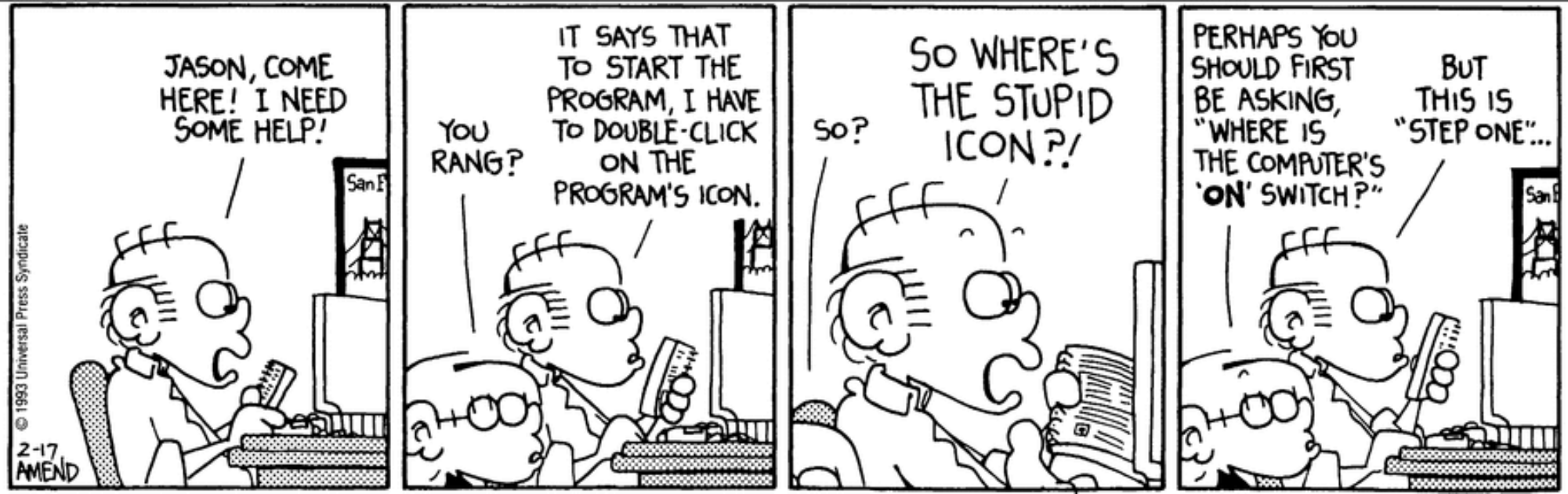
CRASH!
OK, I'LL LOAD THE DISH-WASHER IF YOU CLEAN THE FLOOR.
NO, I'LL LOAD THE DISHWASHER
AMEND 2-16


JASON, COME HERE! I NEED SOME HELP!
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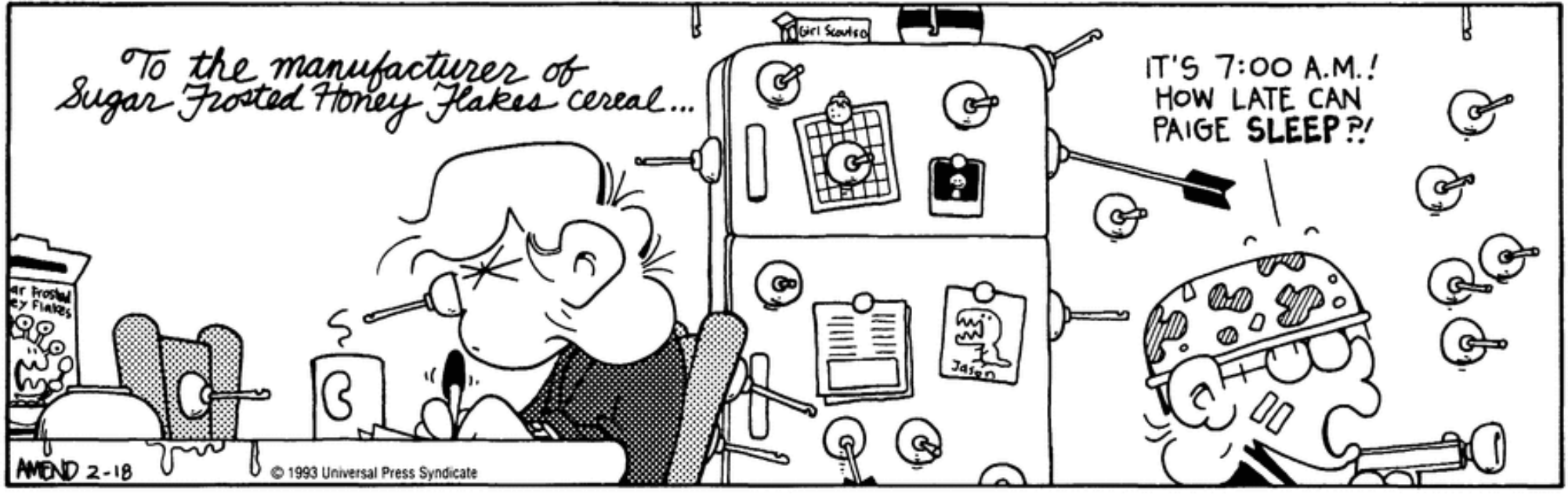
YOU RANG?
IT SAYS THAT TO START THE PROGRAM, I HAVE TO DOUBLE-CLICK ON THE PROGRAM'S ICON.
SO?
SO WHERE'S THE STUPID ICON?!
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD FIRST BE ASKING, "WHERE IS THE COMPUTER'S 'ON' SWITCH?"
BUT THIS IS "STEP ONE"...


To the manufacturer of Sugar Frosted Honey Flakes cereal...
Girl Scouts
IT'S 7:00 A.M.! HOW LATE CAN PAIGE SLEEP?!
Jason
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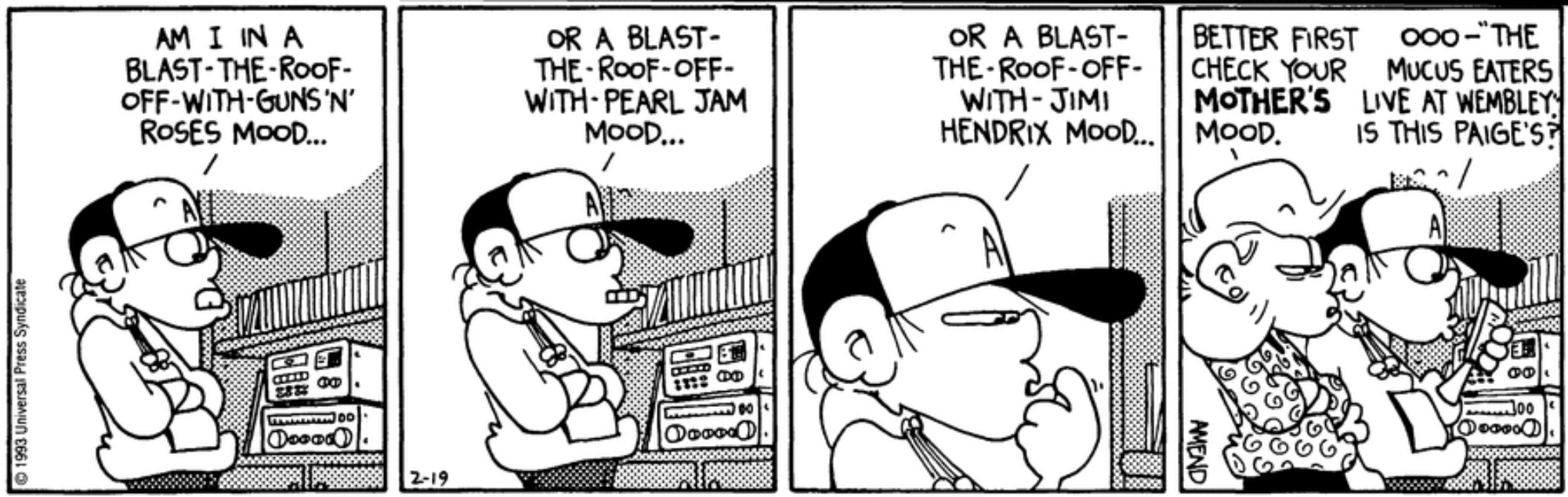
AM I IN A BLAST-THE-ROOF-OFF-WITH-GUNS'N' ROSES MOOD...
OR A BLAST-THE-ROOF-OFF-WITH-PEARL JAM MOOD...
OR A BLAST-THE-ROOF-OFF-WITH-JIMI HENDRIX MOOD...
BETTER FIRST CHECK YOUR MOTHER'S MOOD.
OOO—"THE MUCUS EATERS LIVE AT WEMBLEY." IS THIS PAIGE'S?
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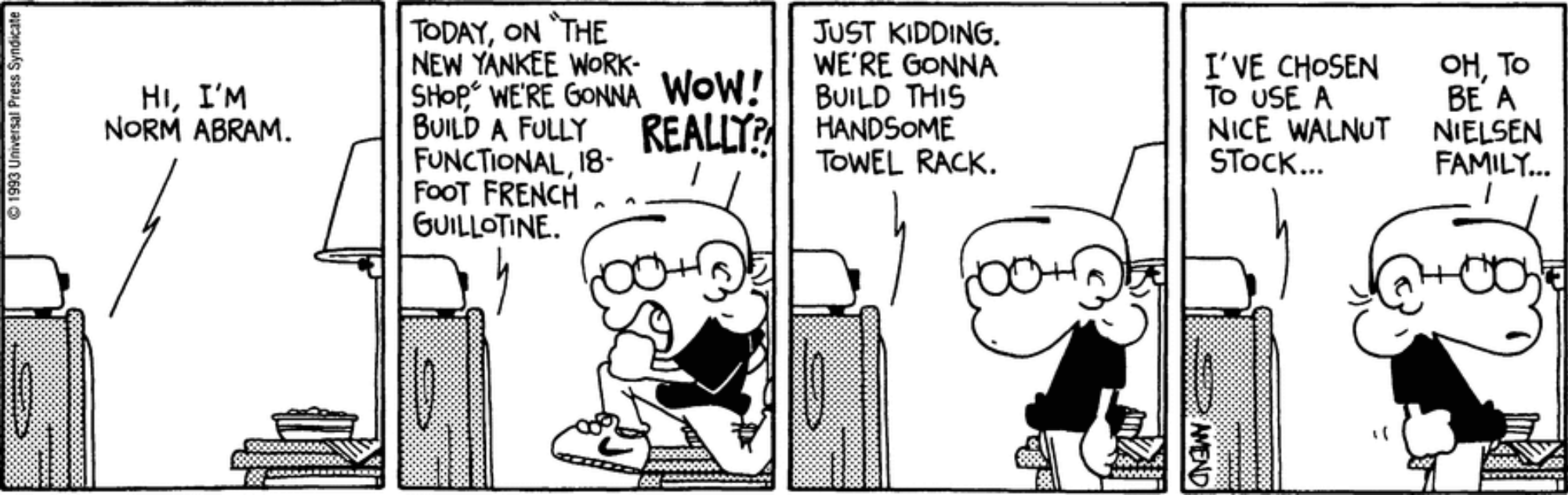
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HI, I'M NORM ABRAM.
TODAY, ON "THE NEW YANKEE WORKSHOP," WE'RE GONNA BUILD A FULLY FUNCTIONAL, 18-FOOT FRENCH GUILLOTINE.
WOW!
REALLY?!
JUST KIDDING. WE'RE GONNA BUILD THIS HANDSOME TOWEL RACK.
I'VE CHOSEN TO USE A NICE WALNUT STOCK...
OH, TO BE A NIELSEN FAMILY...
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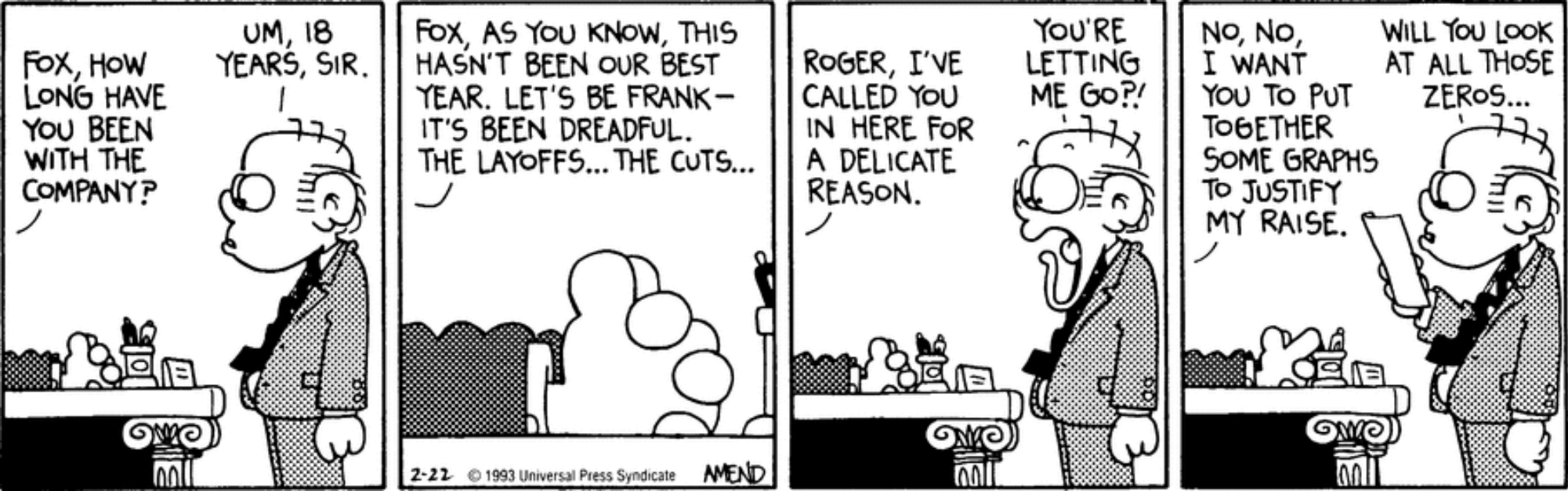
FOX, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE COMPANY?
UM, 18 YEARS, SIR.
FOX, AS YOU KNOW, THIS HASN'T BEEN OUR BEST YEAR. LET'S BE FRANK— IT'S BEEN DREADFUL. THE LAYOFFS... THE CUTS...
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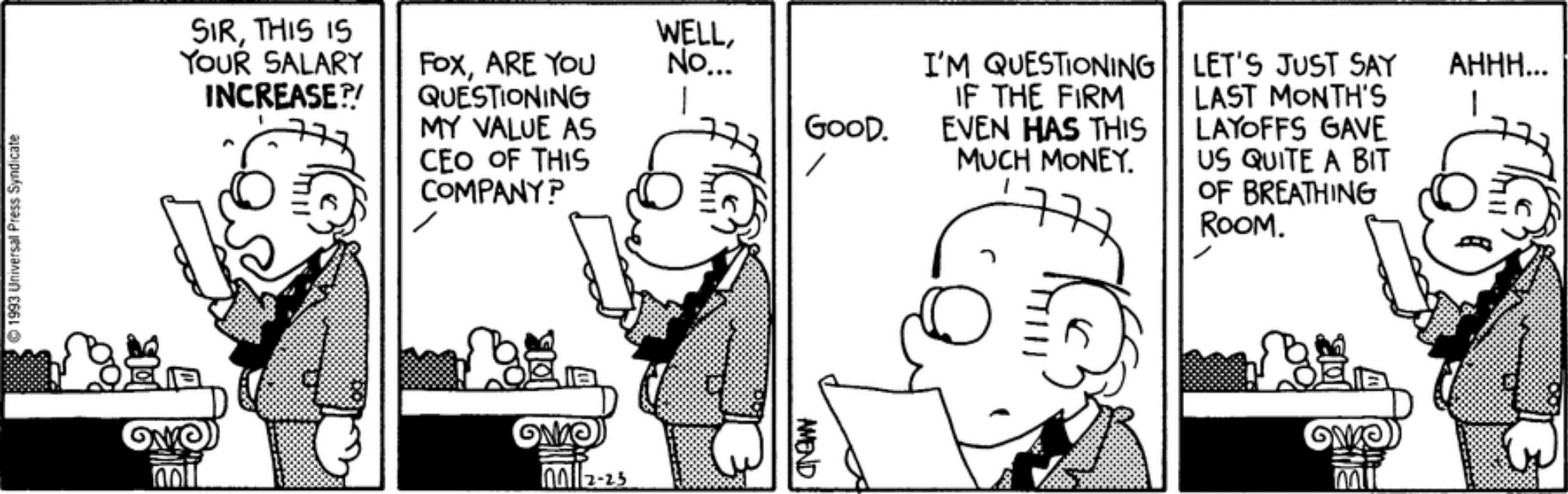
ROGER, I'VE CALLED YOU IN HERE FOR A DELICATE REASON.
YOU'RE LETTING ME GO?!
NO, NO, I WANT YOU TO PUT TOGETHER SOME GRAPHS TO JUSTIFY MY RAISE.
WILL YOU LOOK AT ALL THOSE ZEROS...


SIR, THIS IS YOUR SALARY INCREASE?!
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FOX, ARE YOU QUESTIONING MY VALUE AS CEO OF THIS COMPANY?
WELL, NO...
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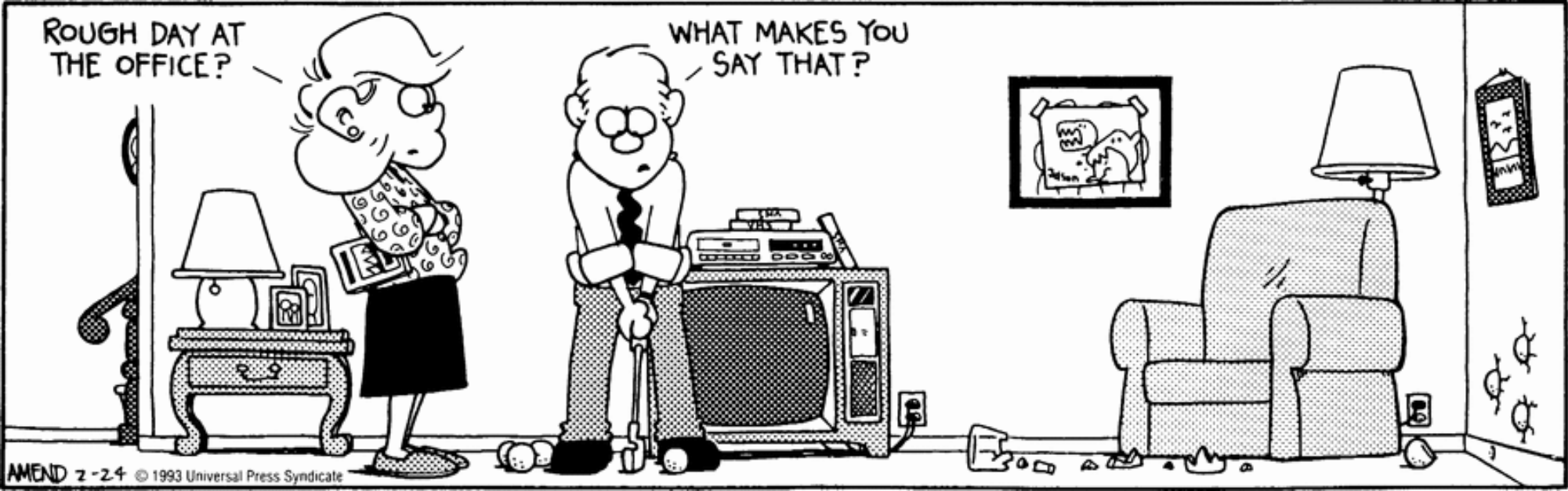
GOOD.
I'M QUESTIONING IF THE FIRM EVEN HAS THIS MUCH MONEY.
LET'S JUST SAY LAST MONTH'S LAYOFFS GAVE US QUITE A BIT OF BREATHING ROOM.
AHHH...


ROUGH DAY AT THE OFFICE?
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
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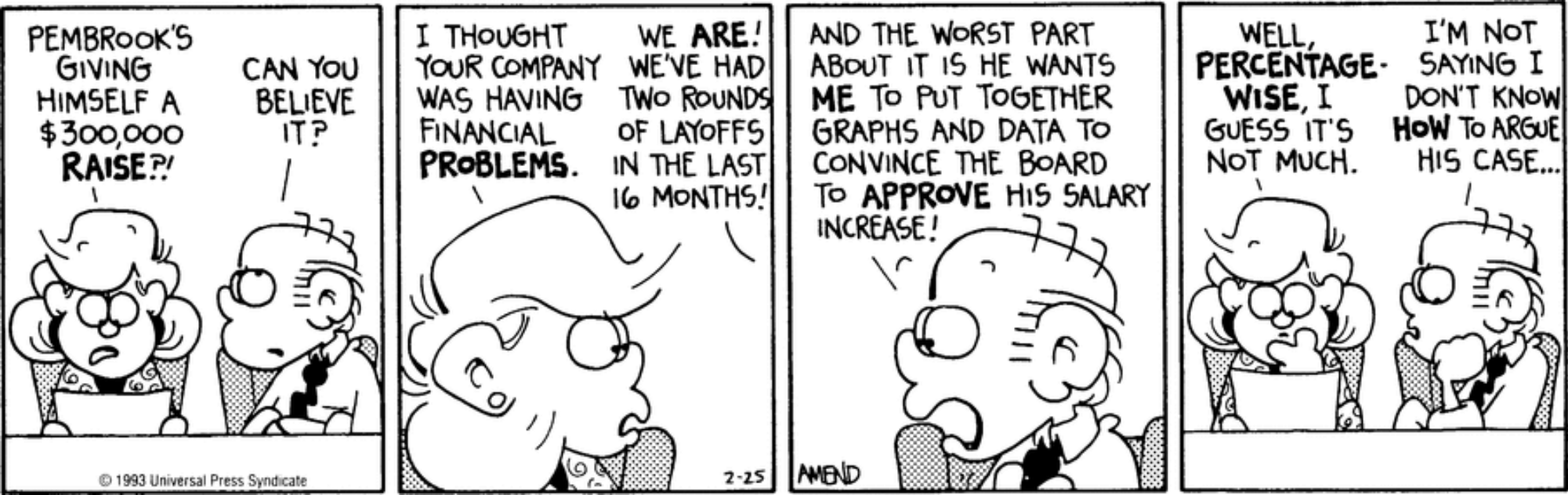
PEMBROOK'S GIVING HIMSELF A $300,000 RAISE?!
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
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I THOUGHT YOUR COMPANY WAS HAVING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.
WE ARE! WE'VE HAD TWO ROUNDS OF LAYOFFS IN THE LAST 16 MONTHS!
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AND THE WORST PART ABOUT IT IS HE WANTS ME TO PUT TOGETHER GRAPHS AND DATA TO CONVINCE THE BOARD TO APPROVE HIS SALARY INCREASE!
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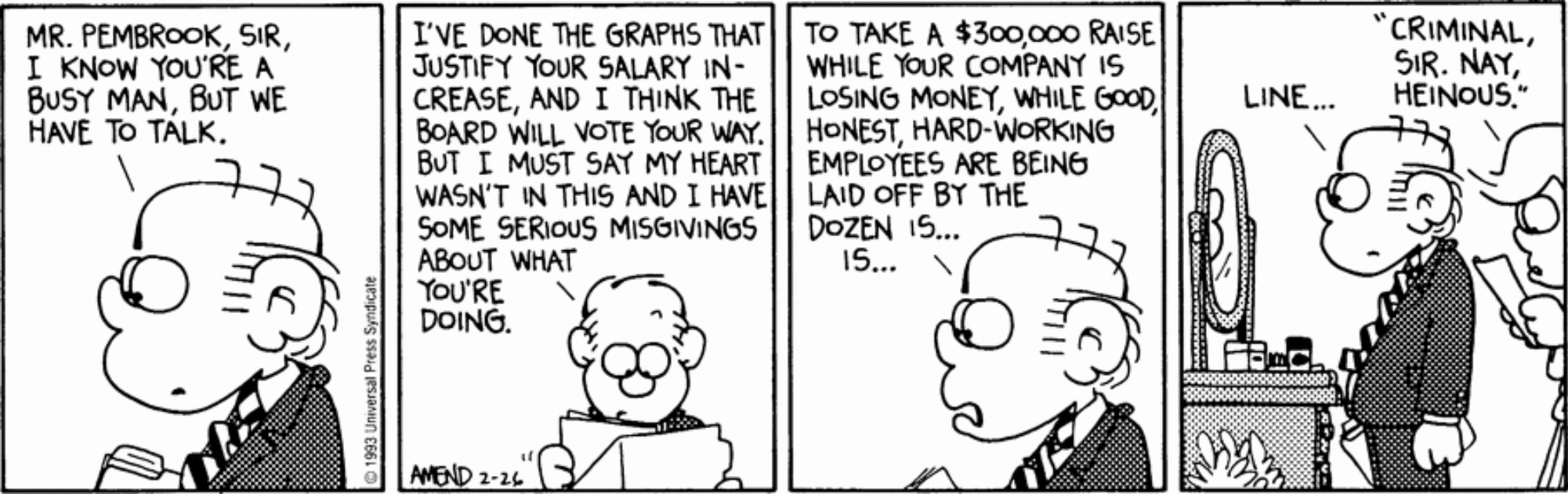
WELL, PERCENTAGE-WISE, I GUESS IT'S NOT MUCH.
I'M NOT SAYING I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ARGUE HIS CASE...


MR. PEMBROOK, SIR, I KNOW YOU'RE A BUSY MAN, BUT WE HAVE TO TALK.
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I'VE DONE THE GRAPHS THAT JUSTIFY YOUR SALARY INCREASE, AND I THINK THE BOARD WILL VOTE YOUR WAY. BUT I MUST SAY MY HEART WASN'T IN THIS AND I HAVE SOME SERIOUS MISGIVINGS ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
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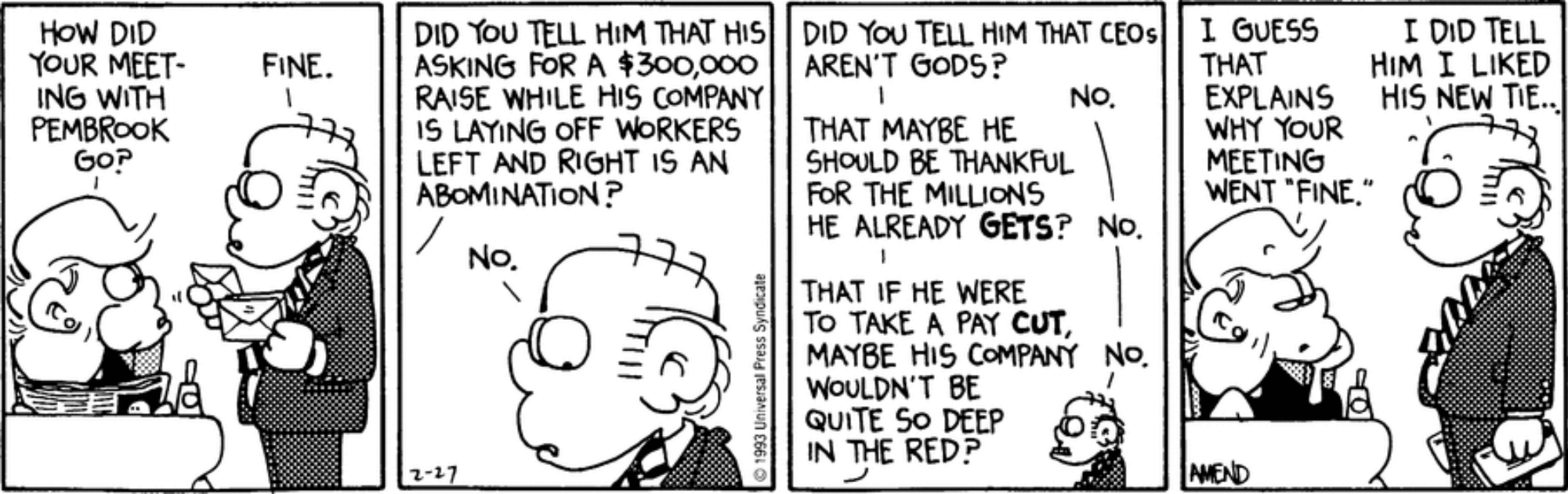
TO TAKE A $300,000 RAISE WHILE YOUR COMPANY IS LOSING MONEY, WHILE GOOD, HONEST, HARD-WORKING EMPLOYEES ARE BEING LAID OFF BY THE DOZEN IS... IS...
LINE...
"CRIMINAL, SIR. NAY, HEINOUS."


HOW DID YOUR MEETING WITH PEMBROOK GO?
FINE.
DID YOU TELL HIM THAT HIS ASKING FOR A $300,000 RAISE WHILE HIS COMPANY IS LAYING OFF WORKERS LEFT AND RIGHT IS AN ABOMINATION?
NO.
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DID YOU TELL HIM THAT CEOs AREN'T GODS?
NO.
THAT MAYBE HE SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR THE MILLIONS HE ALREADY GETS?
NO.
THAT IF HE WERE TO TAKE A PAY CUT, MAYBE HIS COMPANY WOULDN'T BE QUITE SO DEEP IN THE RED?
NO.
I GUESS THAT EXPLAINS WHY YOUR MEETING WENT "FINE."
I DID TELL HIM I LIKED HIS NEW TIE...
AMEND

AMPLIFIER... ON.

CD PLAYER... ON.

WHAT'S THIS REMOTE CONTROL DO?

Beep Beep Beep
EARPLUG ALERT.
DOESN'T HE EVER DO HOME-WORK?!
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AAAA! QUINCY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THIS IS PAIGE'S FAVORITE PINK SWEATER!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE TRAINED! I THOUGHT YOU KNEW THE RULES!
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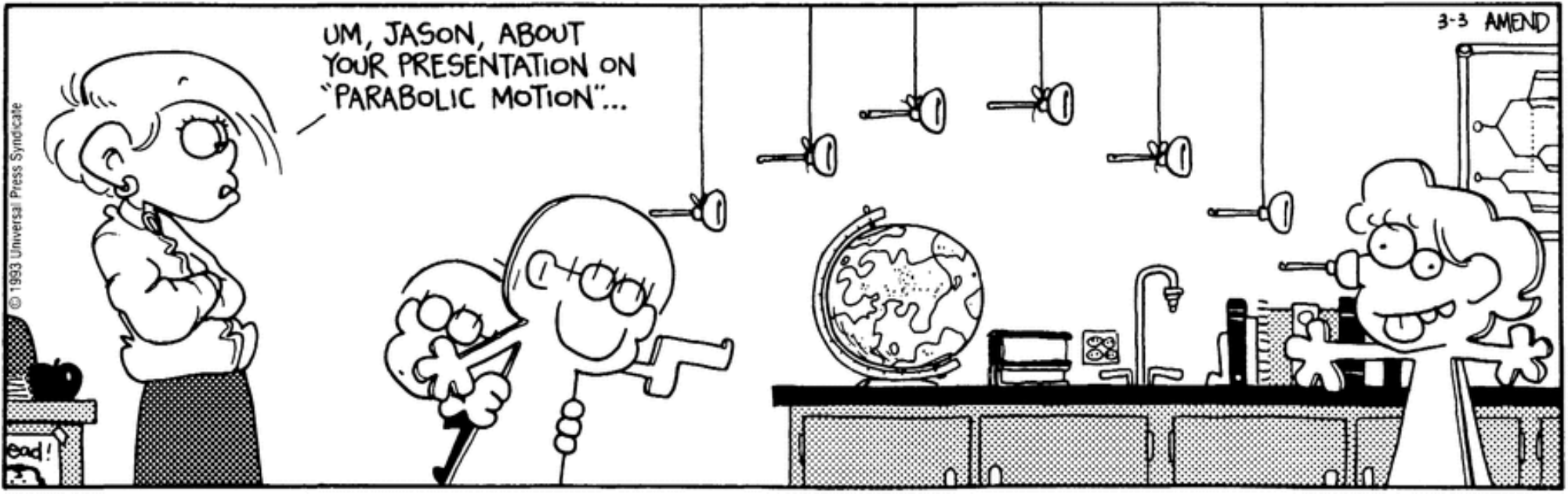
I TOLD YOU TO CHEW UP PAIGE'S FAVORITE BLUE SWEATER!
MAYBE LETTERMAN WILL HAVE HIM ON ANYWAY.
Blue
Yellow


UM, JASON, ABOUT YOUR PRESENTATION ON "PARABOLIC MOTION"...
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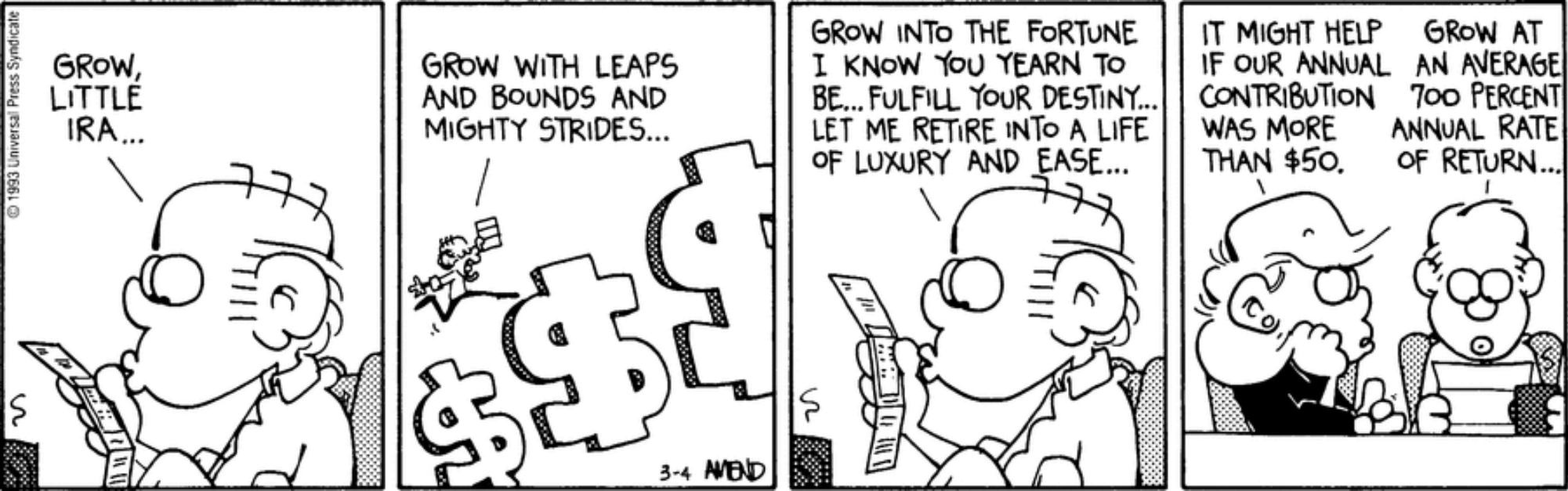
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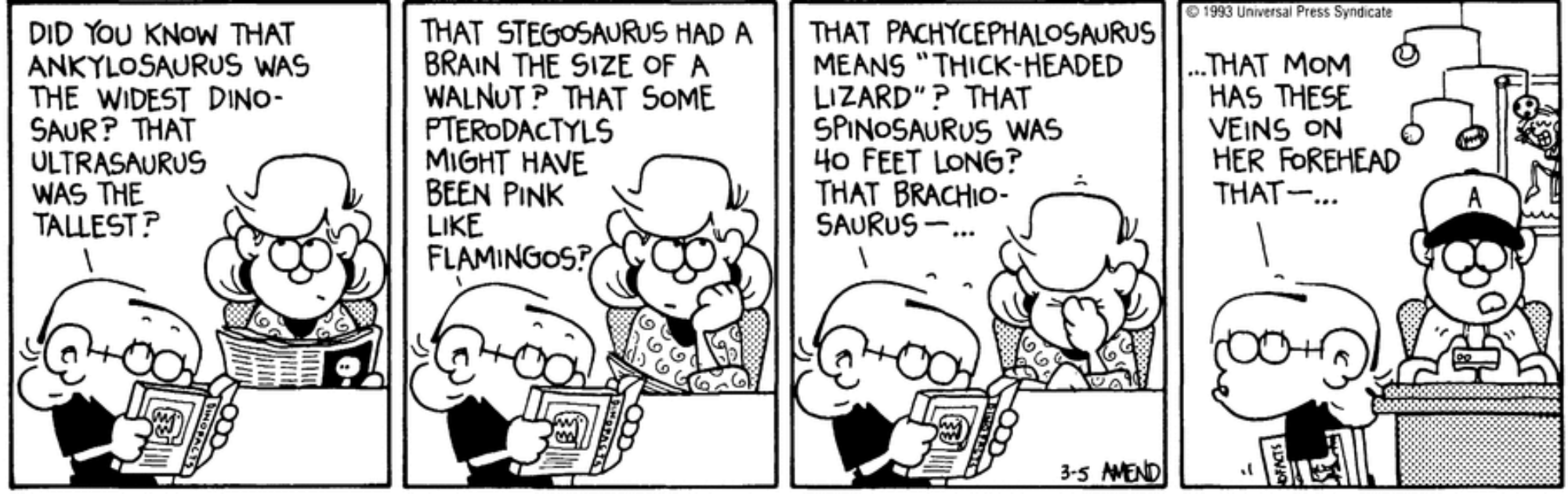
GROW, LITTLE IRA...
GROW WITH LEAPS AND BOUNDS AND MIGHTY STRIDES...
3-4 ANDERSON
GROW INTO THE FORTUNE I KNOW YOU YEARN TO BE... FULFILL YOUR DESTINY... LET ME RETIRE INTO A LIFE OF LUXURY AND EASE...
IT MIGHT HELP IF OUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION WAS MORE THAN $50.
GROW AT AN AVERAGE 700 PERCENT ANNUAL RATE OF RETURN...


DID YOU KNOW THAT ANKYLOSAURUS WAS THE WIDEST DINO-SAUR? THAT ULTRASAURUS WAS THE TALLEST?
THAT STEGOSAURUS HAD A BRAIN THE SIZE OF A WALNUT? THAT SOME PTERODACTYLS MIGHT HAVE BEEN PINK LIKE FLAMINGOS?
THAT PACHYCEPHALOSAURUS MEANS "THICK-HEADED LIZARD"? THAT SPINOSAURUS WAS 40 FEET LONG? THAT BRACHIO-SAURUS—...
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...THAT MOM HAS THESE VEINS ON HER FOREHEAD THAT—...

I'M TELLING YOU, ANDY, THE PIECE I NEED IS MISSING!
ROGER, CALM DOWN. I'M SURE IT'S HERE SOMEWHERE...
MR. JIGSAW
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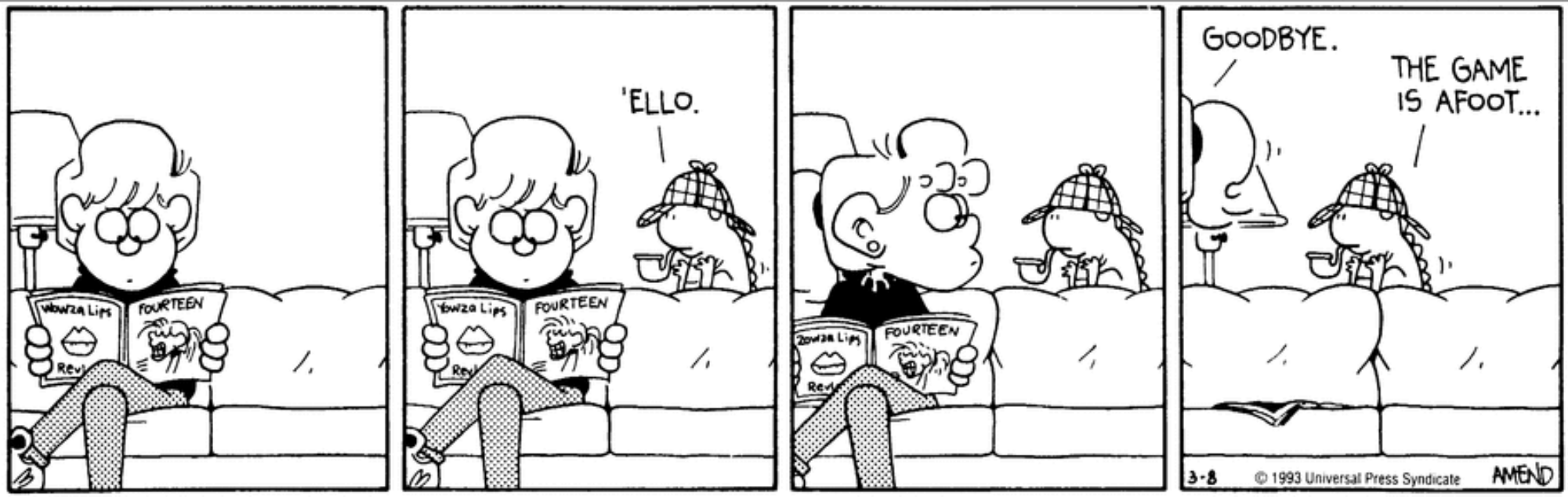
Yowza Lips
FOURTEEN
'ELLO.
GOODBYE.
THE GAME IS AFOOT...
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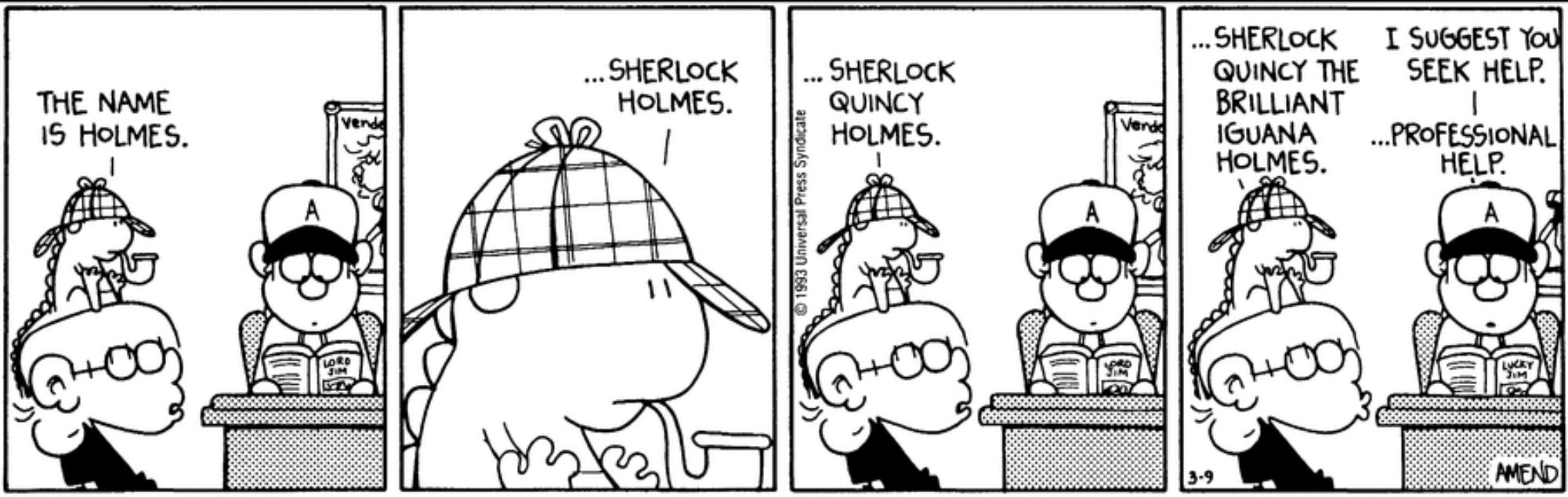
THE NAME IS HOLMES.
...SHERLOCK HOLMES.
... SHERLOCK QUINCY HOLMES.
...SHERLOCK QUINCY THE BRILLIANT IGUANA HOLMES.
I SUGGEST YOU SEEK HELP.
...PROFESSIONAL HELP.
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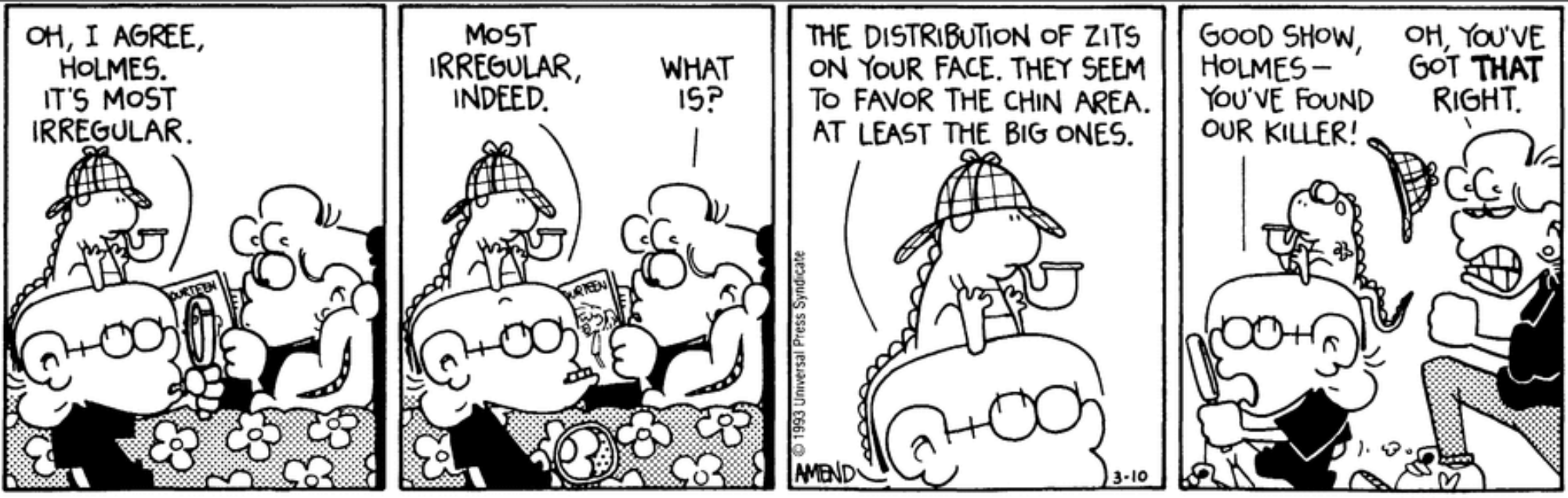
OH, I AGREE, HOLMES. IT'S MOST IRREGULAR.
MOST IRREGULAR, INDEED.
WHAT IS?
THE DISTRIBUTION OF ZITS ON YOUR FACE. THEY SEEM TO FAVOR THE CHIN AREA. AT LEAST THE BIG ONES.
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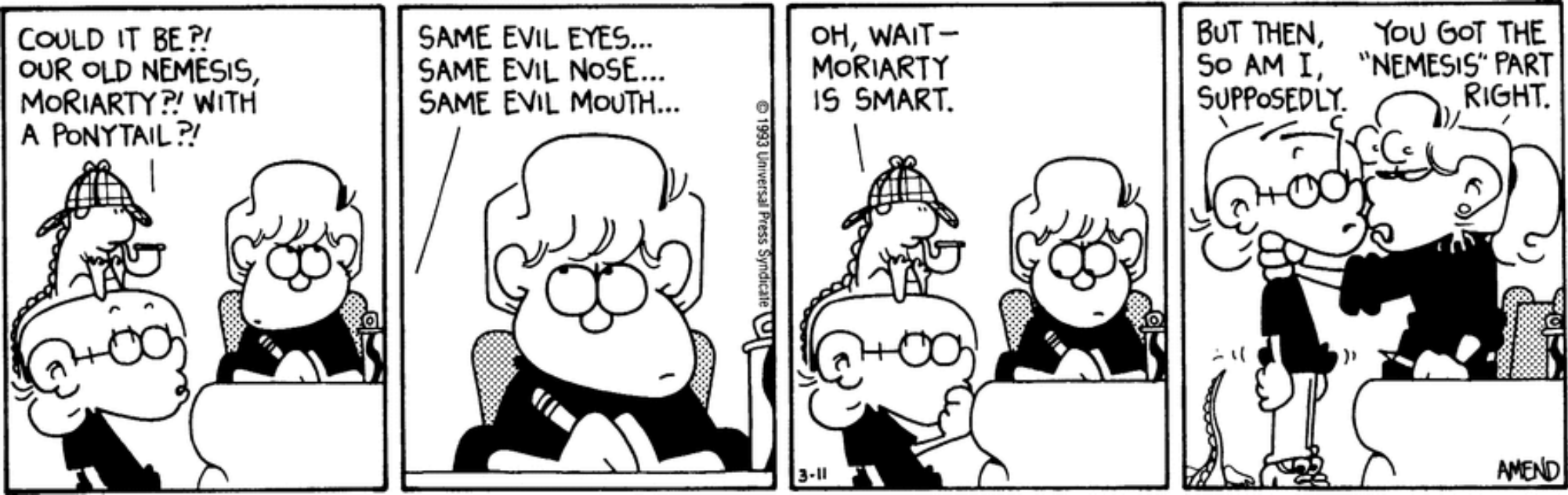
GOOD SHOW, HOLMES— YOU'VE FOUND OUR KILLER!
OH, YOU'VE GOT THAT RIGHT.


COULD IT BE?! OUR OLD NEMESIS, MORIARTY?! WITH A PONYTAIL?!
SAME EVIL EYES... SAME EVIL NOSE... SAME EVIL MOUTH...
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OH, WAIT— MORIARTY IS SMART.
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BUT THEN, SO AM I, SUPPOSEDLY.
YOU GOT THE "NEMESIS" PART RIGHT.
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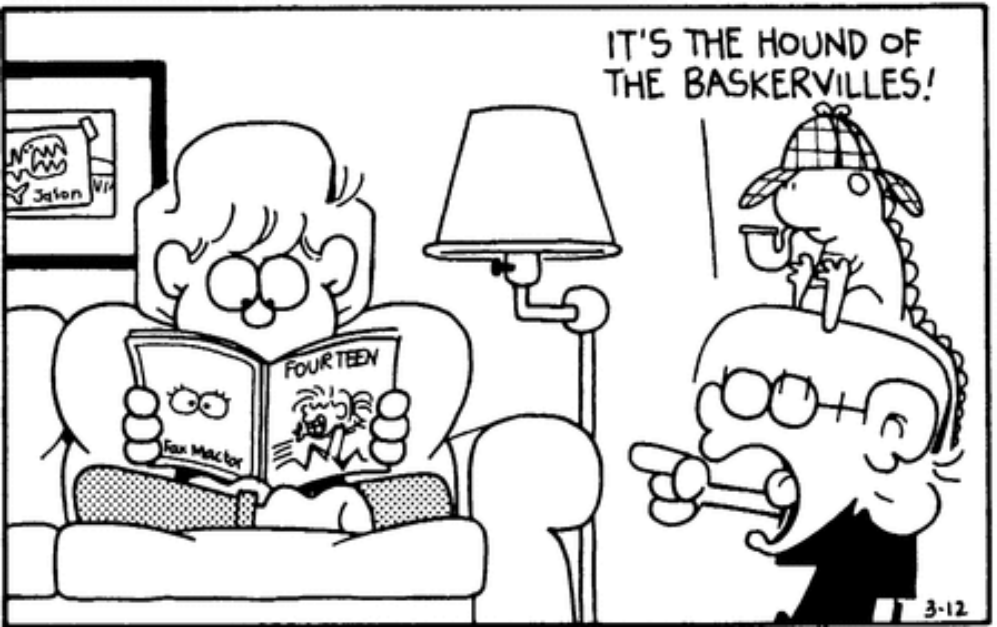
IT'S THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES!
Jason
FOURTEEN
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IT'S A STUDY IN SCARLET.
IT'S THE MAN WITH THE TWISTED LIP.
Jason
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"PREPARE TO BE BOWLED OVER."
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"BIG THINGS ARE COMING YOUR WAY."
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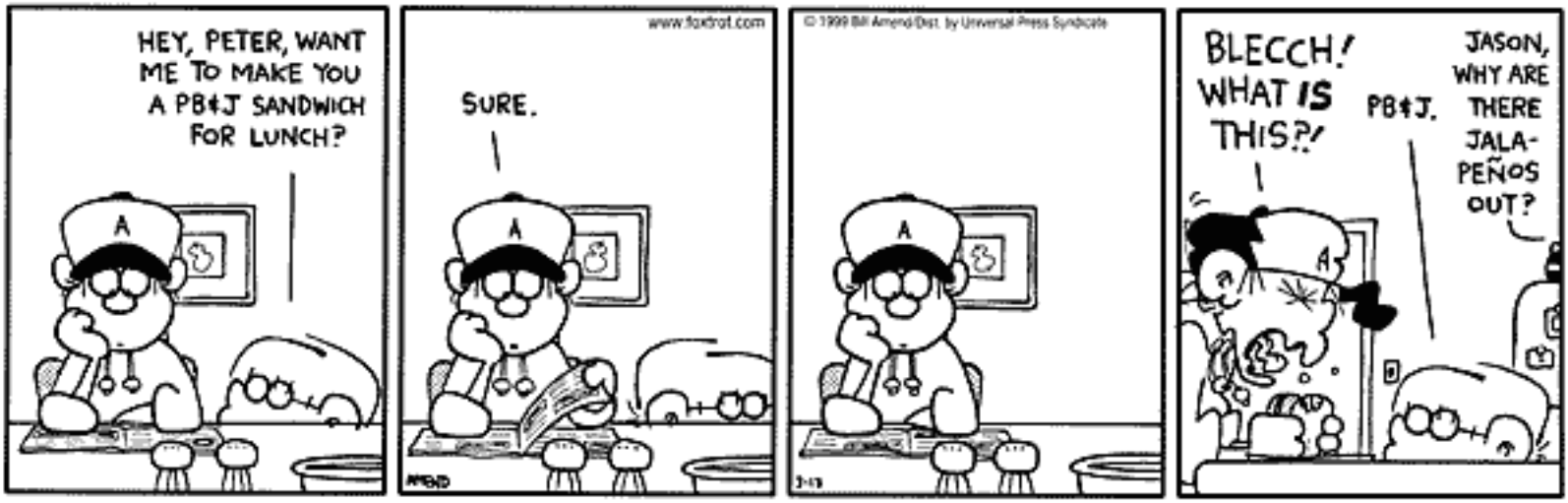
YESSS!
PAIGE NEVER SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME SHE ALWAYS READS HER HOROSCOPE.
HERE SHE COMES.


HEY, PETER, WANT ME TO MAKE YOU A PB&J SANDWICH FOR LUNCH?
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SURE.
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BLECCH! WHAT IS THIS?!
PB&J.
JASON, WHY ARE THERE JALA-PEÑOS OUT?

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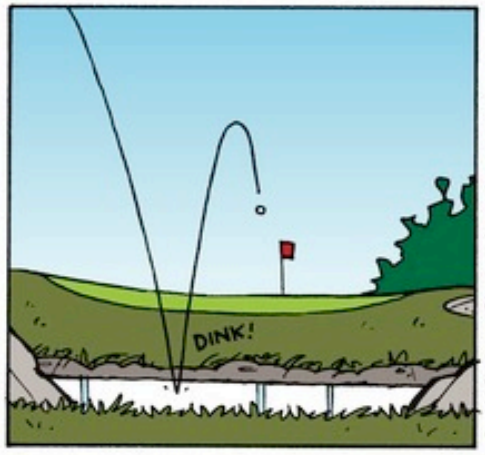

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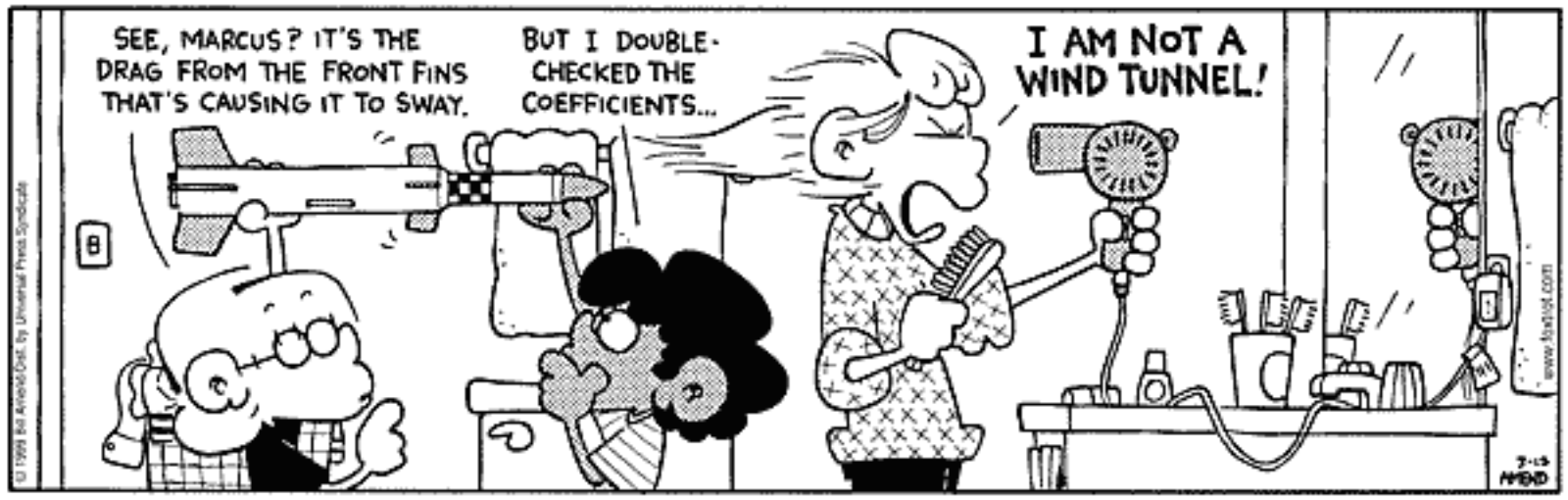
SEE, MARCUS? IT'S THE DRAG FROM THE FRONT FINS THAT'S CAUSING IT TO SWAY.
BUT I DOUBLE-CHECKED THE COEFFICIENTS...
I AM NOT A WIND TUNNEL!
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NEED
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WHO KEEPS DRAWING THESE ANTENNAE ON BEETLE BAILEY?
DOUBTLESS THE SAME PERSON WHO'S BEEN DRAWING SHELLS ON THE KIDS IN "PEANUTS."
AND LACES ON THE BIRD IN "SHOE."
AND THORNS ALL OVER "ROSE IS ROSE."
THE MAD LITERALIST STRIKES AGAIN.
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CLASS, JUST ONE YEAR I'D LIKE YOU TO PAY ATTENTION TO ME ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.
DANG. I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST WORE BORING GREEN SOCKS.
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OK, FINE. BUT AFTER I BUY NEW DISHES, GLASSES AND FIRST-FLOOR WINDOWS, CAN I BUY THIS GUITAR AMP FROM STEVE?
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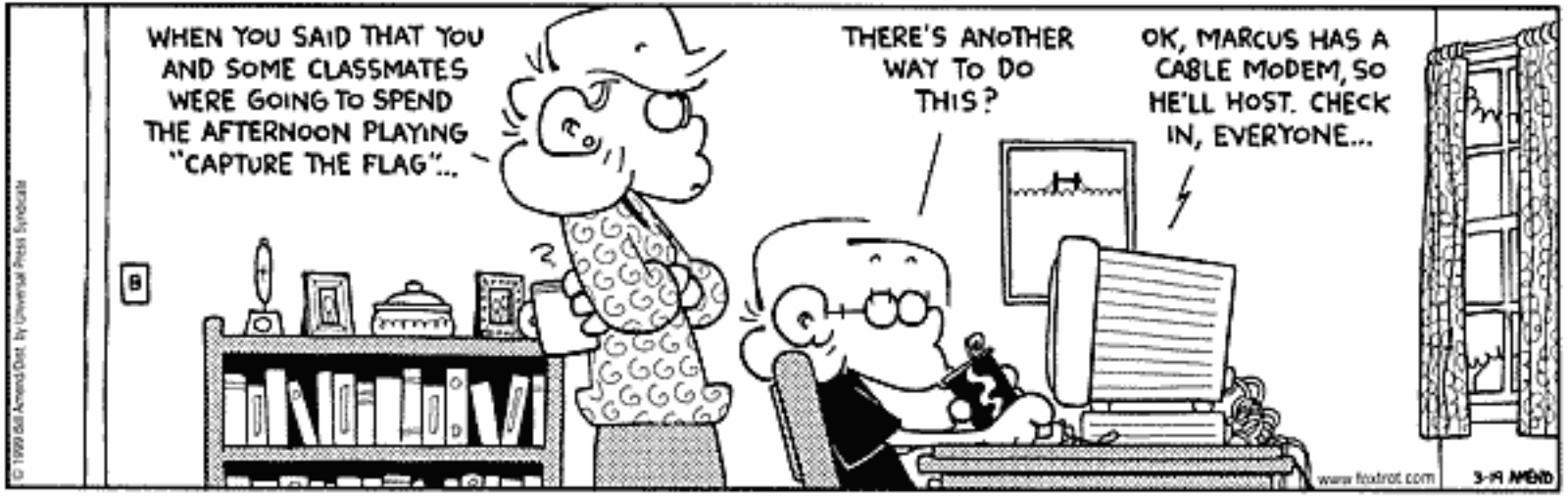
WHEN YOU SAID THAT YOU AND SOME CLASSMATES WERE GOING TO SPEND THE AFTERNOON PLAYING "CAPTURE THE FLAG"...
THERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO DO THIS?
OK, MARCUS HAS A CABLE MODEM, SO HE'LL HOST. CHECK IN, EVERYONE...
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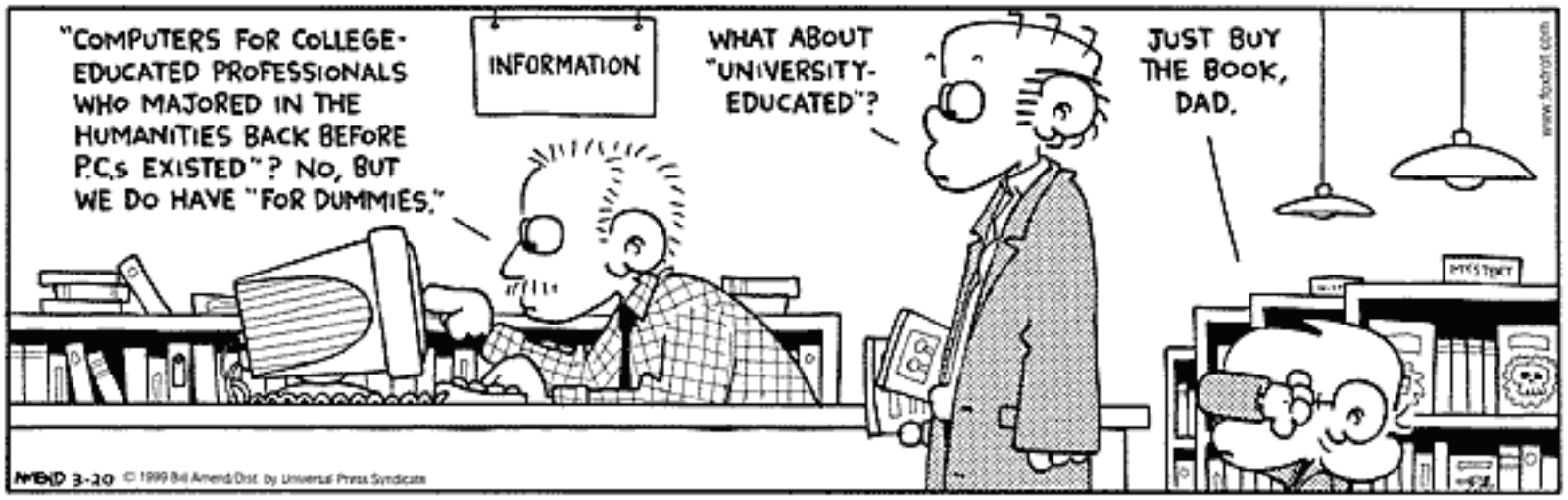
"COMPUTERS FOR COLLEGE-EDUCATED PROFESSIONALS WHO MAJORED IN THE HUMANITIES BACK BEFORE P.C.s EXISTED"? NO, BUT WE DO HAVE "FOR DUMMIES."
INFORMATION
WHAT ABOUT "UNIVERSITY-EDUCATED"?
JUST BUY THE BOOK, DAD.
MYSTERY
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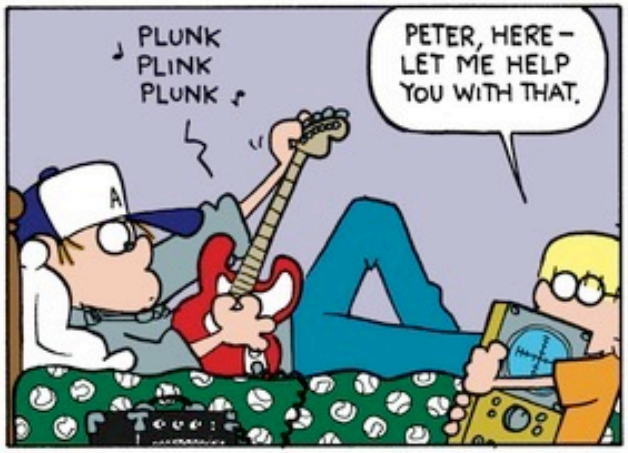

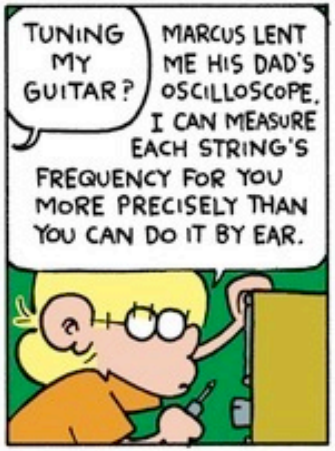

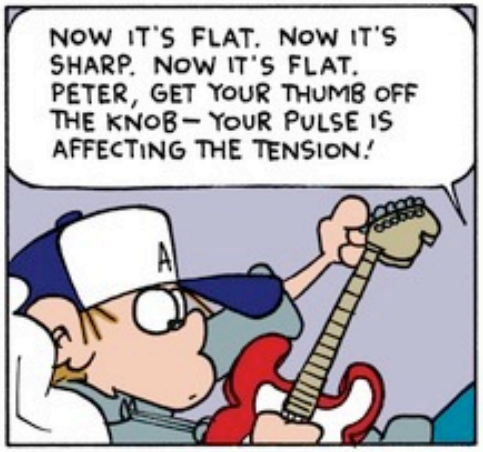

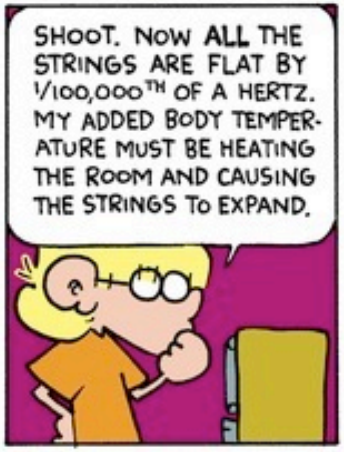

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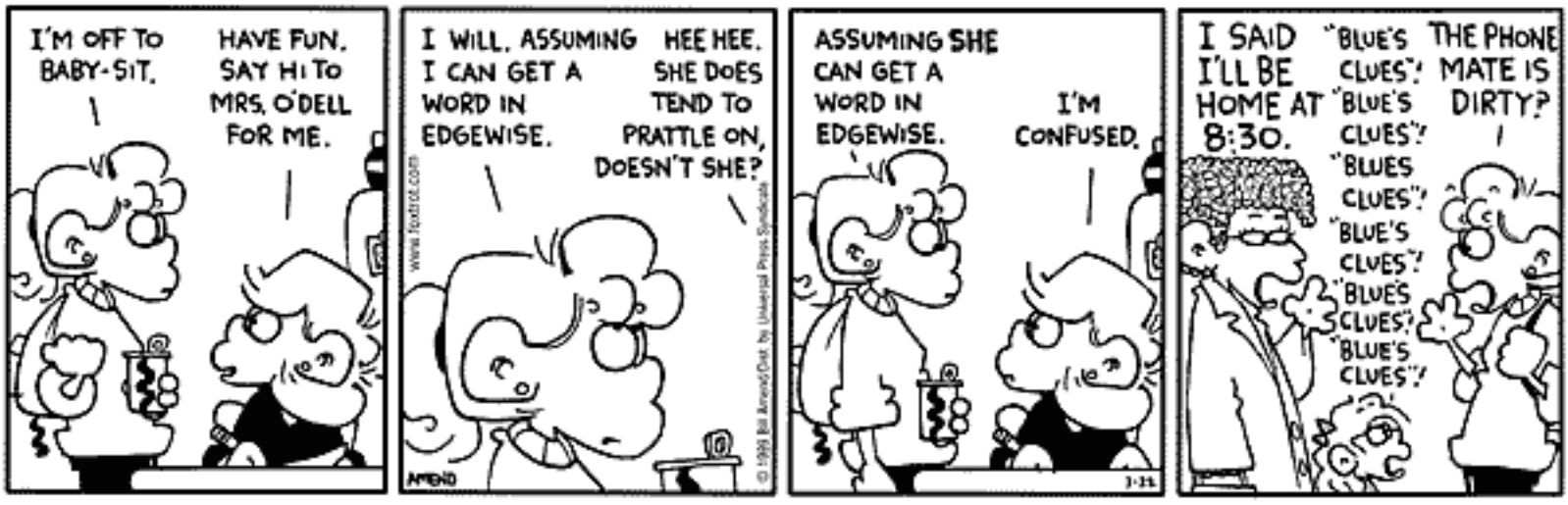
I'M OFF TO BABY-SIT.
HAVE FUN. SAY HI TO MRS. O'DELL FOR ME.
I WILL. ASSUMING I CAN GET A WORD IN EDGEWISE.
HEE HEE. SHE DOES TEND TO PRATTLE ON, DOESN'T SHE?
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ASSUMING SHE CAN GET A WORD IN EDGEWISE.
I'M CONFUSED.
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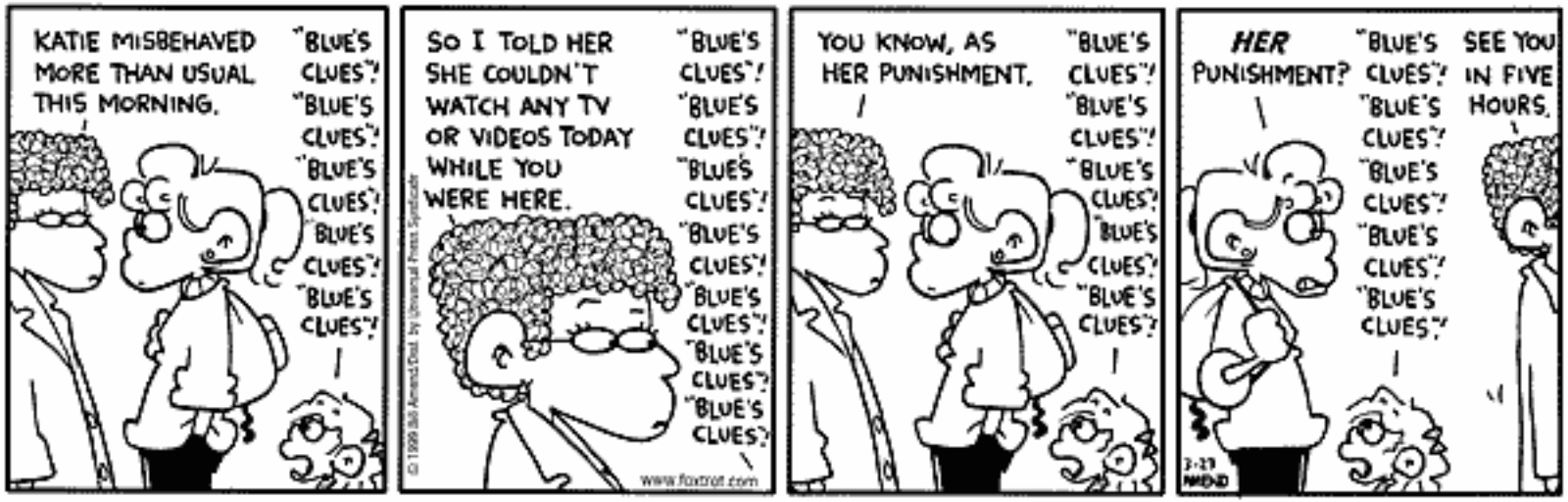
I SAID I'LL BE HOME AT 8:30.
"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUES CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
THE PHONE MATE IS DIRTY?


KATIE MISBEHAVED MORE THAN USUAL THIS MORNING.
"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
SO I TOLD HER SHE COULDN'T WATCH ANY TV OR VIDEOS TODAY WHILE YOU WERE HERE.
"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
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YOU KNOW, AS HER PUNISHMENT,
"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
HER PUNISHMENT?
"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
SEE YOU IN FIVE HOURS.
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KATIE, I'M SORRY, BUT YOUR MOTHER SAID NO TV.
"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
I HAVE AN IDEA. LET'S OPEN UP THIS BIG TOY CHEST OF YOURS AND TAKE YOUR MIND OFF THAT SHOW.
"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
OK, BAD IDEA. LET'S READ SOME OF YOUR BOOKS INSTEAD.
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"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
THIS ISN'T WHAT I THINK IT IS ON THE APPLE JUICE LABEL, IS IT?

"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
BREATHE, KATIE.
AHHHH-UHHHH... AHHHH-UHHHH...
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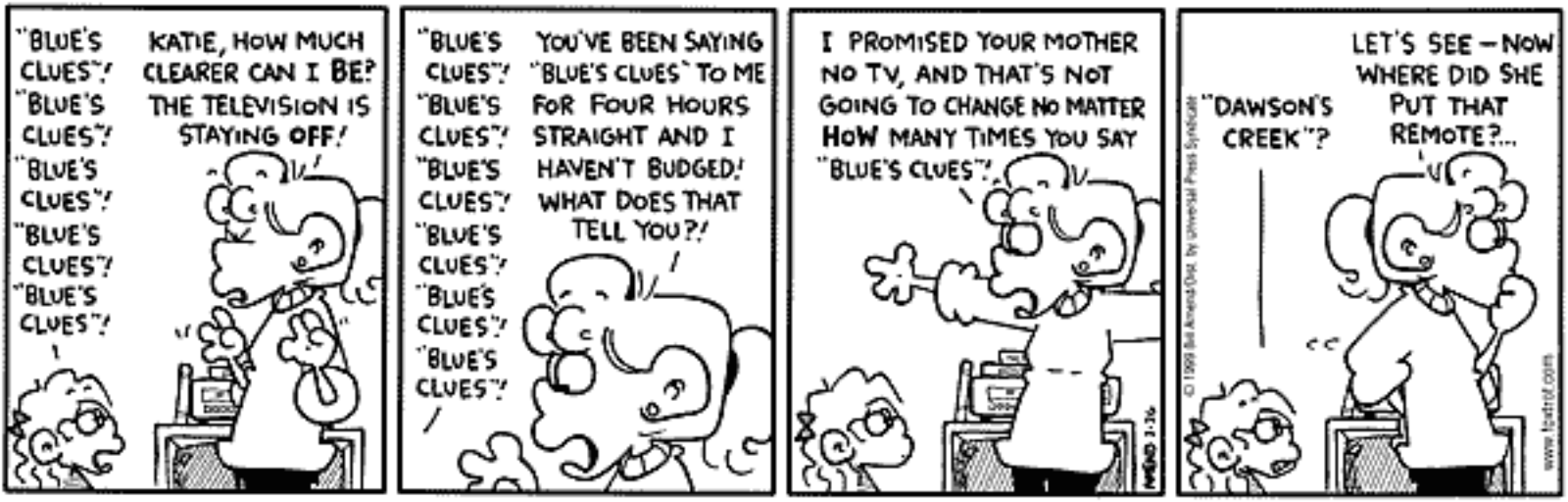
HOW TODDLERS EVER SURVIVED IN THE WILD IS BEYOND ME.
"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!


"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
KATIE, HOW MUCH CLEARER CAN I BE? THE TELEVISION IS STAYING OFF!
"BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"! "BLUE'S CLUES"!
YOU'VE BEEN SAYING "BLUE'S CLUES" TO ME FOR FOUR HOURS STRAIGHT AND I HAVEN'T BUDGED! WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU?!
I PROMISED YOUR MOTHER NO TV, AND THAT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU SAY "BLUE'S CLUES"!
"DAWSON'S CREEK"?
LET'S SEE – NOW WHERE DID SHE PUT THAT REMOTE?...
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HOW WAS BABY-SITTING?
UNBELIEVABLE. I HAVE A SPLITTING HEADACHE.
LITTLE KATIE O'DELL SPENT THE ENTIRE FIVE HOURS I WAS THERE WHINING ABOUT THIS TV SHOW SHE WANTED TO SEE. "BLUE'S CLUES"!... "BLUE'S CLUES"!... "BLUE'S CLUES"! SHE WAS LIKE A NONSTOP BROKEN RECORD!
AT LEAST I GOT PAID. CAN YOU IMAGINE HAVING TO DEAL WITH CHILDREN FOR FREE?
YOU'RE ASKING ME THIS?
SHOOT – WE'RE OUT OF ASPIRIN. WHO GOES THROUGH THIS STUFF SO FAST?

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• To view a photo of Jason, click here.

This is me, Jason Fox. I like science, math and Plasma Man comic books.

• To view a photo of my iguana, click here.

This is Quincy, my iguana. He likes to escape from his cage and eat things.

• To view a photo of my friend Marcus, click here.

This is my best friend, Marcus. He's pretty cool. We're a lot alike.

• To view a photo of my Saturn V model, click here.

This is the Saturn V rocket I built. Marcus wants to put his hamster on board.

• To view a photo of my sister Paige, click here.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INDECENCY STATUTES OF THE 1996 FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT, THE IMAGE OF MY SISTER'S OBSCENELY UGLY FACE IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AT THIS SITE.

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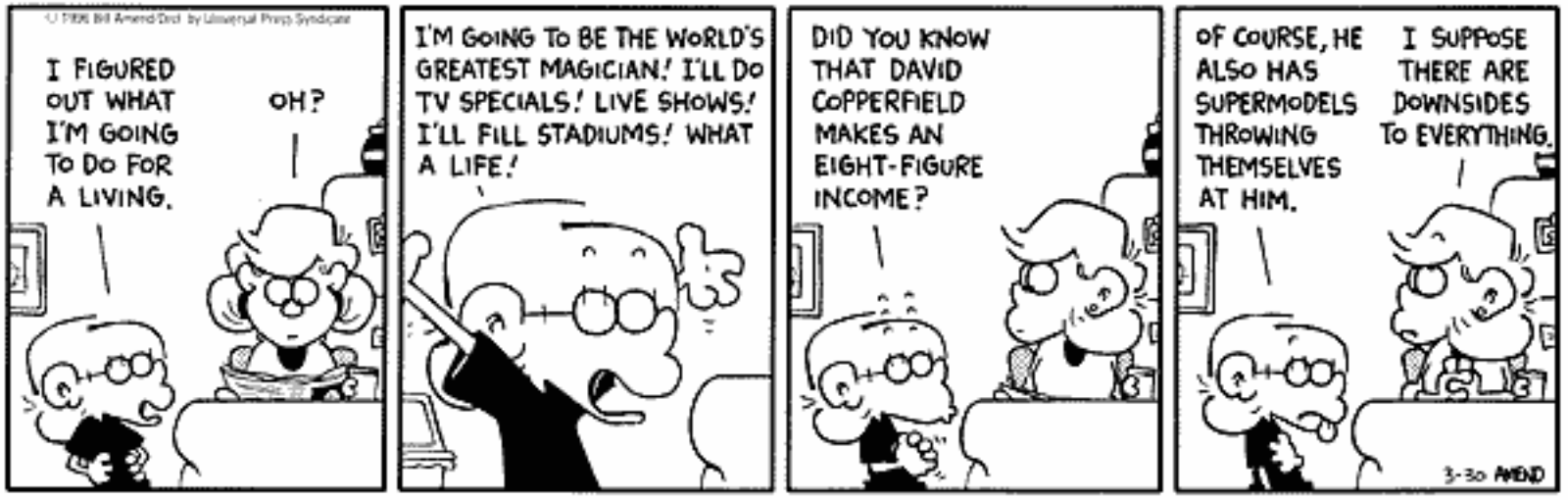
HEY, PETER, LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN THE BASEMENT!
OH, YEAH - THAT'S MY OLD MAGIC SET.
I GOT IT FOR MY BIRTHDAY ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO. I NEVER REALLY USED IT MUCH.
IF YOU DON'T WANT IT, CAN I HAVE IT?
SURE. WHY NOT?
WELL, JASON, YOU'VE CERTAINLY ANSWERED MY QUESTION.
C'MON - IT'LL JUST LOOK LIKE I'M CHOPPING OFF YOUR FINGERS...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I FIGURED OUT WHAT I'M GOING TO DO FOR A LIVING.
OH?
I'M GOING TO BE THE WORLD'S GREATEST MAGICIAN! I'LL DO TV SPECIALS! LIVE SHOWS! I'LL FILL STADIUMS! WHAT A LIFE!
DID YOU KNOW THAT DAVID COPPERFIELD MAKES AN EIGHT-FIGURE INCOME?
OF COURSE, HE ALSO HAS SUPERMODELS THROWING THEMSELVES AT HIM.
I SUPPOSE THERE ARE DOWNSIDES TO EVERYTHING.
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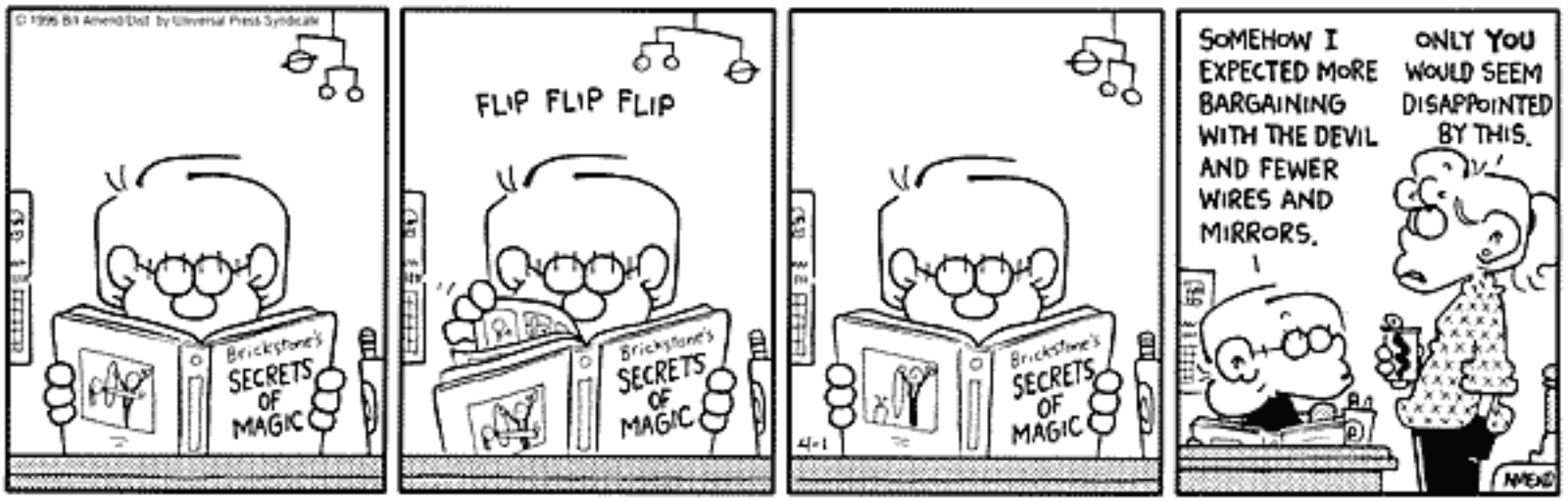
WHY THE LONG FACE?
PETER GAVE ME HIS OLD MAGIC SET, BUT ALL THE TRICKS IN IT ARE REALLY LAME.
LOOK AT THIS JUNK — CUPS AND BALLS... SPONGE RABBITS... A HANDKERCHIEF THAT CHANGES COLOR... THEY CALL THIS MAGIC?!
Mr. Magic
WHERE'S THE FIRE?! WHERE ARE THE TIGERS?! WHERE'S THE BED OF SPEARS I CAN DANGLE MYSELF OVER WHILE I TRY TO GET OUT OF LEG IRONS?!
Mr. Magic
DEAR, I TAKE BACK ALL THOSE JOKES ABOUT YOUR HAIR GOING GRAY.
WHAT I REALLY NEED IS A GOOD STRAIT-JACKET.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Brickstone's SECRETS OF MAGIC
FLIP FLIP FLIP
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SOMEHOW I EXPECTED MORE BARGAINING WITH THE DEVIL AND FEWER WIRES AND MIRRORS.
ONLY YOU WOULD SEEM DISAPPOINTED BY THIS.
ARNOLD

WANT TO SEE MY DEATH-DEFYING STRAITJACKET ESCAPE? I'VE BEEN PRACTICING IT ALL AFTERNOON.
SURE.
OOF... UGGH... ALMOST THERE... OOF... HERE WE GO...
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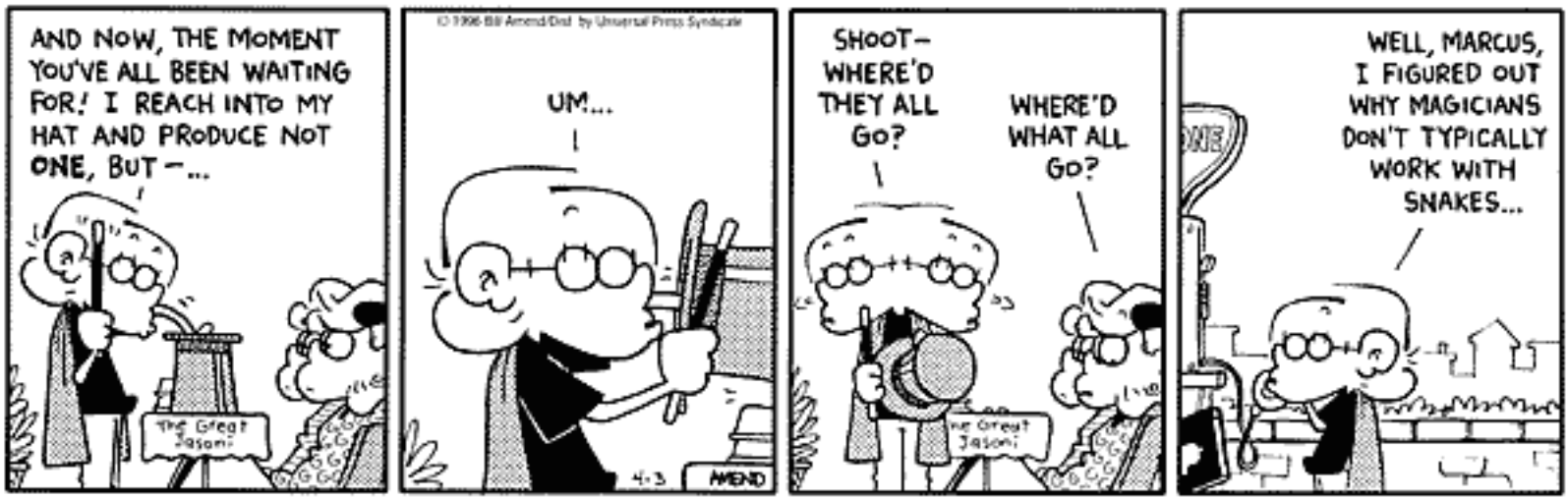
TA DA!
WHERE'S THE DEFYING-DEATH PART?
THAT'LL COME WHEN PAIGE SEES WHAT THIS HAS DONE TO HER SWEATER.
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED WORKING UP A GOOD VANISHING ACT?


AND NOW, THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR! I REACH INTO MY HAT AND PRODUCE NOT ONE, BUT –...
The Great Jason!
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UM...
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SHOOT– WHERE'D THEY ALL GO?
WHERE'D WHAT ALL GO?
The Great Jason!
WELL, MARCUS, I FIGURED OUT WHY MAGICIANS DON'T TYPICALLY WORK WITH SNAKES...

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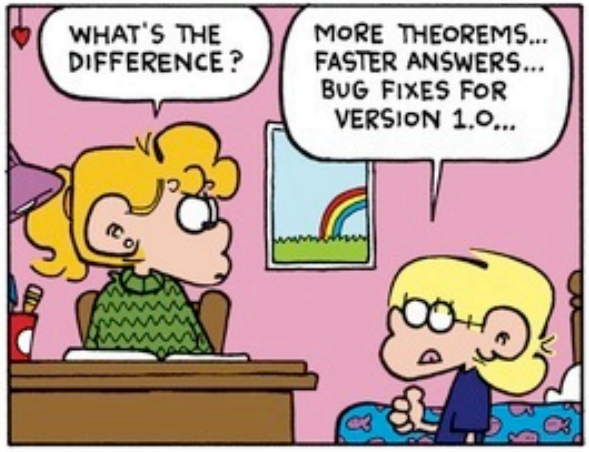

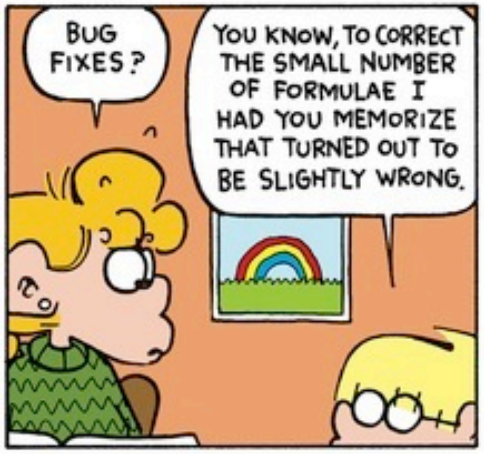

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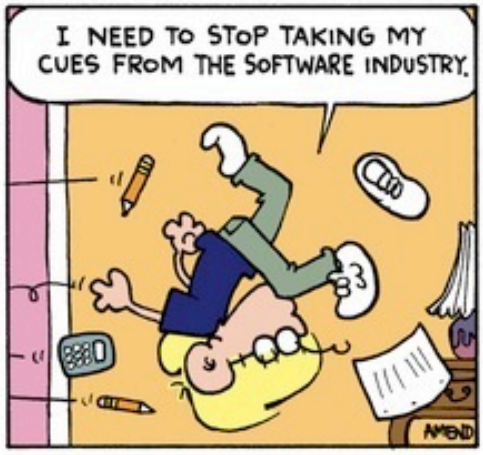

HOLD ON. I'LL GO GET HIM.
JASON, YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL.
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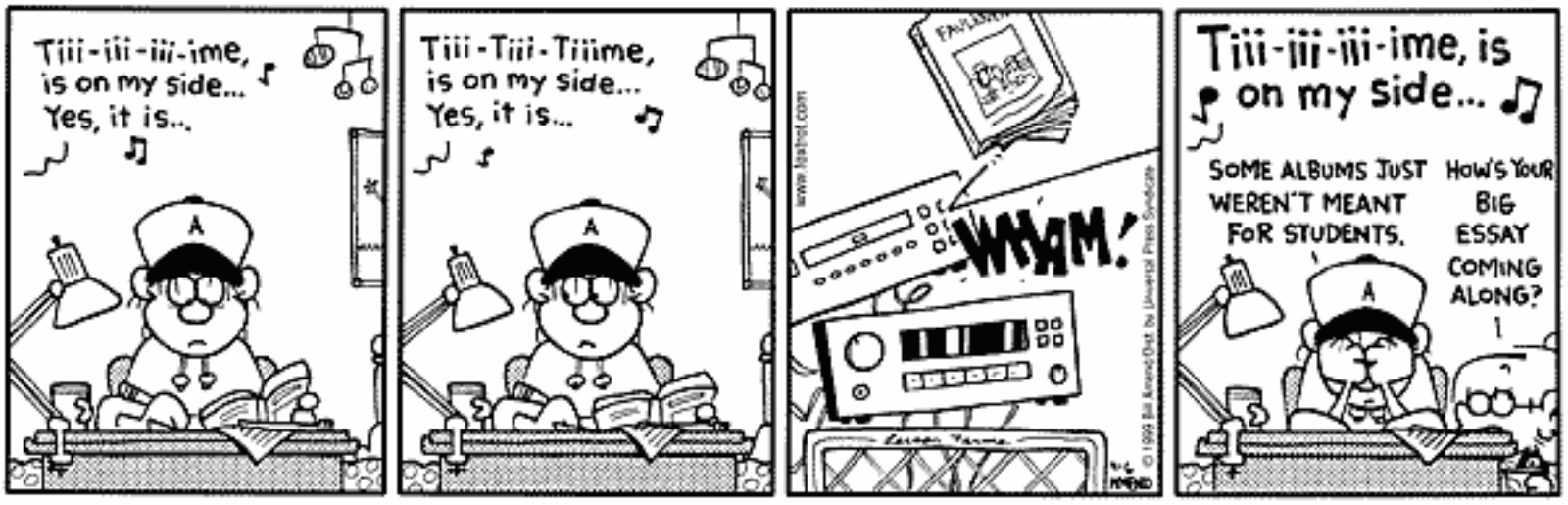
THANKS.
WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT A CORDLESS PHONE IS BEYOND ME.
AAAA!


Tiii-iii-iii-ime, is on my side... Yes, it is...
Tiii-Tiii-Tiiime, is on my side... Yes, it is...
WHAM!
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Tiii-iii-iii-ime, is on my side...
SOME ALBUMS JUST WEREN'T MEANT FOR STUDENTS.
HOW'S YOUR BIG ESSAY COMING ALONG?

MOM, WOULD IT BE OK IF I ATE THE LAST POP TART?
GO RIGHT AHEAD, PETER.
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I BOUGHT TWO MORE BOXES AT THE STORE THIS MORNING.
I THINK SHE ASSUMED YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
GO SEE IF WE HAVE ANOTHER GALLON OF MILK.
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GLUG GLUG GLUG
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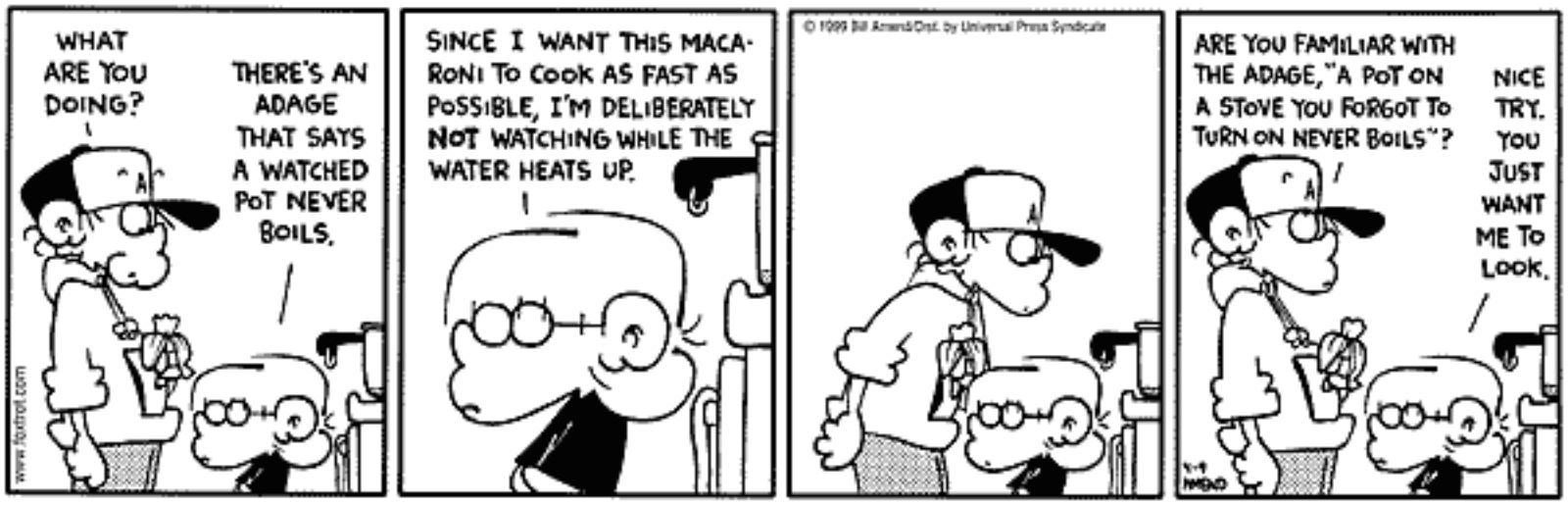
I ALWAYS FORGET WHEN TO STOP.


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THERE'S AN ADAGE THAT SAYS A WATCHED POT NEVER BOILS.
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SINCE I WANT THIS MACARONI TO COOK AS FAST AS POSSIBLE, I'M DELIBERATELY NOT WATCHING WHILE THE WATER HEATS UP.
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ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE ADAGE, "A POT ON A STOVE YOU FORGOT TO TURN ON NEVER BOILS"?
NICE TRY. YOU JUST WANT ME TO LOOK.

HOW ARE THE TAXES COMING ALONG?
MUCH BETTER THAN LAST YEAR, I CAN TELL YOU THAT.
THANK GOODNESS. I WAS AFRAID YOU HADN'T STARTED THEM YET.
I HAVEN'T.
BUT LAST YEAR I HADN'T STARTED THEM AS OF APRIL 14TH — TODAY'S ONLY THE 10TH!
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"EDWARDS"... "FINCHLEY"... "FOX"!
I MADE THE TEAM! I MADE THE TEAM!
WOO HOO HOO! I MADE VARSITY BASEBALL!
PETER, 15 GUYS TRIED OUT FOR 18 OPENINGS.
WHO DA MAN?! I DA MAN! WHO DA MAN?! I DA MAN!
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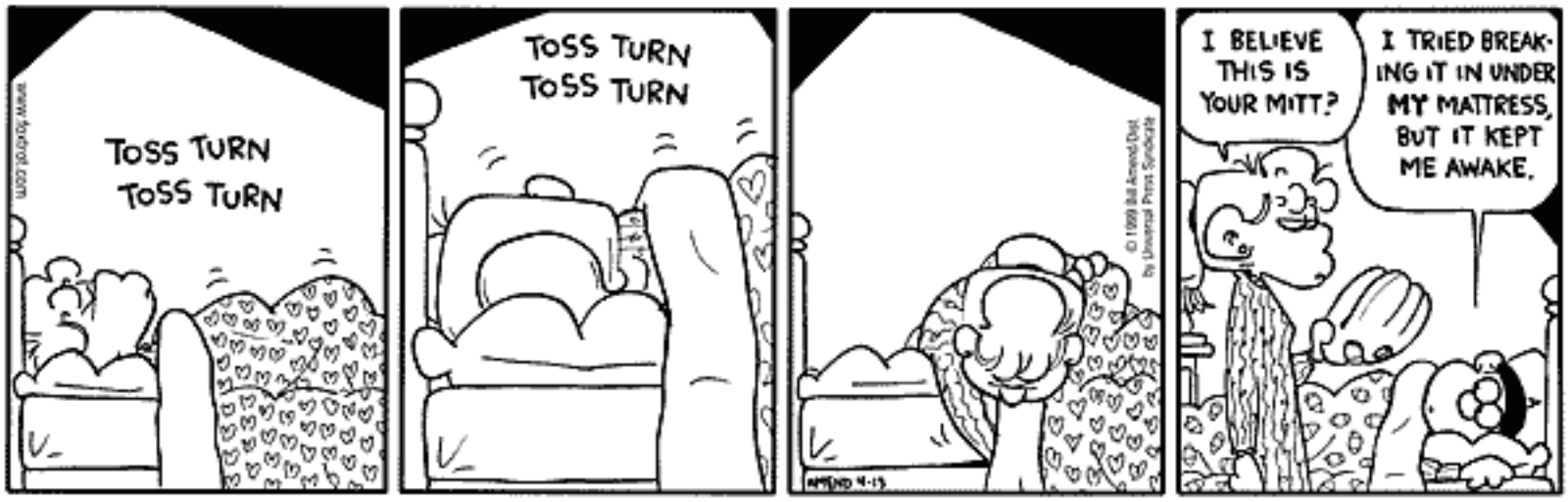
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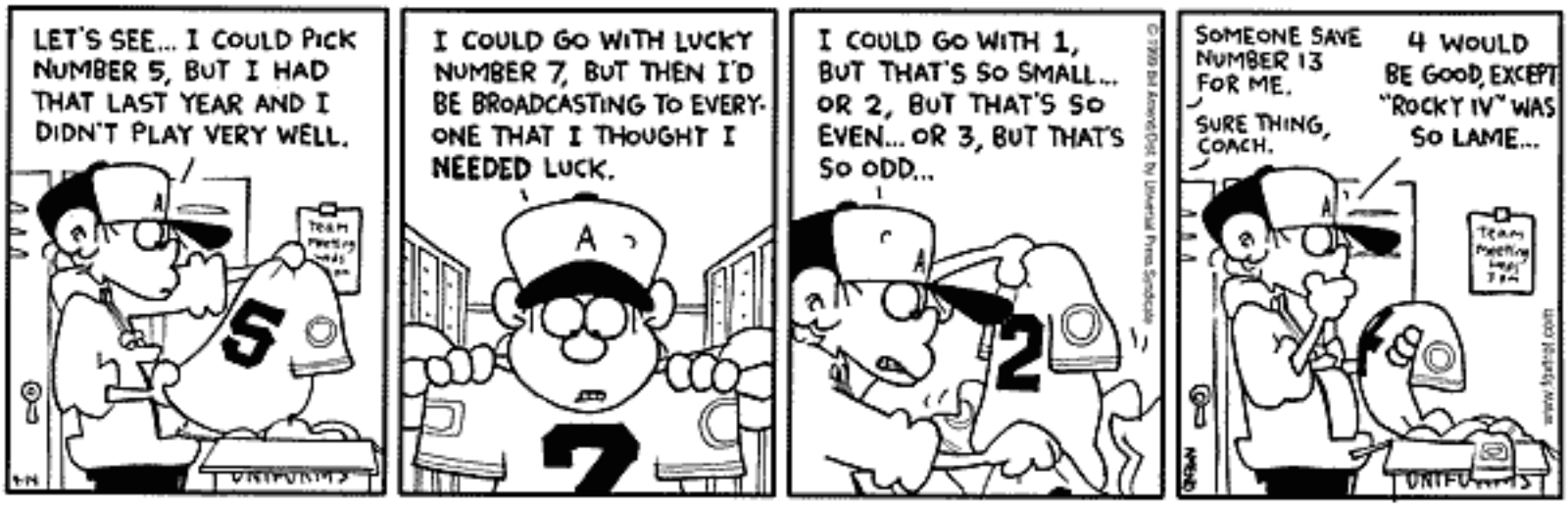
I BELIEVE THIS IS YOUR MITT?
I TRIED BREAKING IT IN UNDER MY MATTRESS, BUT IT KEPT ME AWAKE.


LET'S SEE... I COULD PICK NUMBER 5, BUT I HAD THAT LAST YEAR AND I DIDN'T PLAY VERY WELL.
I COULD GO WITH LUCKY NUMBER 7, BUT THEN I'D BE BROADCASTING TO EVERYONE THAT I THOUGHT I NEEDED LUCK.
I COULD GO WITH 1, BUT THAT'S SO SMALL... OR 2, BUT THAT'S SO EVEN... OR 3, BUT THAT'S SO ODD...
SOMEONE SAVE NUMBER 13 FOR ME.
SURE THING, COACH.
4 WOULD BE GOOD, EXCEPT "ROCKY IV" WAS SO LAME...
Team Meeting Wed. 7PM
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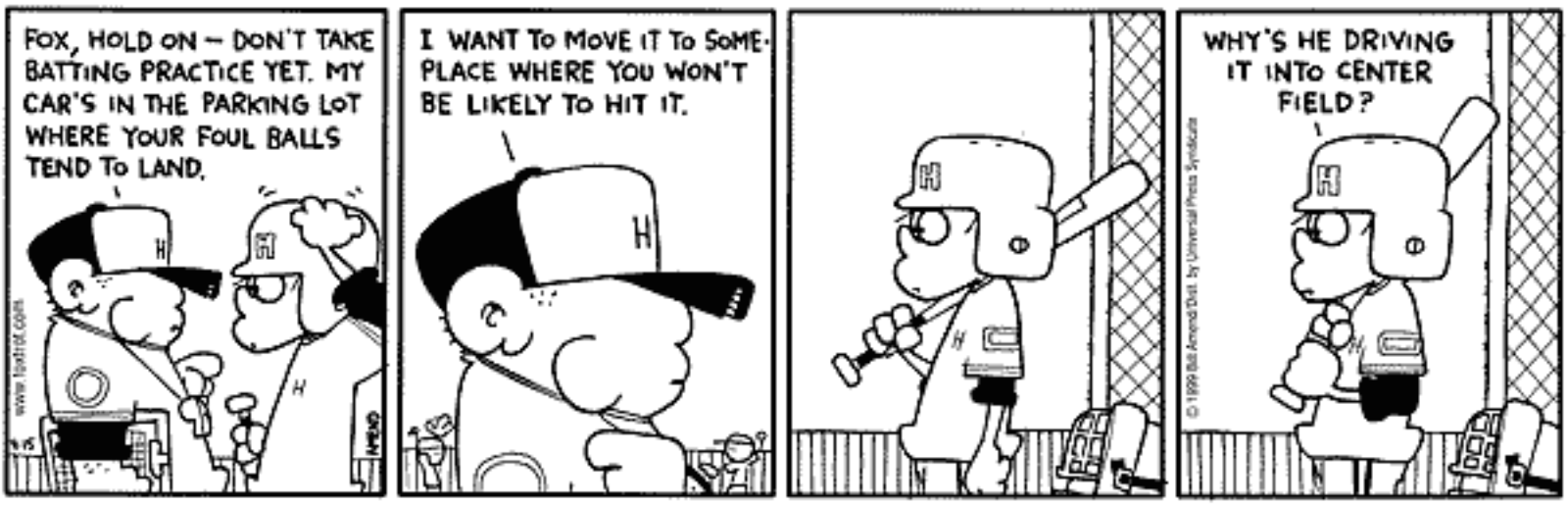
FOX, HOLD ON — DON'T TAKE BATTING PRACTICE YET. MY CAR'S IN THE PARKING LOT WHERE YOUR FOUL BALLS TEND TO LAND.
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I WANT TO MOVE IT TO SOME-PLACE WHERE YOU WON'T BE LIKELY TO HIT IT.
WHY'S HE DRIVING IT INTO CENTER FIELD?
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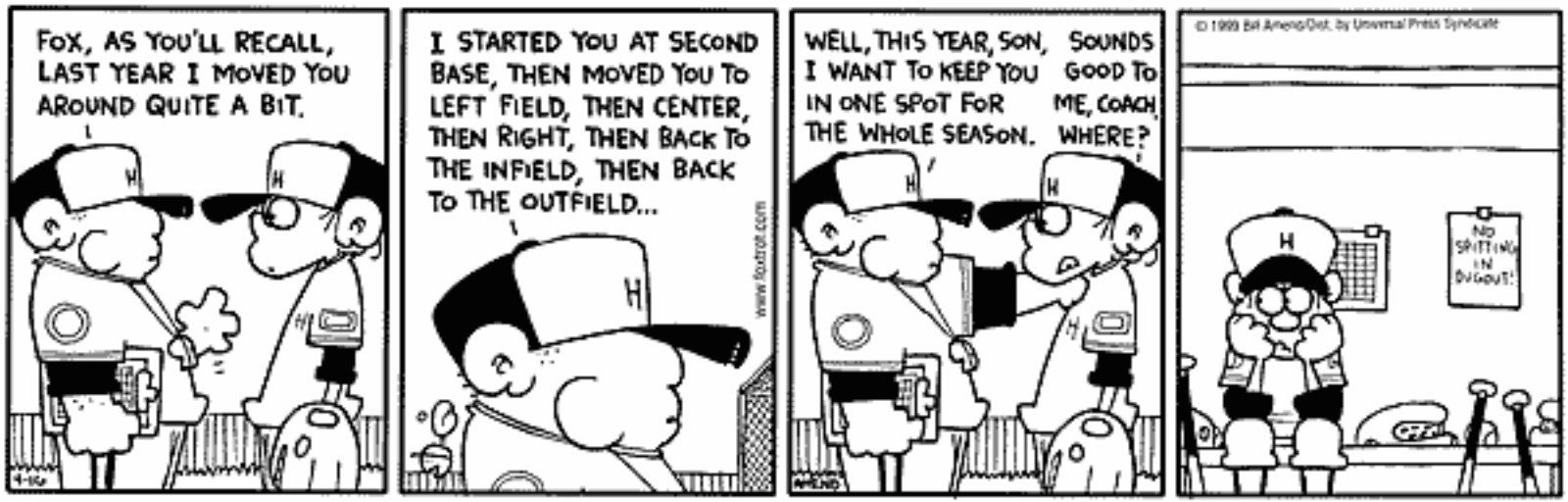
FOX, AS YOU'LL RECALL, LAST YEAR I MOVED YOU AROUND QUITE A BIT.
I STARTED YOU AT SECOND BASE, THEN MOVED YOU TO LEFT FIELD, THEN CENTER, THEN RIGHT, THEN BACK TO THE INFIELD, THEN BACK TO THE OUTFIELD...
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WELL, THIS YEAR, SON, I WANT TO KEEP YOU IN ONE SPOT FOR THE WHOLE SEASON.
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME, COACH. WHERE?
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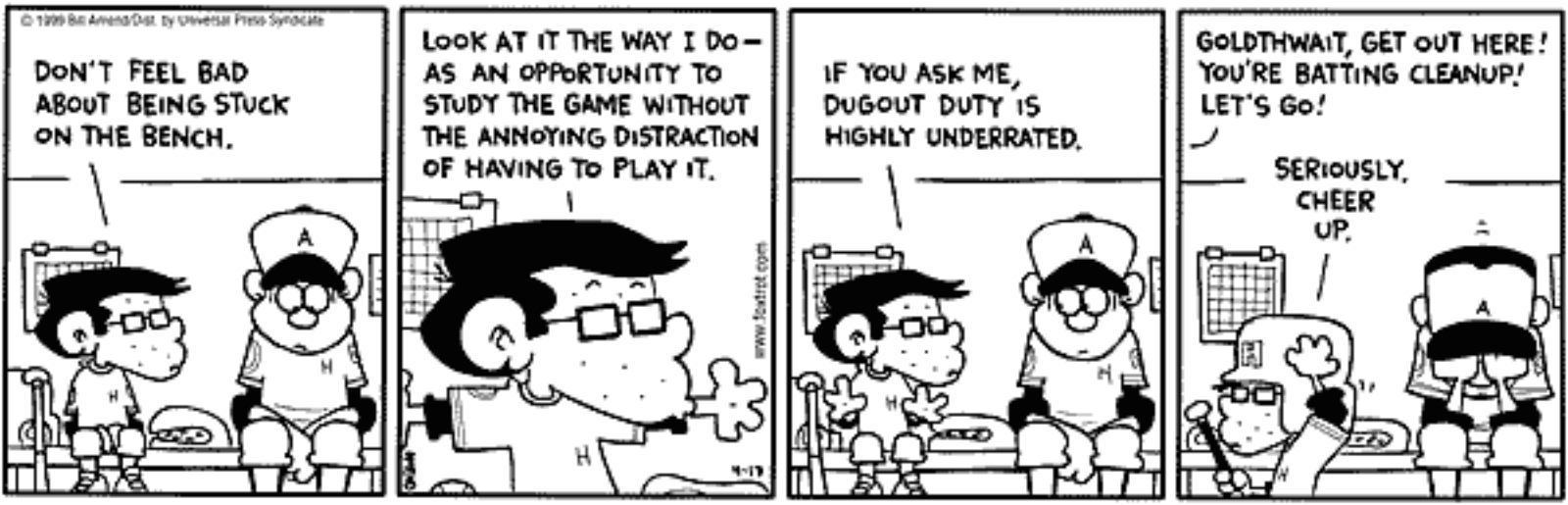
NO SPITTING IN DUGOUT!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DON'T FEEL BAD ABOUT BEING STUCK ON THE BENCH.
LOOK AT IT THE WAY I DO— AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE GAME WITHOUT THE ANNOYING DISTRACTION OF HAVING TO PLAY IT.
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IF YOU ASK ME, DUGOUT DUTY IS HIGHLY UNDERRATED.
GOLDTHWAIT, GET OUT HERE! YOU'RE BATTING CLEANUP! LET'S GO!
SERIOUSLY, CHEER UP.

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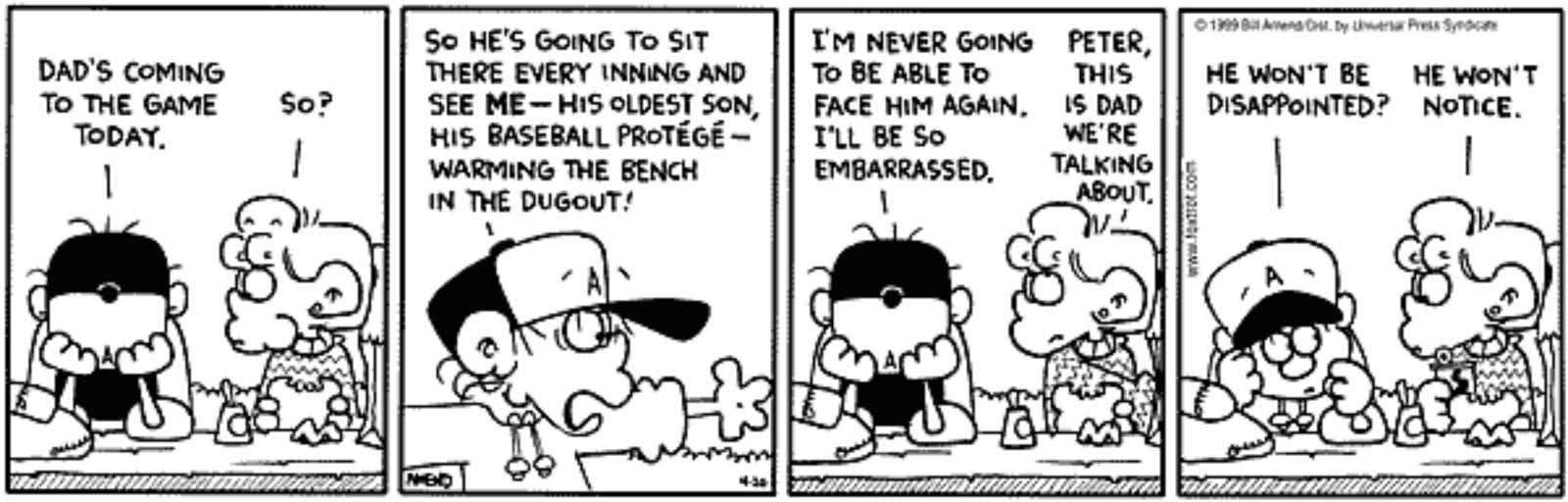
DAD'S COMING TO THE BASEBALL GAME?!
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SURPRISE, BUT YES.
HE MOVED UP A MEETING SO HE COULD GET OUT OF WORK EARLY.
I WISH I COULD JOIN HIM — THE WEATHERMAN SAID IT'S GOING TO BE A GLORIOUS DAY.
TRUST ME. IT WON'T BE.
SAY, YOU NEVER TOLD US WHAT POSITION YOU'RE PLAYING.


DAD'S COMING TO THE GAME TODAY.
SO?
SO HE'S GOING TO SIT THERE EVERY INNING AND SEE ME — HIS OLDEST SON, HIS BASEBALL PROTÉGÉ — WARMING THE BENCH IN THE DUGOUT!
I'M NEVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO FACE HIM AGAIN. I'LL BE SO EMBARRASSED.
PETER, THIS IS DAD WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
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HE WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED?
HE WON'T NOTICE.
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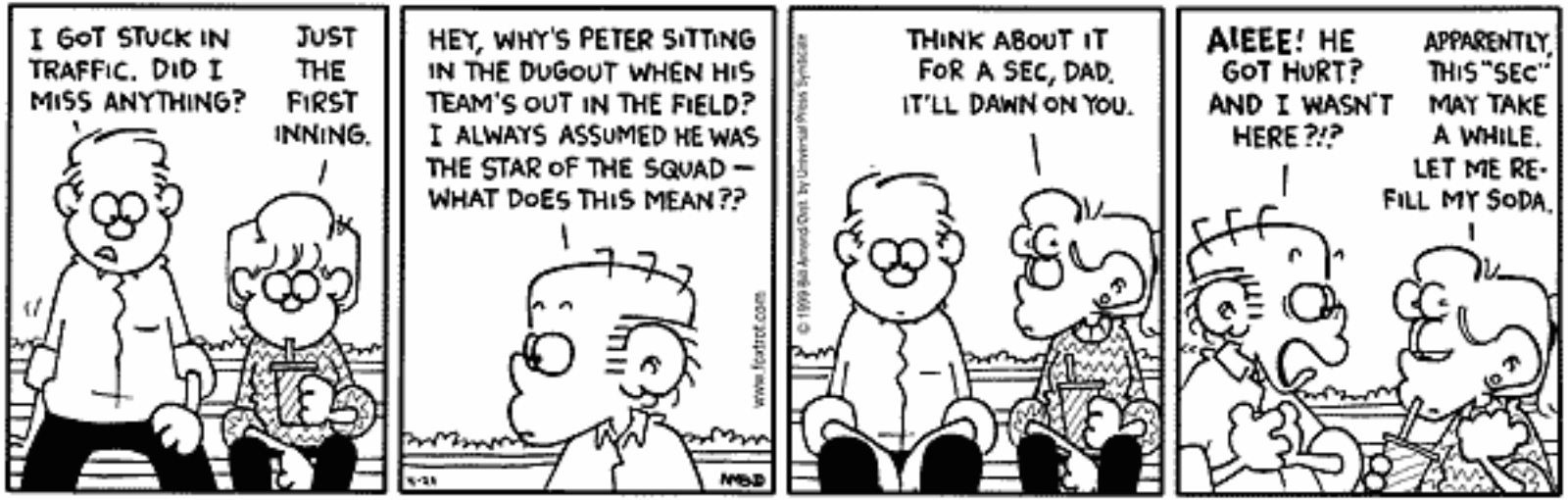
I GOT STUCK IN TRAFFIC. DID I MISS ANYTHING?
JUST THE FIRST INNING.
HEY, WHY'S PETER SITTING IN THE DUGOUT WHEN HIS TEAM'S OUT IN THE FIELD? I ALWAYS ASSUMED HE WAS THE STAR OF THE SQUAD — WHAT DOES THIS MEAN??
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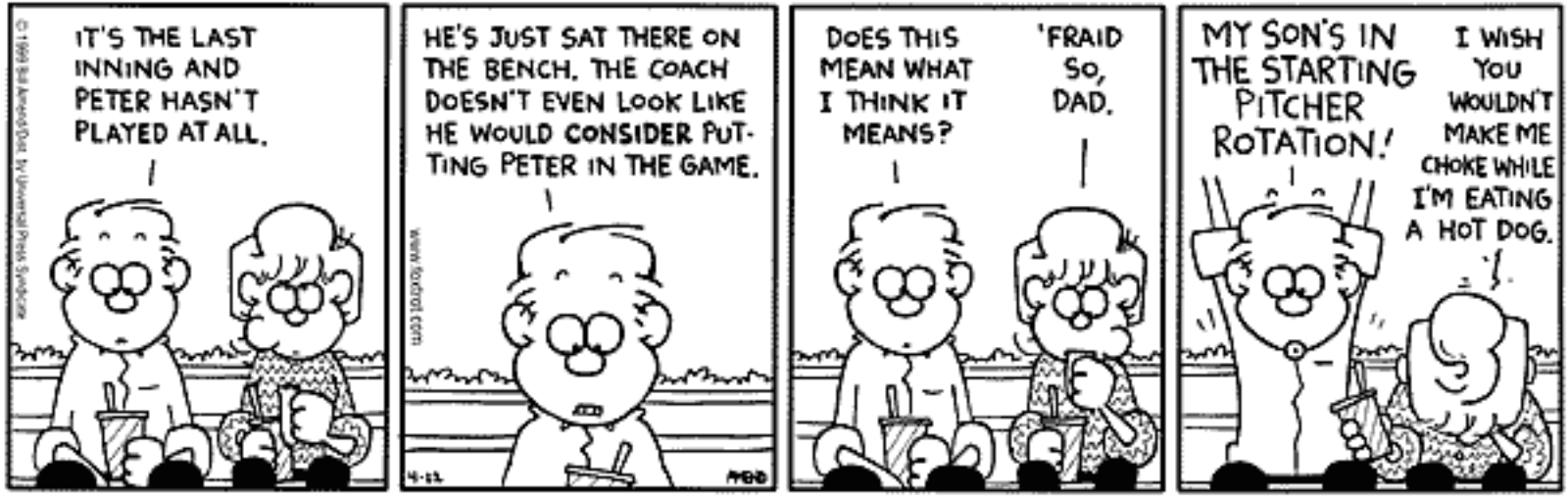
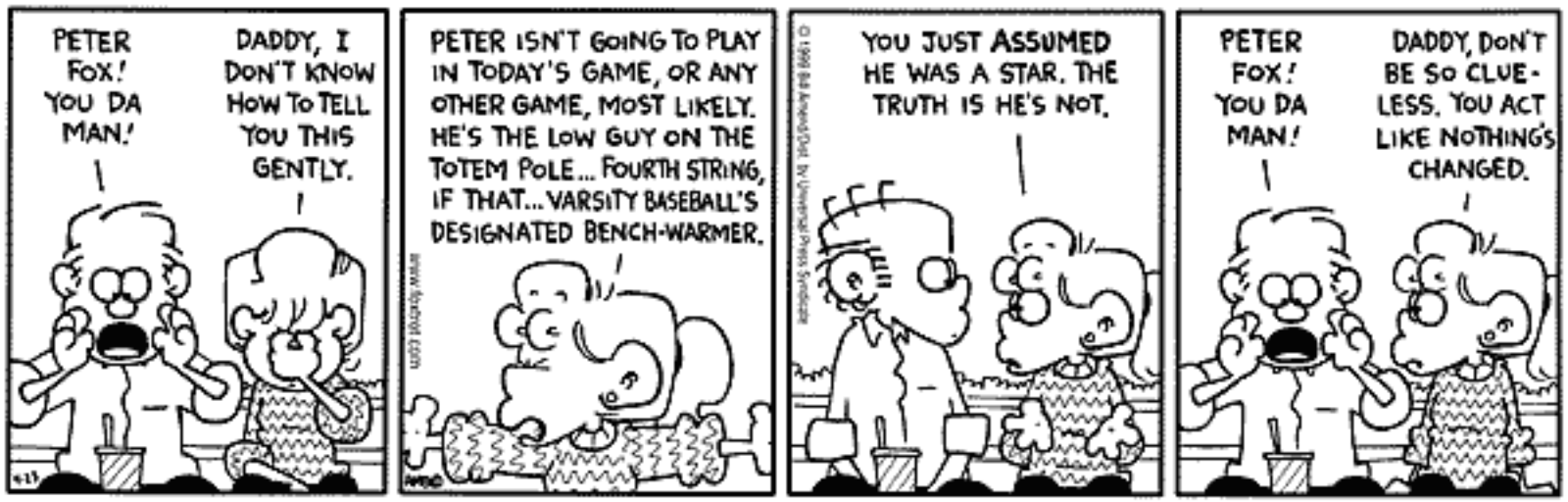
THINK ABOUT IT FOR A SEC, DAD. IT'LL DAWN ON YOU.
AIEEE! HE GOT HURT? AND I WASN'T HERE?!?
APPARENTLY, THIS "SEC" MAY TAKE A WHILE. LET ME RE-FILL MY SODA.


IT'S THE LAST INNING AND PETER HASN'T PLAYED AT ALL.
HE'S JUST SAT THERE ON THE BENCH. THE COACH DOESN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE HE WOULD CONSIDER PUTTING PETER IN THE GAME.
DOES THIS MEAN WHAT I THINK IT MEANS?
'FRAID SO, DAD.
MY SON'S IN THE STARTING PITCHER ROTATION!
I WISH YOU WOULDN'T MAKE ME CHOKE WHILE I'M EATING A HOT DOG.


PETER FOX! YOU DA MAN!
DADDY, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THIS GENTLY.
PETER ISN'T GOING TO PLAY IN TODAY'S GAME, OR ANY OTHER GAME, MOST LIKELY. HE'S THE LOW GUY ON THE TOTEM POLE... FOURTH STRING, IF THAT... VARSITY BASEBALL'S DESIGNATED BENCH-WARMER.
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YOU JUST ASSUMED HE WAS A STAR. THE TRUTH IS HE'S NOT.
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PETER FOX! YOU DA MAN!
DADDY, DON'T BE SO CLUE-LESS. YOU ACT LIKE NOTHING'S CHANGED.

I CAN'T BELIEVE DAD CHEERED ME ON LIKE THAT TODAY.
I MEAN, EVEN AFTER HE SAW I WAS JUST A BENCH-WARMER, A FOURTH-STRINGER, A NOBODY, HE KEPT RIGHT ON YELLING, "RAH, RAH, PETER! RAH, RAH, PETER!"
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I THOUGHT FOR SURE HE'D THINK I WAS A FAILURE. I THOUGHT FOR SURE HE'D BE DISAPPOINTED.
SOMETIMES OUR DAD'S PRETTY COOL.
FOR A GUY WHO SAYS "RAH."
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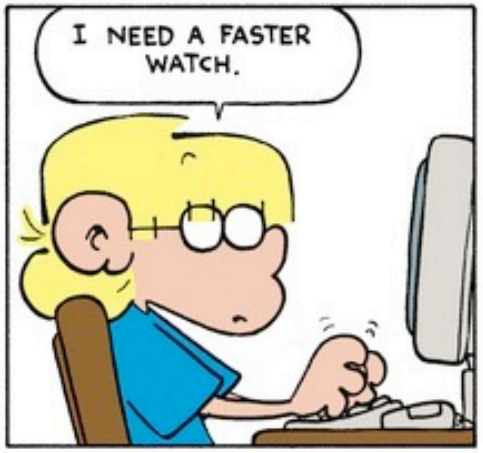

Welcome to the Jason Fox STAR WARS EPISODE I Rumors Web Page!!!

Greetings, fellow "Star Wars" fans! With less than four weeks to go before the big event, new details about the movie are leaking out faster than a Tatooine pod race!

Spoilers ahead! Beware!

First, confirmation of last week's report here that John Williams' score departs rather drastically from his earlier SW works. "He's sort of big on kazoos now," states one well-placed insider. Another source would only characterize the new sound as "highly experimental."

Speaking of music, we erred in our earlier report that "Titanic's" own Celine Dion would sing the ballad "A Long Time Ago" over the end credits. Sources now tell us the song will run during the opening title crawl and will take full advantage of THX surround sound.

Bad news for special effects fans. Apparently stung by criticism from his mailman that the trailers looked "too digital," George Lucas has ordered all computer-generated images removed from the film. CGI character Jar Jar Binks will reportedly be renamed "Jar Jar Binks, Master of Invisibility."

Finally, rumors continue to swirl of a last-minute voice recasting. A number of spies report that fitness guru Richard Simmons has been hired to rerecord all of lead villain Darth Maul's dialogue. "We think audiences will be surprised at how well he growls," says one Skywalker Ranch informant.

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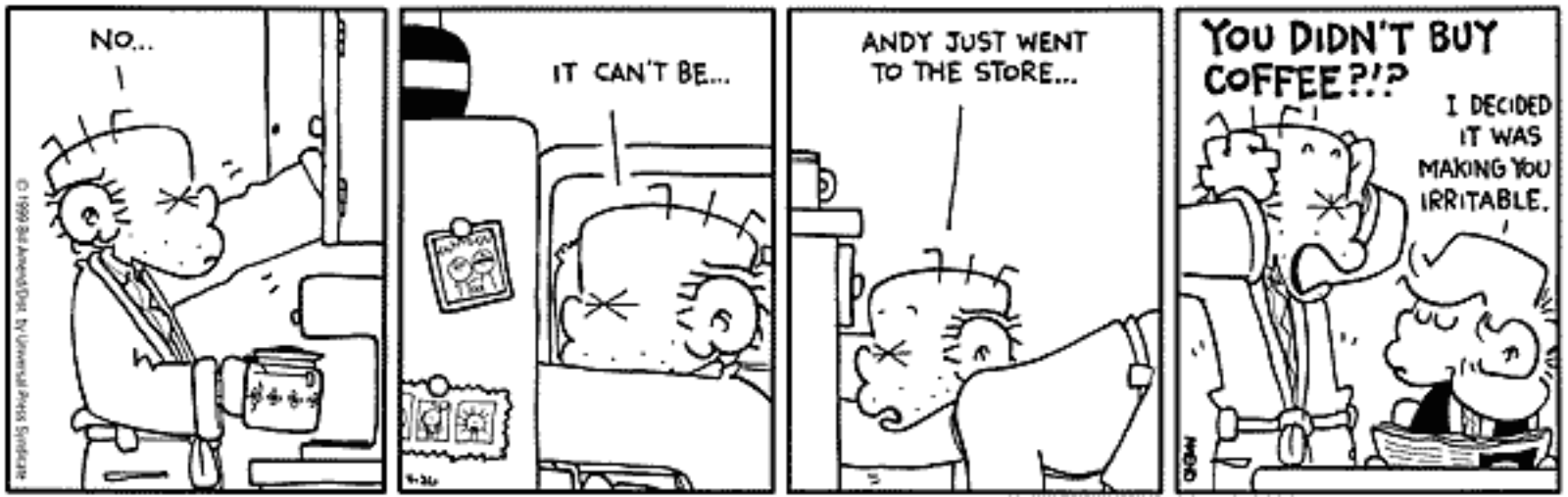
NO...
IT CAN'T BE...
ANDY JUST WENT TO THE STORE...
YOU DIDN'T BUY COFFEE?!?
I DECIDED IT WAS MAKING YOU IRRITABLE.
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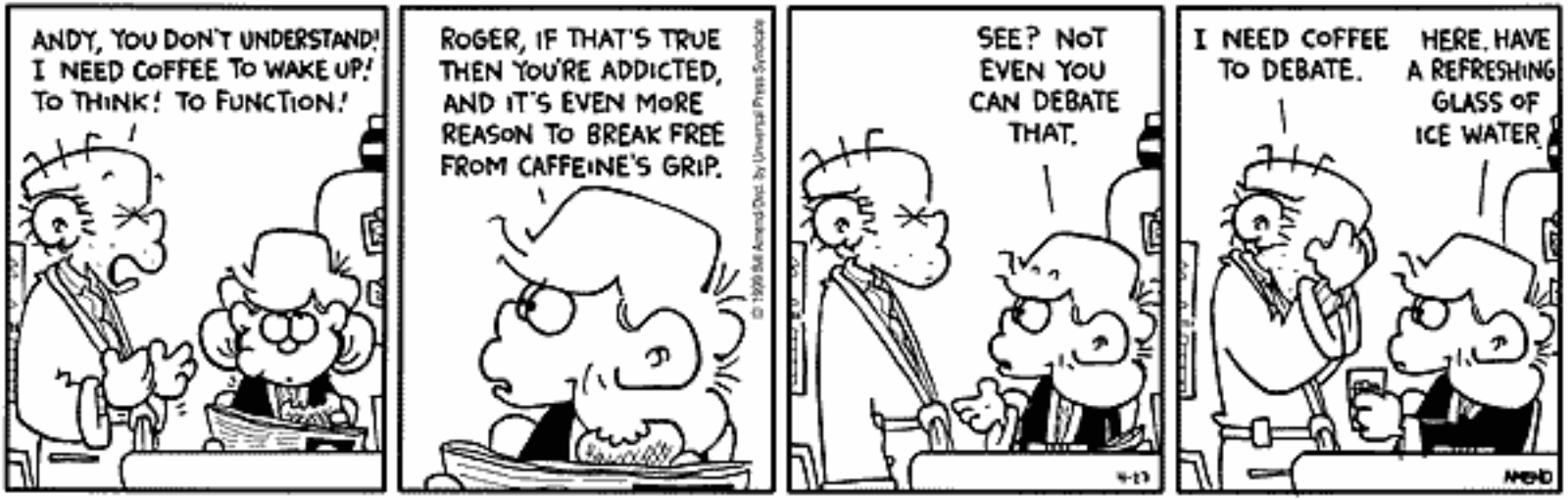
ANDY, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I NEED COFFEE TO WAKE UP! TO THINK! TO FUNCTION!
ROGER, IF THAT'S TRUE THEN YOU'RE ADDICTED, AND IT'S EVEN MORE REASON TO BREAK FREE FROM CAFFEINE'S GRIP.
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SEE? NOT EVEN YOU CAN DEBATE THAT.
I NEED COFFEE TO DEBATE.
HERE, HAVE A REFRESHING GLASS OF ICE WATER.
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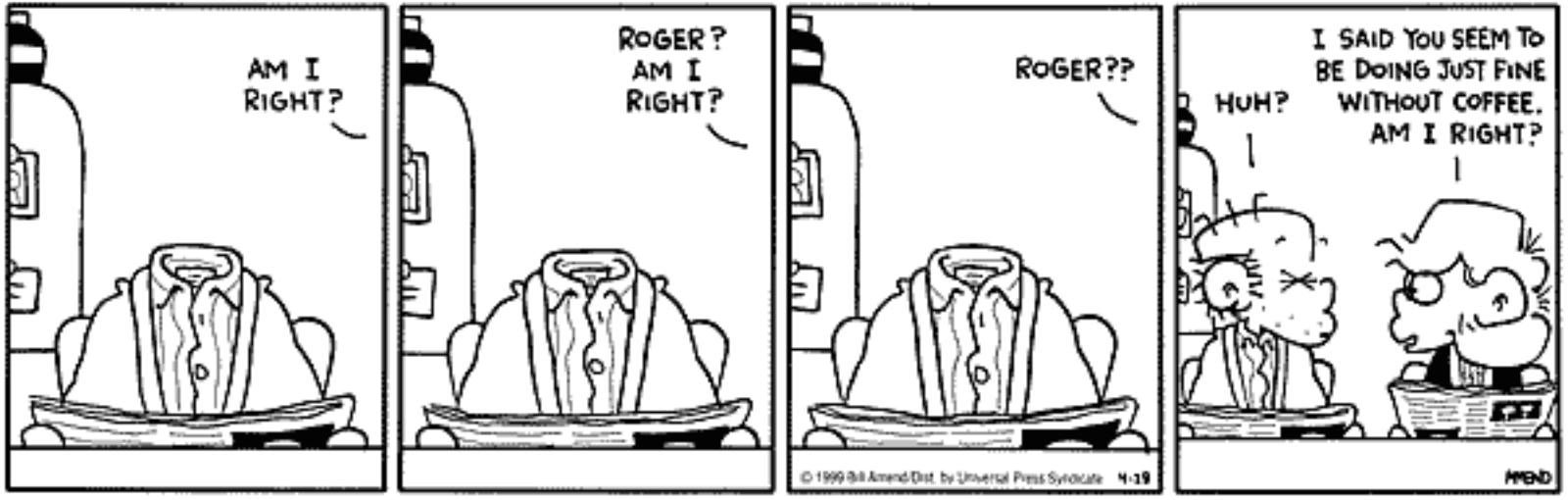
AM I RIGHT?
ROGER? AM I RIGHT?
ROGER??
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HUH?
I SAID YOU SEEM TO BE DOING JUST FINE WITHOUT COFFEE. AM I RIGHT?
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I THINK WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO DAD IS CRUEL.
ASKING HIM TO GO ONE MORNING WITHOUT COFFEE?
ASKING HIM TO GO ONE MORNING WITHOUT COFFEE IN THIS HOUSE.
WHY WOULD HE BE ANY BETTER OFF SOMEPLACE ELSE?
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SON, YOU'RE (CRUNCH) SURE THIS IS (CRUNCH) CEREAL I'M EATING?
ABSOLUTELY. MORE MILK?
ELBOW MACARONI
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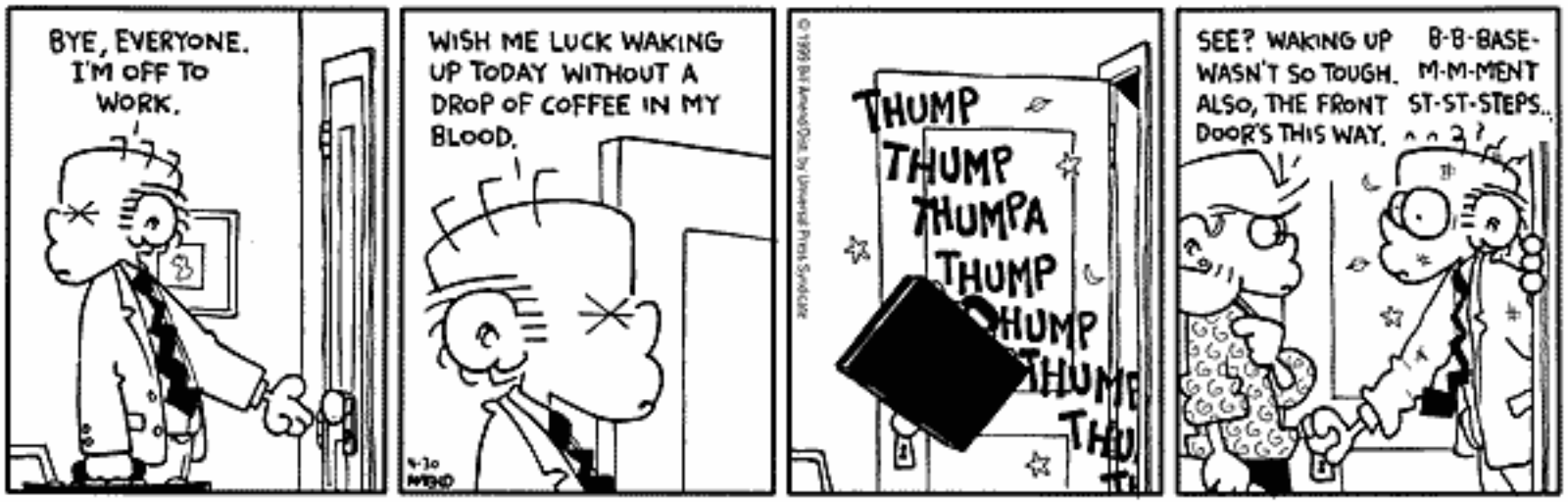
BYE, EVERYONE. I'M OFF TO WORK.
WISH ME LUCK WAKING UP TODAY WITHOUT A DROP OF COFFEE IN MY BLOOD.
9-30 MEHO
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THUMP
THUMP
THUMPA
THUMP
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THU
SEE? WAKING UP WASN'T SO TOUGH. ALSO, THE FRONT DOOR'S THIS WAY.
B-B-BASE-M-M-MENT ST-ST-STEPS...

SO HOW WAS WORK, MR. CAFFEINE-FREE?
RATHER REMARKABLE.
I SAT THROUGH TWO STAFF MEETINGS, A LUNCHTIME CONFERENCE CALL, MET WITH A NEW CLIENT, AND GAVE AN IMPROMPTU HALLWAY SEMINAR ON KEY COMPANY STRATEGIES.
SEE? YOU DIDN'T HAVE A DROP OF COFFEE THIS MORNING AND YOU WERE STILL ABLE TO DO YOUR JOB!
I HOPE YOU LEARNED SOMETHING.
WELL, AT AROUND 4:15, THAT I WAS IN THE WRONG BUILDING.

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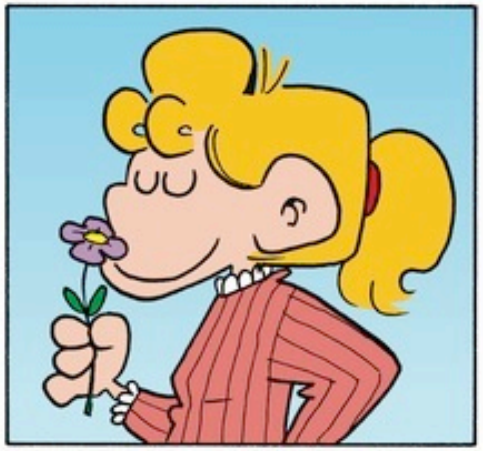

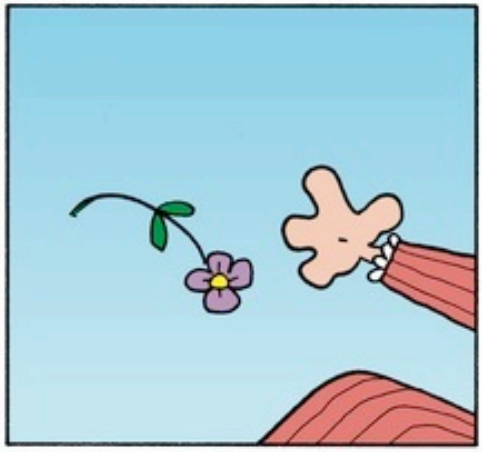

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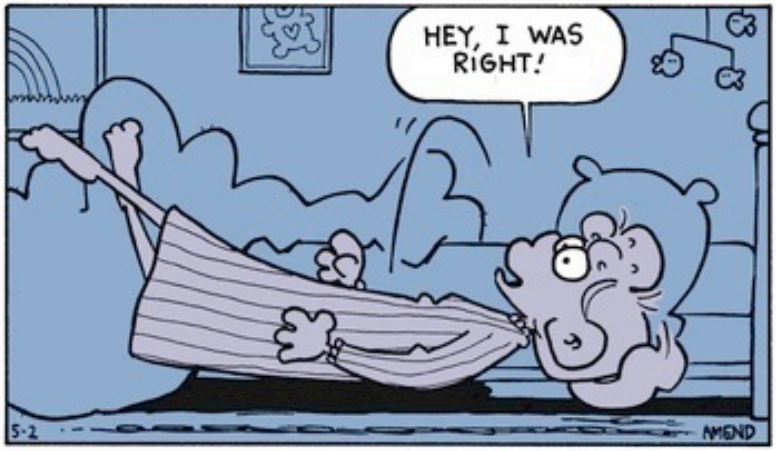

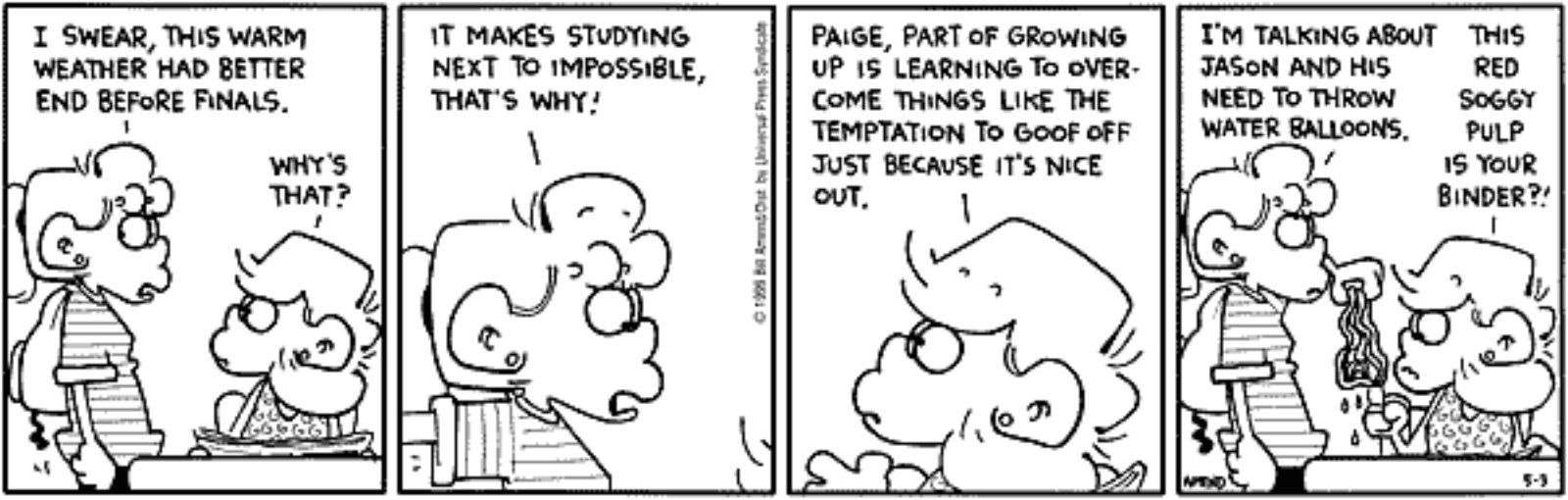
I SWEAR, THIS WARM WEATHER HAD BETTER END BEFORE FINALS.
WHY'S THAT?
IT MAKES STUDYING NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE, THAT'S WHY!
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PAIGE, PART OF GROWING UP IS LEARNING TO OVER-COME THINGS LIKE THE TEMPTATION TO GOOF OFF JUST BECAUSE IT'S NICE OUT.
I'M TALKING ABOUT JASON AND HIS NEED TO THROW WATER BALLOONS.
THIS RED SOGGY PULP IS YOUR BINDER?!
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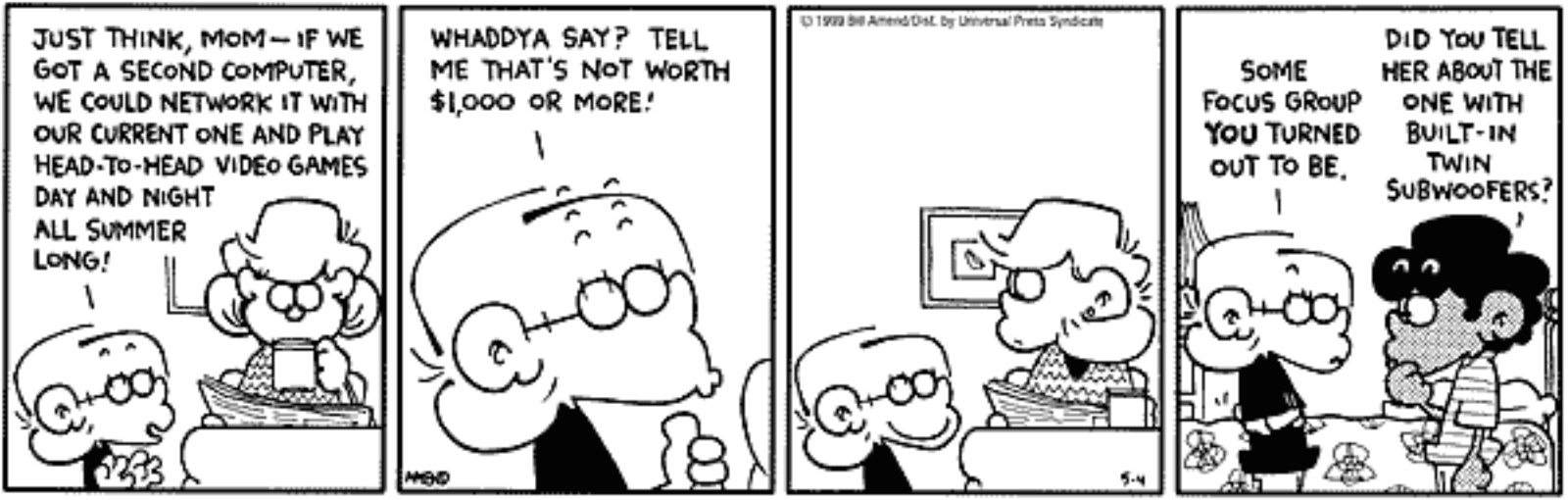
JUST THINK, MOM — IF WE GOT A SECOND COMPUTER, WE COULD NETWORK IT WITH OUR CURRENT ONE AND PLAY HEAD-TO-HEAD VIDEO GAMES DAY AND NIGHT ALL SUMMER LONG!
WHADDYA SAY? TELL ME THAT'S NOT WORTH $1,000 OR MORE!
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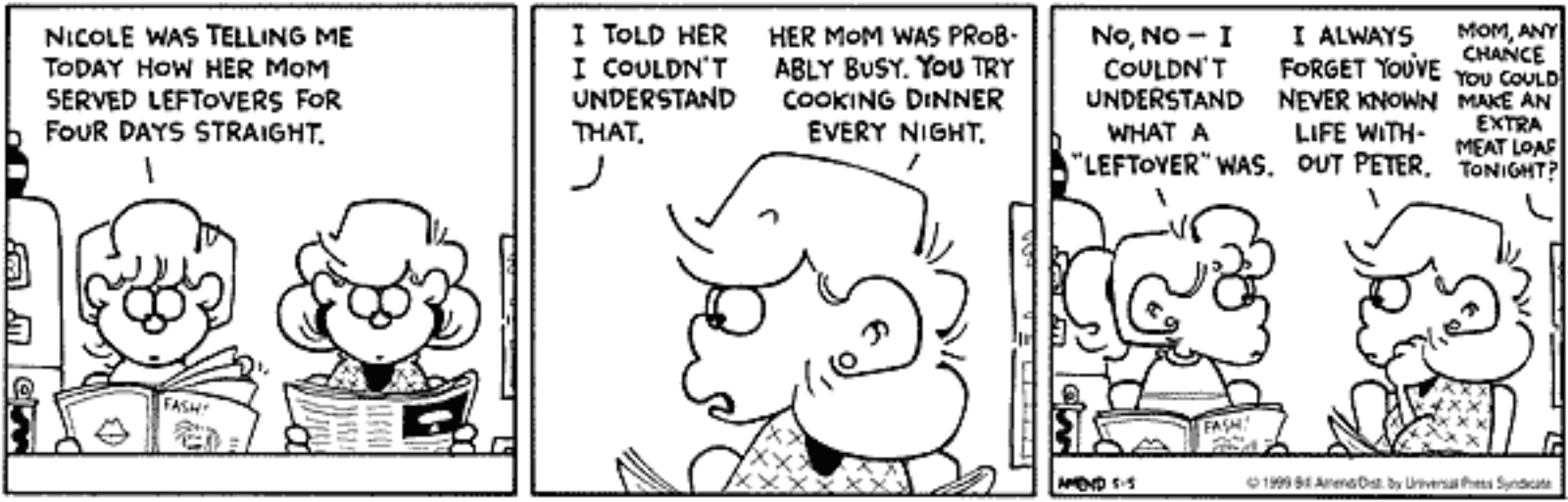
SOME FOCUS GROUP YOU TURNED OUT TO BE.
DID YOU TELL HER ABOUT THE ONE WITH BUILT-IN TWIN SUBWOOFERS?


NICOLE WAS TELLING ME TODAY HOW HER MOM SERVED LEFTOVERS FOR FOUR DAYS STRAIGHT.
FASH!
I TOLD HER I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT.
HER MOM WAS PROBABLY BUSY. YOU TRY COOKING DINNER EVERY NIGHT.
NO, NO — I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT A "LEFTOVER" WAS.
I ALWAYS FORGET YOU'VE NEVER KNOWN LIFE WITHOUT PETER.
MOM, ANY CHANCE YOU COULD MAKE AN EXTRA MEAT LOAF TONIGHT?
FASH!
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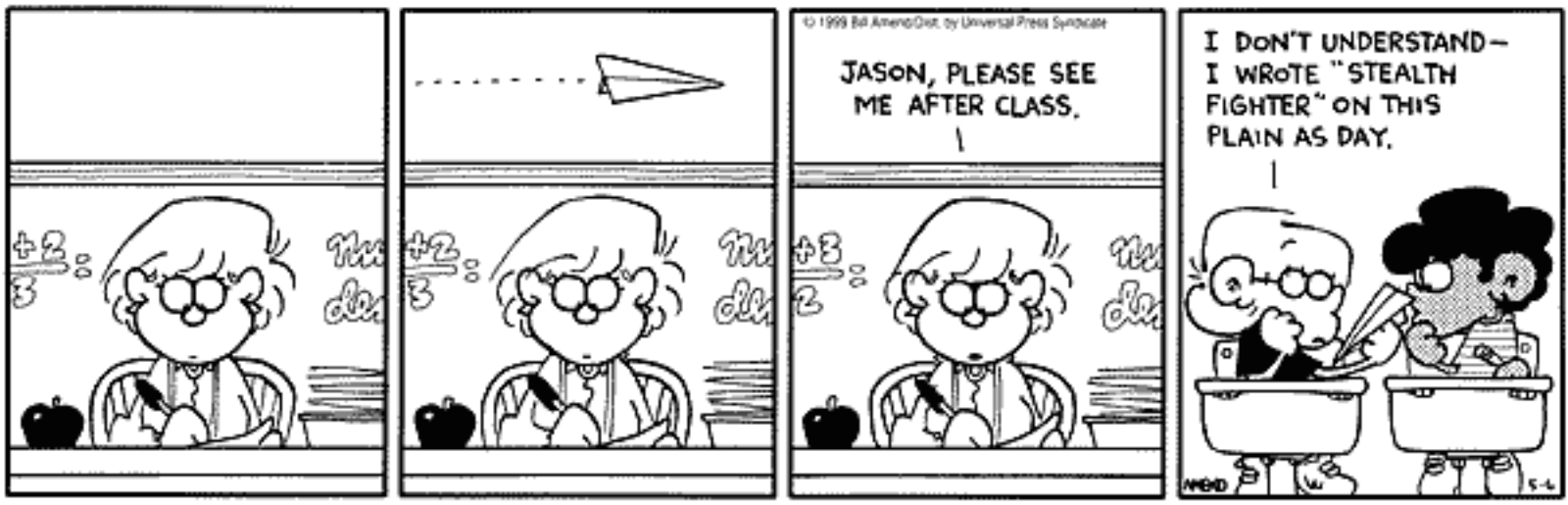
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JASON, PLEASE SEE ME AFTER CLASS.
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I DON'T UNDERSTAND— I WROTE "STEALTH FIGHTER" ON THIS PLAIN AS DAY.
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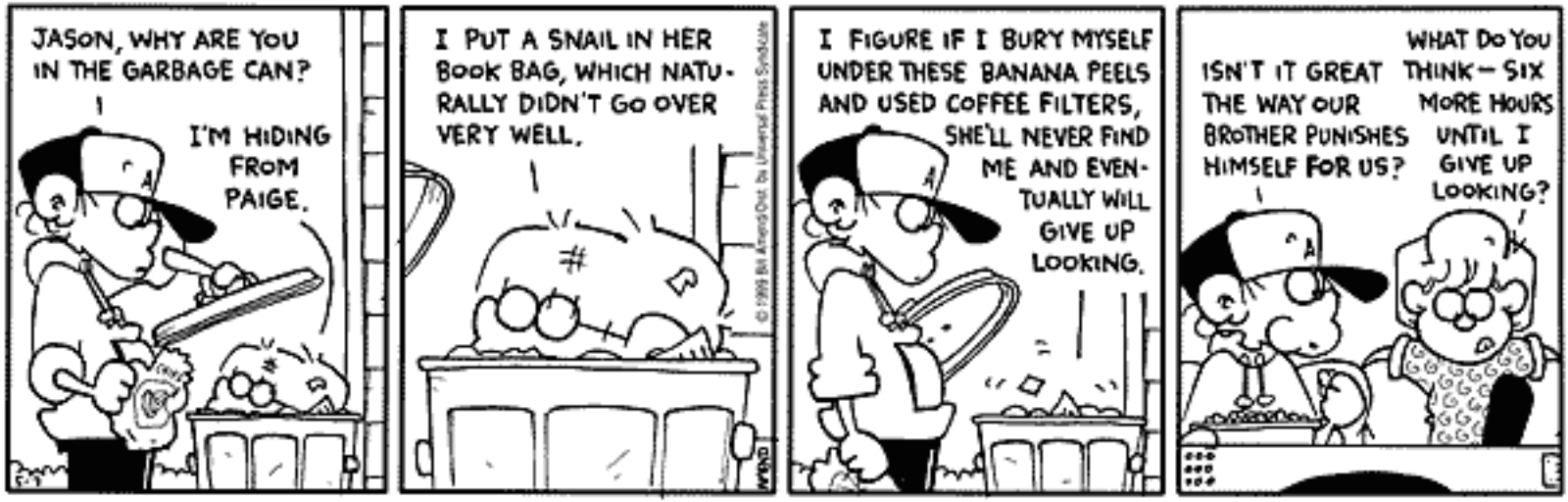
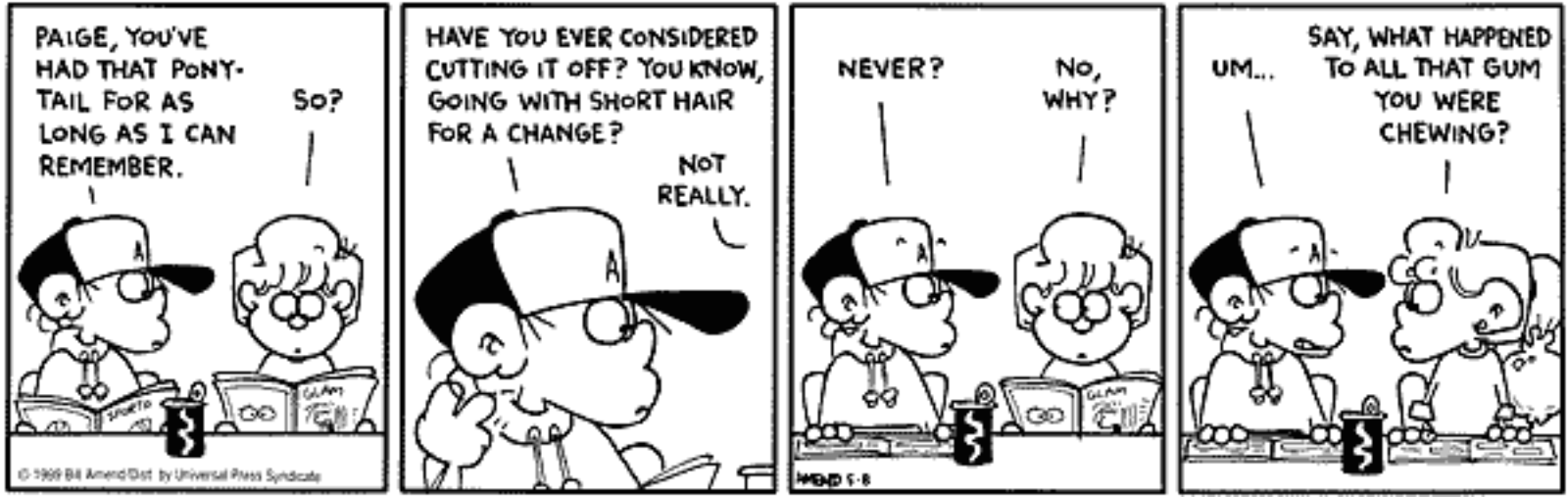

JASON, WHY ARE YOU IN THE GARBAGE CAN?
I'M HIDING FROM PAIGE.
I PUT A SNAIL IN HER BOOK BAG, WHICH NATURALLY DIDN'T GO OVER VERY WELL.
I FIGURE IF I BURY MYSELF UNDER THESE BANANA PEELS AND USED COFFEE FILTERS, SHE'LL NEVER FIND ME AND EVENTUALLY WILL GIVE UP LOOKING.
ISN'T IT GREAT THE WAY OUR BROTHER PUNISHES HIMSELF FOR US?
WHAT DO YOU THINK — SIX MORE HOURS UNTIL I GIVE UP LOOKING?


PAIGE, YOU'VE HAD THAT PONY-TAIL FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.
SO?
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HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED CUTTING IT OFF? YOU KNOW, GOING WITH SHORT HAIR FOR A CHANGE?
NOT REALLY.
NEVER?
NO, WHY?
UM...
SAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THAT GUM YOU WERE CHEWING?

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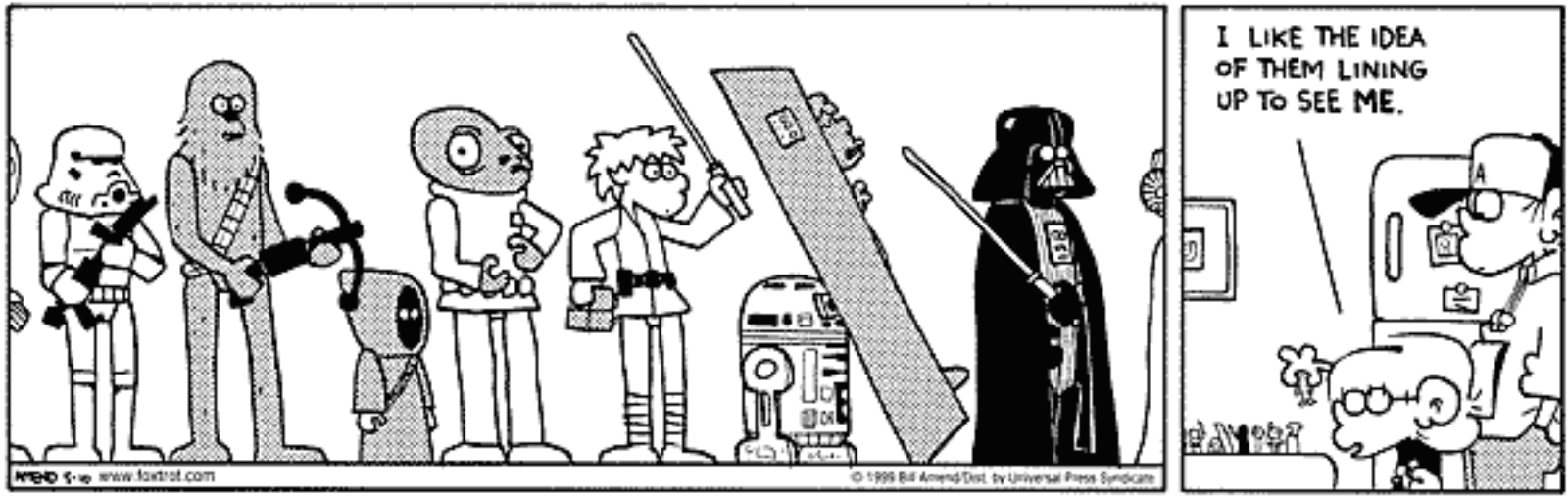
I LIKE THE IDEA OF THEM LINING UP TO SEE ME.
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SCRITCH SCRITCH SCRITCH
LOTTERY SCRATCHERS?? GOOD LORD.
TALK ABOUT YOUR WASTE OF MONEY. TALK ABOUT YOUR WASTE OF TIME.
TALK ABOUT YOUR SUCKER BETS.
WOO HOO! I WON $5!
I GET HALF.
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THESE ONLINE AUCTION SITES ARE INCREDIBLE, PETER!
I MEAN, LOOK AT THESE PRICES: A PINK DRESS, $3!... A YELLOW SILK BLOUSE, $2!... A CUDDLES THE KITTEN WRISTWATCH, $2.75!
I COULD REALLY GET HOOKED ON THIS.
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I SUPPOSE IF YOU LIKE BUYING GIRLS' CLOTHING.
WHO'S BUYING?
HAS ANYONE SEEN MY WATCH?

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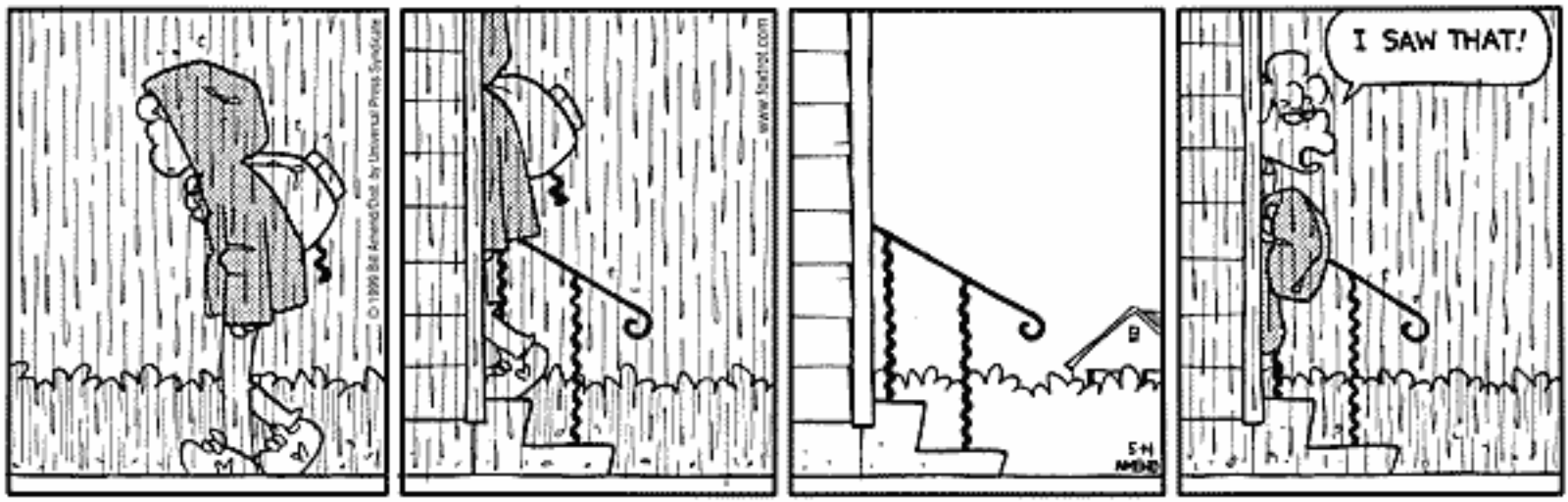
MY BABY-SITTING SISTER LIKES TO HIDE HUGGIES IN MY BACKPACK.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I SAW THAT!

LOOK OUT, MOM!
PETER, WILL YOU STOP THROWING THAT THING IN THE HOUSE?! IT'S NOT EVEN FOOTBALL SEASON!
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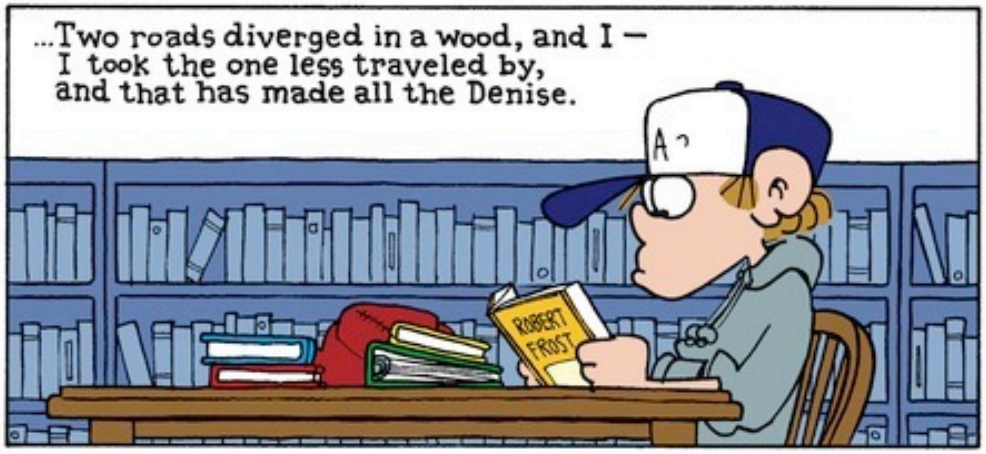

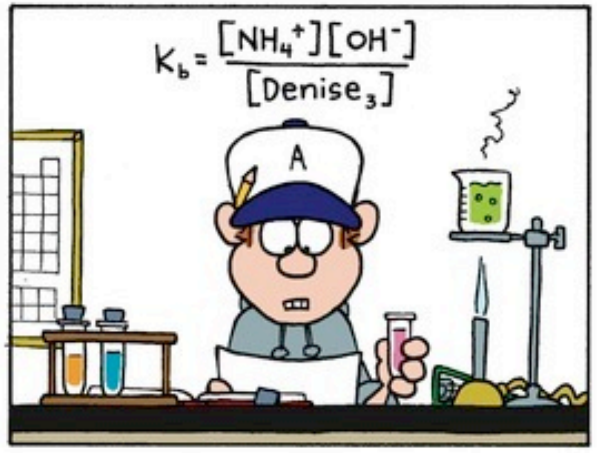

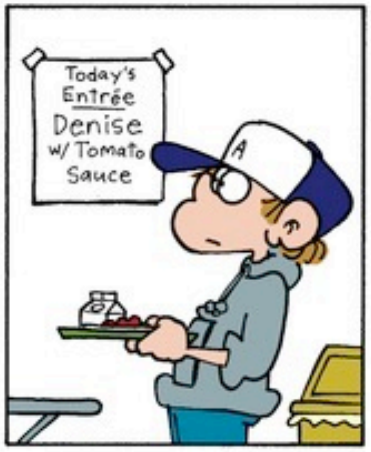

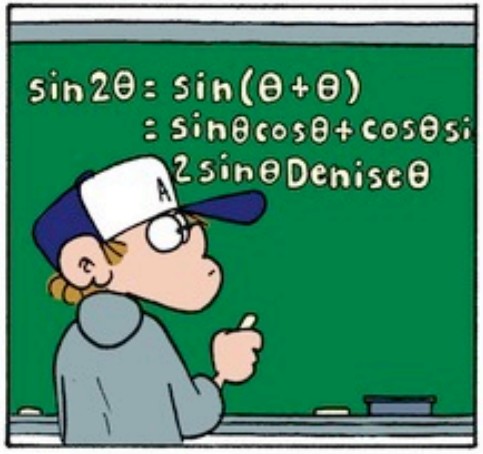

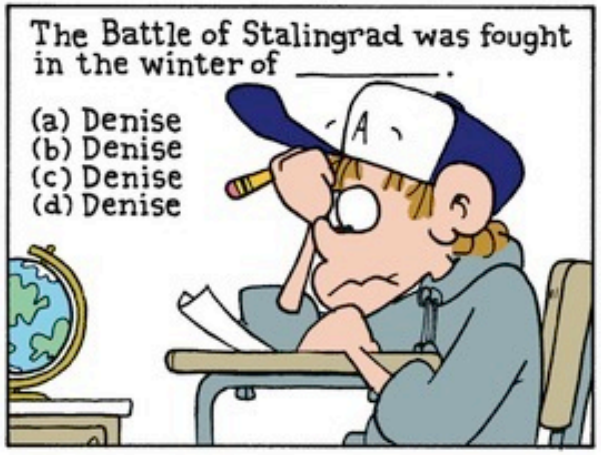

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CHIRP... CHIRP... TWEET... CHIRP...
WHAT ARE WE LISTENING TO?
IT'S A CD I PICKED UP AT THAT NATURE STORE.
TWEET... TWEET... CHIRP... TWEET... CRACK...
SOME GUY WENT OUT INTO THE WILD AND RECORDED THE AMBIENT SOUNDS OF DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS. SO FAR, IT'S PRETTY RELAXING.
HEY, GET AWAY FROM THAT EQUIPMEN – GRRARR! (RIP!) GRR! GRR! (RIP!) AAIEEEE! (RIP! RIP!)
(BURP)... TWEET... TWEET...
"IN THE MIDST OF GRIZZLIES."
THIS WAS THE LAST IN THE SERIES.

JUST A REMINDER, CLASS, THAT YOUR MATH FINAL WILL BE TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY.
HEE HEE HEE...
BWAA HA HA HA HA HA HAAAAAA!...
THIS IS NOT A GOOD SIGN.
LET'S SEE... BRAD AND MARIE, I STILL NEED TO GET YOUR NEXT-OF-KIN INFORMATION.

PETER, WHAT ARE YOU DOING WATCHING TV?! I THOUGHT YOU HAD A BIG PAPER TO WRITE!
I DO.
I FIGURED I'D WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY IF I LUMPED ALL MY STUDY BREAKS TOGETHER AND GOT THEM OUT OF THE WAY AHEAD OF TIME. THIS WAY I CAN WRITE MY ESSAY WITHOUT ANY INTERRUPTIONS TO MY THOUGHT PROCESS.
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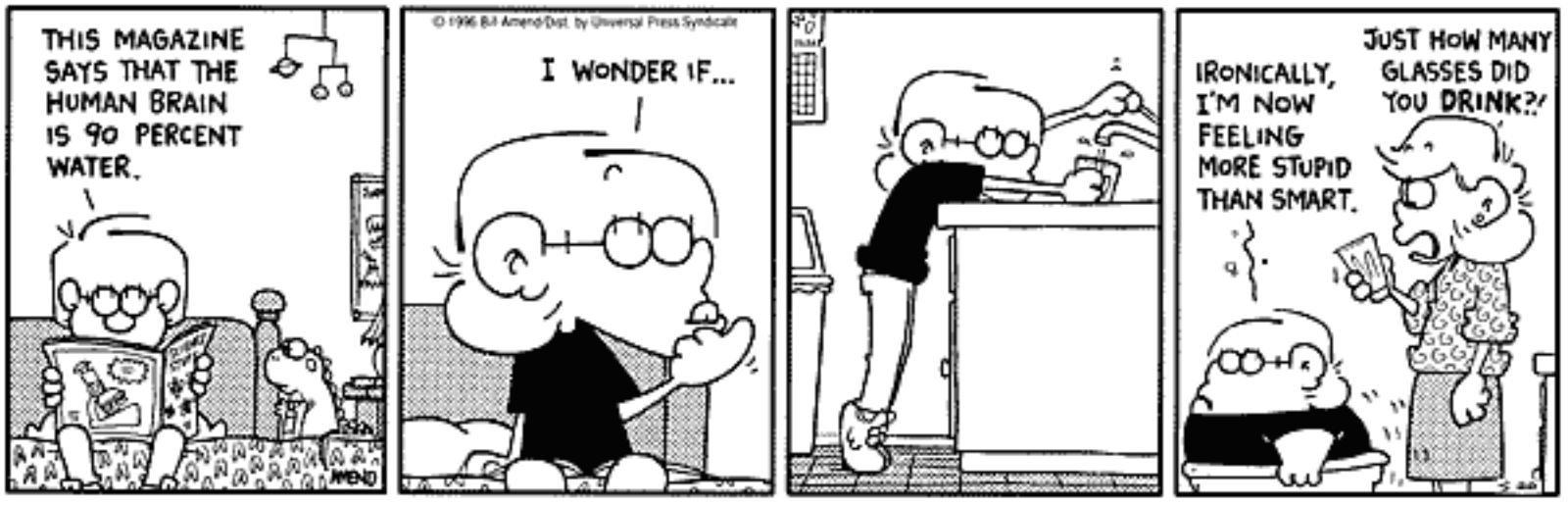
BY MY COUNT, I'VE GOT ANOTHER 30 MINUTES OF GOOFING OFF TO GO.
YOU KNOW, SOME PARENTS ENCOURAGE THEIR KIDS TO THINK CREATIVELY!...


THIS MAGAZINE SAYS THAT THE HUMAN BRAIN IS 90 PERCENT WATER.
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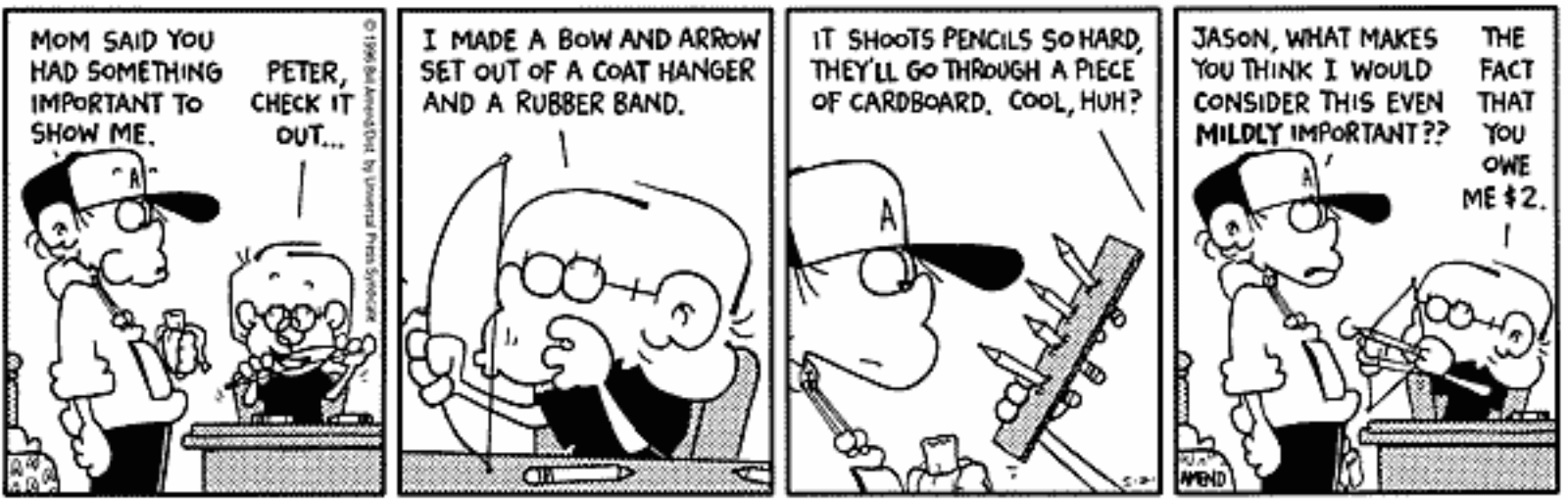
I WONDER IF...
IRONICALLY, I'M NOW FEELING MORE STUPID THAN SMART.
JUST HOW MANY GLASSES DID YOU DRINK?!


MOM SAID YOU HAD SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO SHOW ME.
PETER, CHECK IT OUT...
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I MADE A BOW AND ARROW SET OUT OF A COAT HANGER AND A RUBBER BAND.
IT SHOOTS PENCILS SO HARD, THEY'LL GO THROUGH A PIECE OF CARDBOARD. COOL, HUH?
JASON, WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WOULD CONSIDER THIS EVEN MILDLY IMPORTANT??
THE FACT THAT YOU OWE ME $2.
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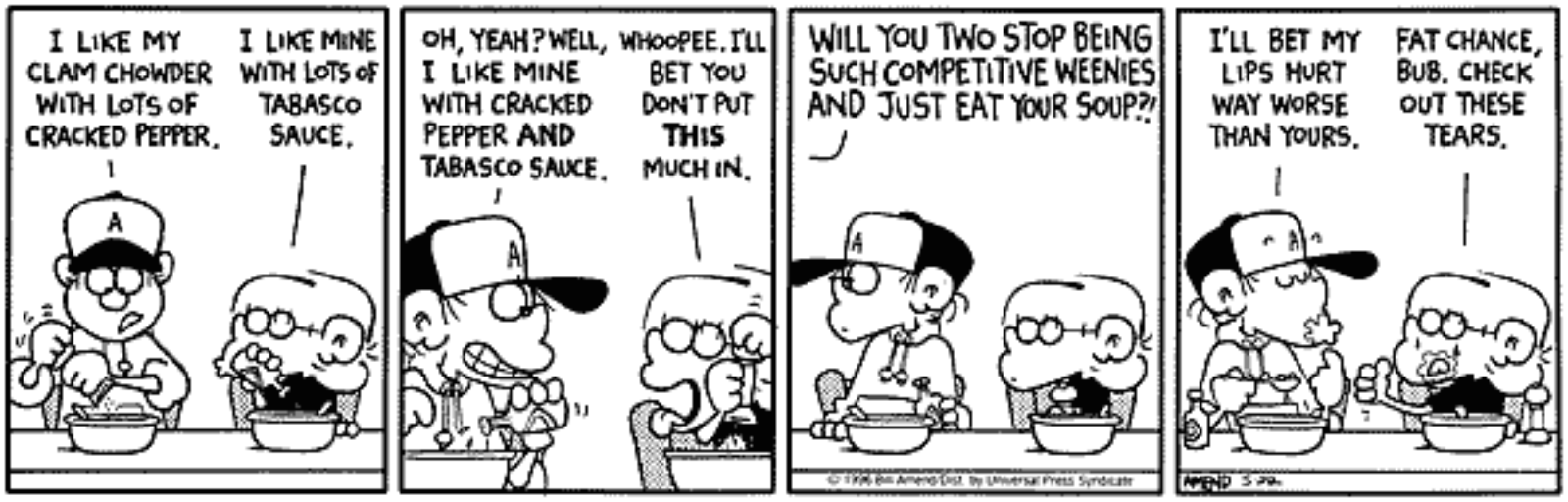
I LIKE MY CLAM CHOWDER WITH LOTS OF CRACKED PEPPER.
I LIKE MINE WITH LOTS OF TABASCO SAUCE.
OH, YEAH? WELL, I LIKE MINE WITH CRACKED PEPPER AND TABASCO SAUCE.
WHOOPEE. I'LL BET YOU DON'T PUT THIS MUCH IN.
WILL YOU TWO STOP BEING SUCH COMPETITIVE WEENIES AND JUST EAT YOUR SOUP?!
I'LL BET MY LIPS HURT WAY WORSE THAN YOURS.
FAT CHANCE, BUB. CHECK OUT THESE TEARS.
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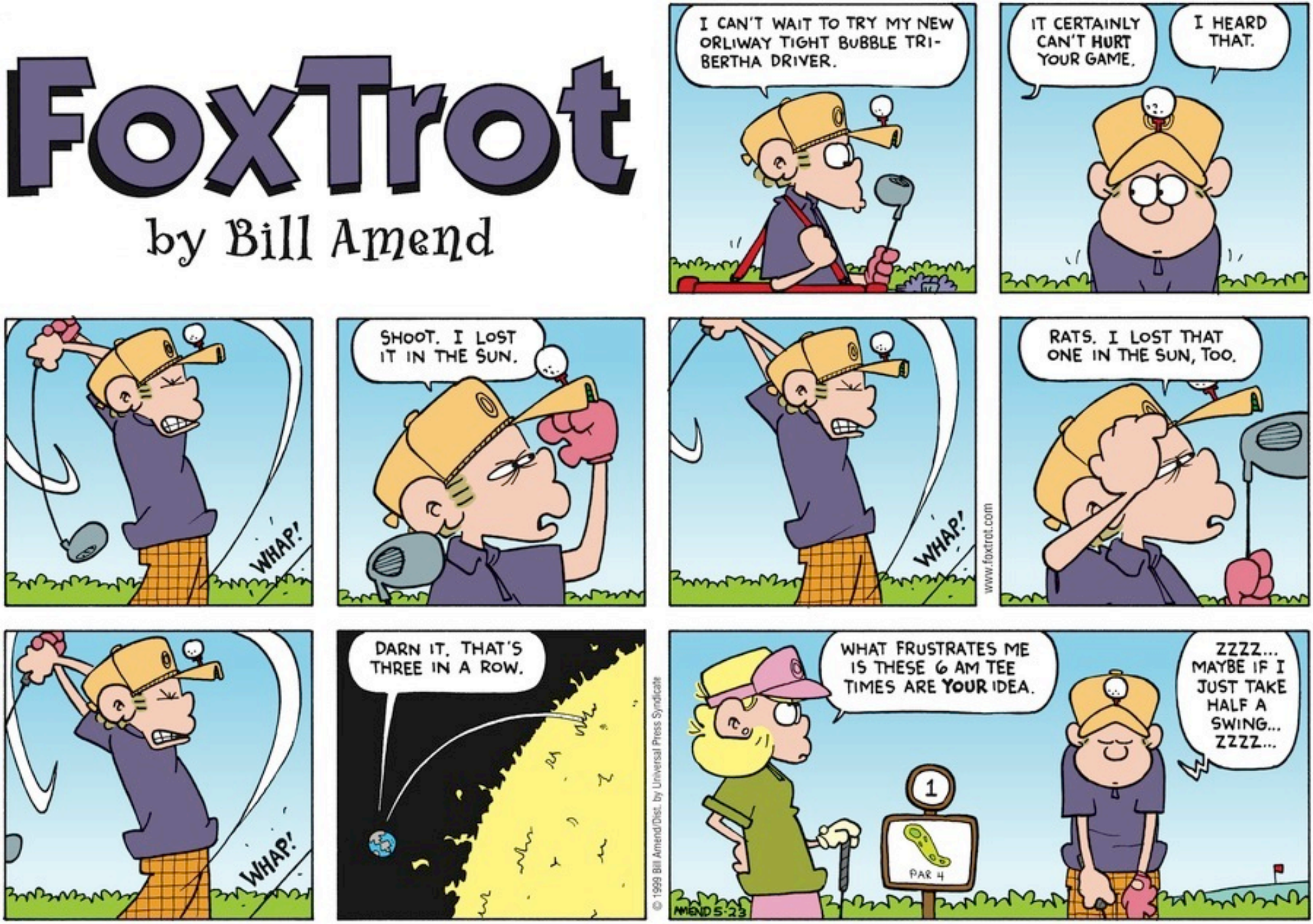

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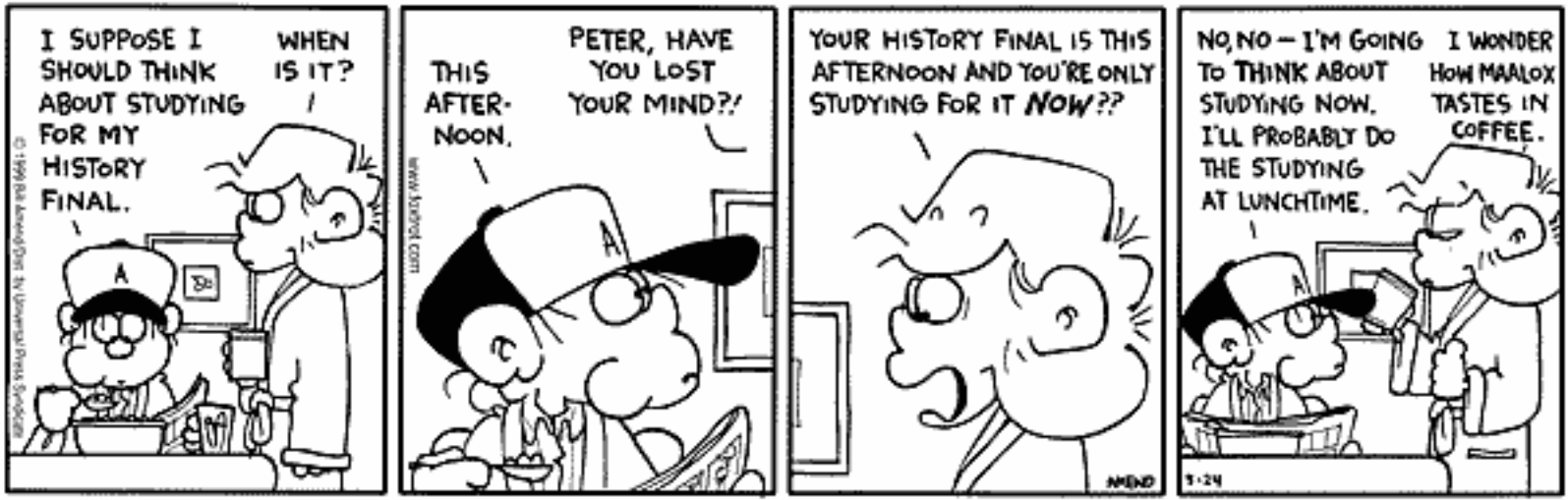
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD THINK ABOUT STUDYING FOR MY HISTORY FINAL.
WHEN IS IT?
THIS AFTER-NOON.
PETER, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!
YOUR HISTORY FINAL IS THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU'RE ONLY STUDYING FOR IT NOW??
NO, NO — I'M GOING TO THINK ABOUT STUDYING NOW. I'LL PROBABLY DO THE STUDYING AT LUNCHTIME.
I WONDER HOW MAALOX TASTES IN COFFEE.
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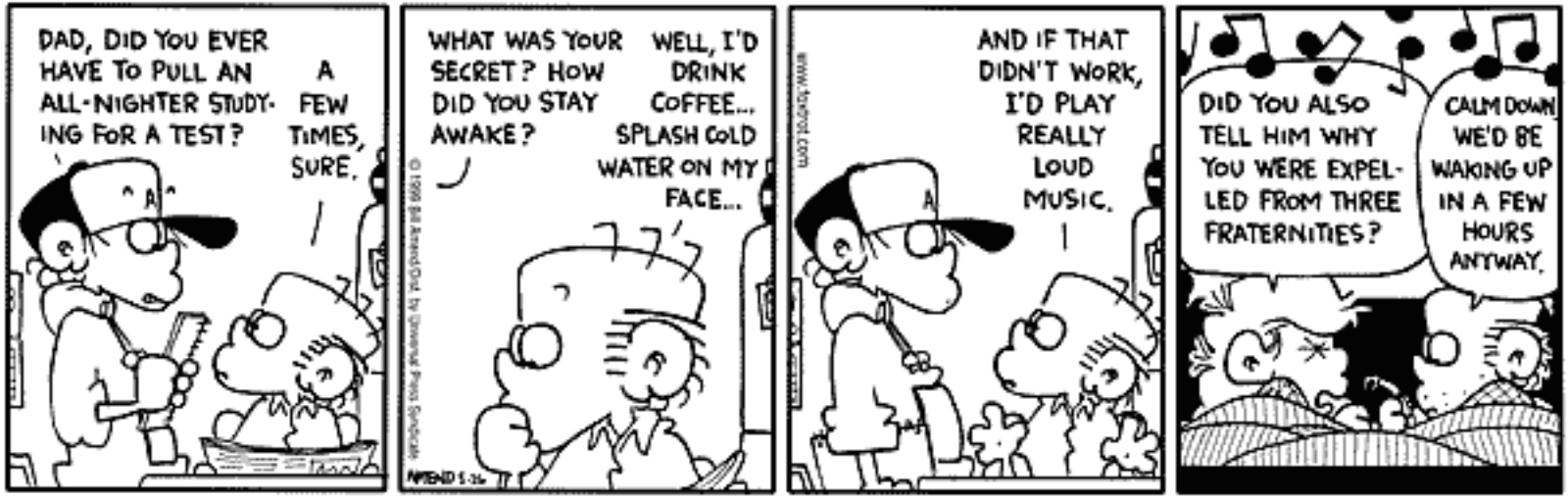
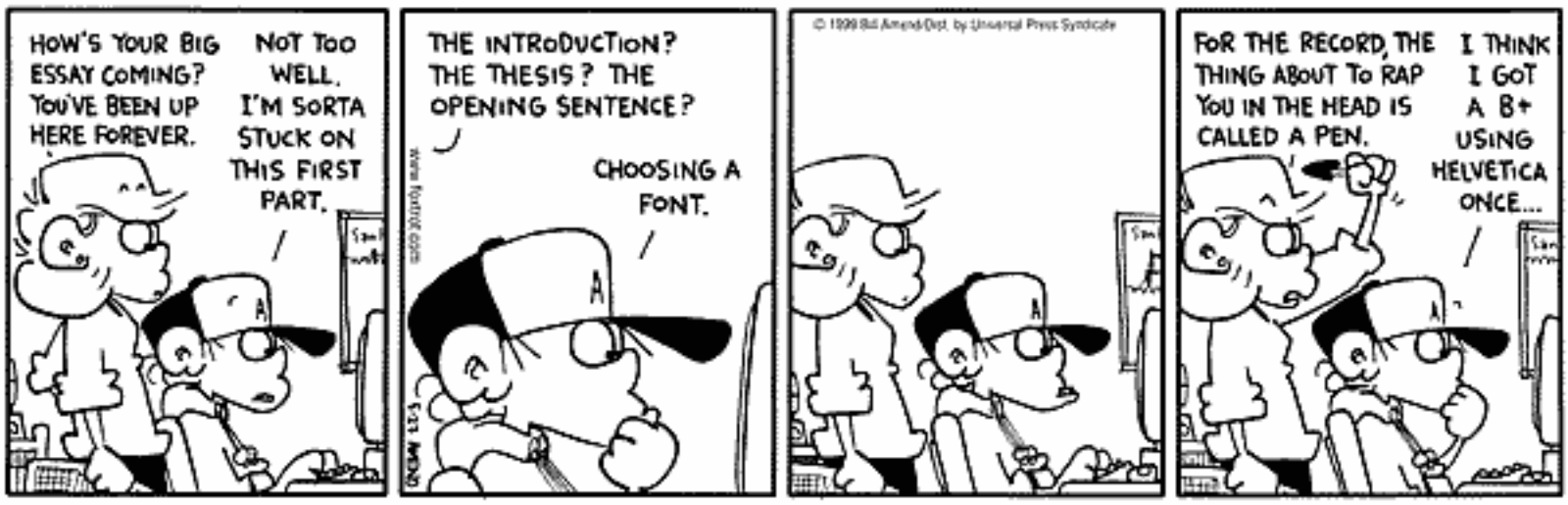
MY FIRST FINAL EXAM IS OVER! THE MATH CLASS FROM HELL IS FINITO!
FOX
I WON'T BE NEEDING THESE NOTES ANYMORE.
WOO HOO!
RIP!
RIP!
RIP!
YOU STUDIED "MACBETH" IN MATH CLASS?
AAAA! WRONG BINDER! GET SOME TAPE!


DAD, DID YOU EVER HAVE TO PULL AN ALL-NIGHTER STUDYING FOR A TEST?
A FEW TIMES, SURE.
WHAT WAS YOUR SECRET? HOW DID YOU STAY AWAKE?
WELL, I'D DRINK COFFEE... SPLASH COLD WATER ON MY FACE...
AND IF THAT DIDN'T WORK, I'D PLAY REALLY LOUD MUSIC.
DID YOU ALSO TELL HIM WHY YOU WERE EXPELLED FROM THREE FRATERNITIES?
CALM DOWN. WE'D BE WAKING UP IN A FEW HOURS ANYWAY.


HOW'S YOUR BIG ESSAY COMING? YOU'VE BEEN UP HERE FOREVER.
NOT TOO WELL. I'M SORTA STUCK ON THIS FIRST PART.
THE INTRODUCTION? THE THESIS? THE OPENING SENTENCE?
CHOOSING A FONT.
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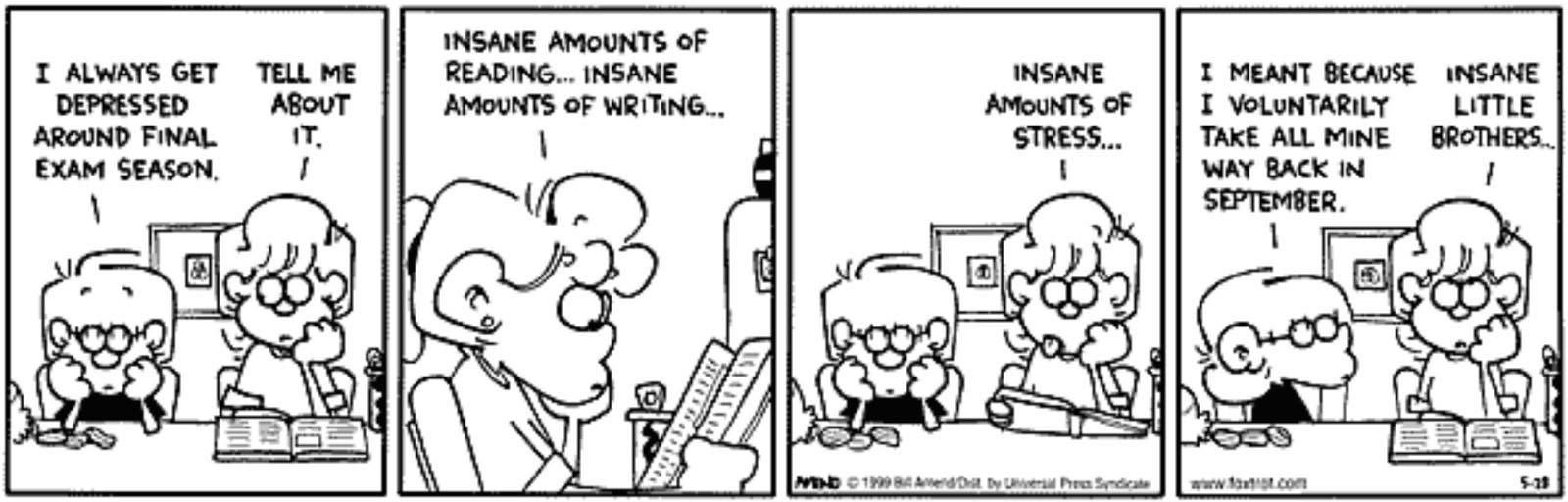
FOR THE RECORD, THE THING ABOUT TO RAP YOU IN THE HEAD IS CALLED A PEN.
I THINK I GOT A B+ USING HELVETICA ONCE...


I ALWAYS GET DEPRESSED AROUND FINAL EXAM SEASON.
TELL ME ABOUT IT.
INSANE AMOUNTS OF READING... INSANE AMOUNTS OF WRITING...
INSANE AMOUNTS OF STRESS...
I MEANT BECAUSE I VOLUNTARILY TAKE ALL MINE WAY BACK IN SEPTEMBER.
INSANE LITTLE BROTHERS...
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I GOT STRAIGHT-A-QUADRUPLE-PLUSES ON MY REPORT CARD!
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I GOT STRAIGHT-A-QUADRUPLE-PLUSES ON MY REPORT CARD!
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DOESN'T YOUR REPORT CARD COME OUT NEXT WEEK?
I LIKE TO GET WARMED UP.
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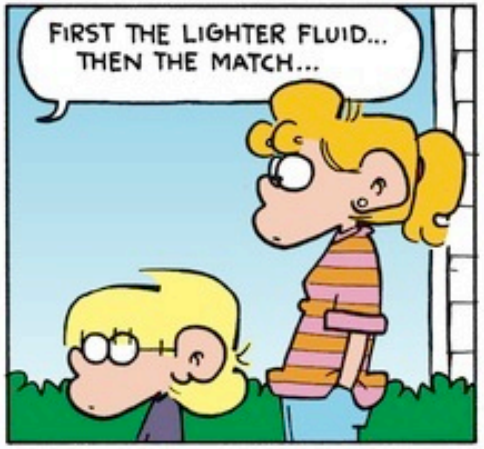

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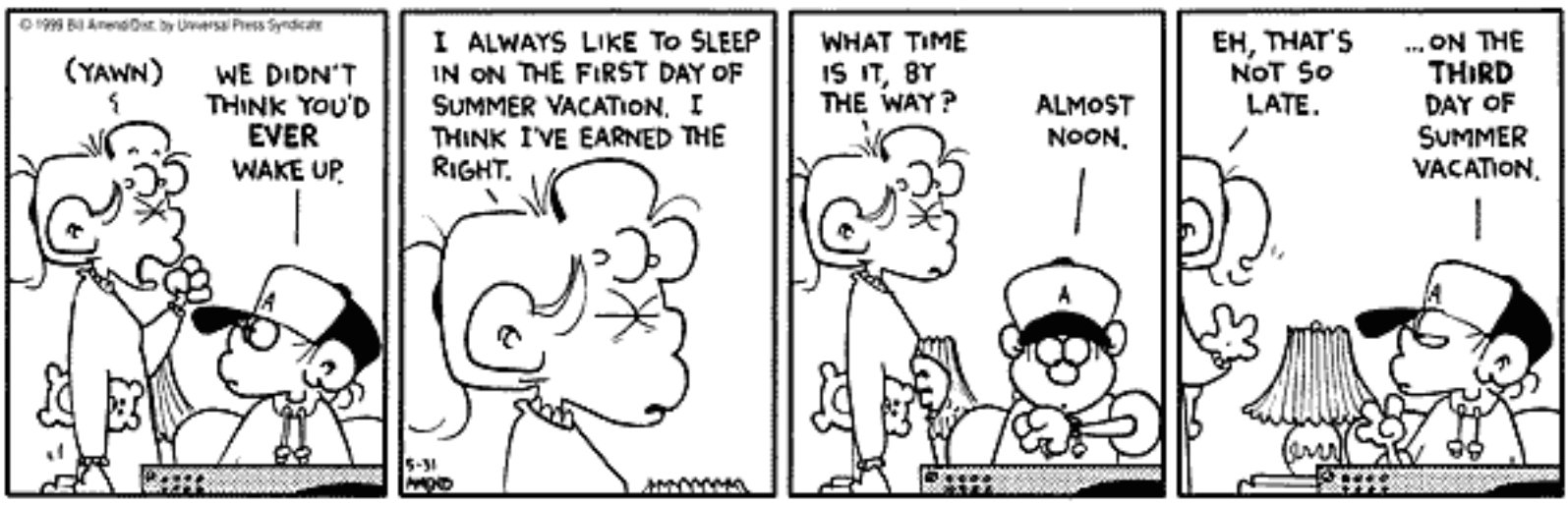
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(YAWN)
WE DIDN'T THINK YOU'D EVER WAKE UP.
I ALWAYS LIKE TO SLEEP IN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER VACATION. I THINK I'VE EARNED THE RIGHT.
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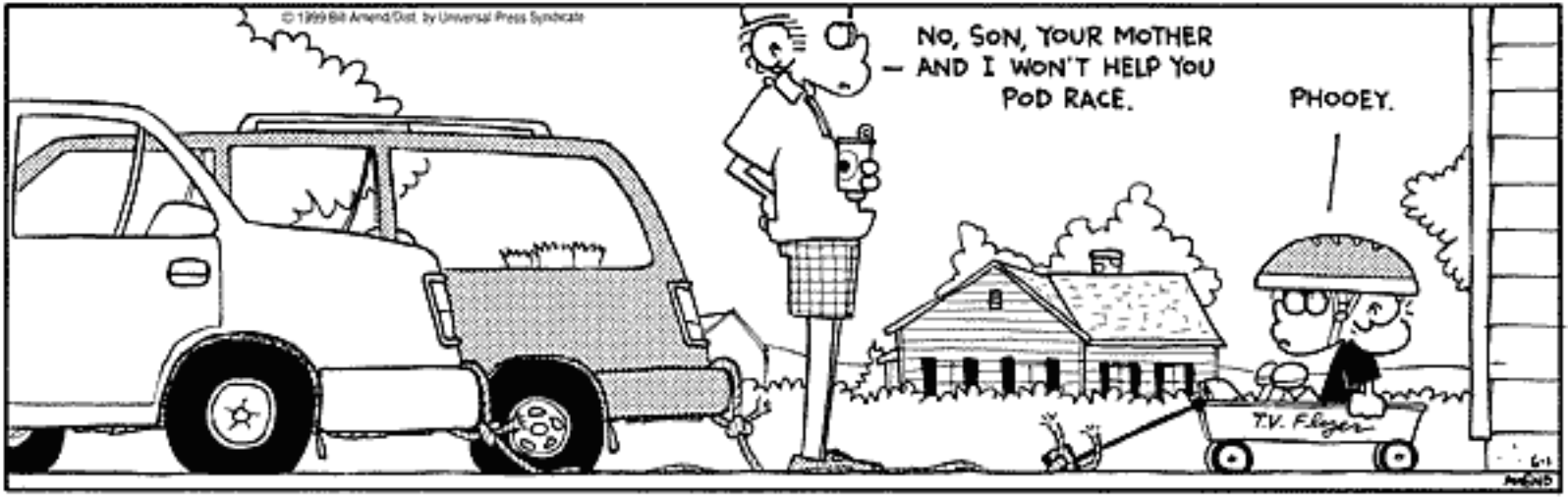
WHAT TIME IS IT, BY THE WAY?
ALMOST NOON.
EH, THAT'S NOT SO LATE.
...ON THE THIRD DAY OF SUMMER VACATION.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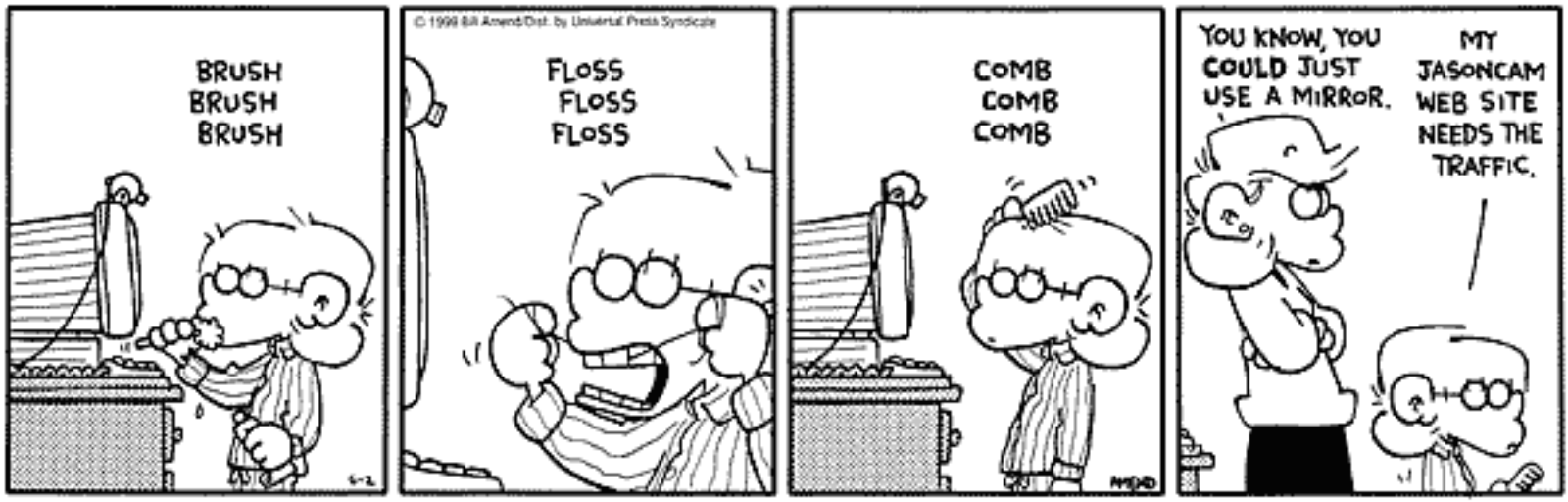
NO, SON, YOUR MOTHER — AND I WON'T HELP YOU POD RACE.
PHOOEY.
T.V. Flyer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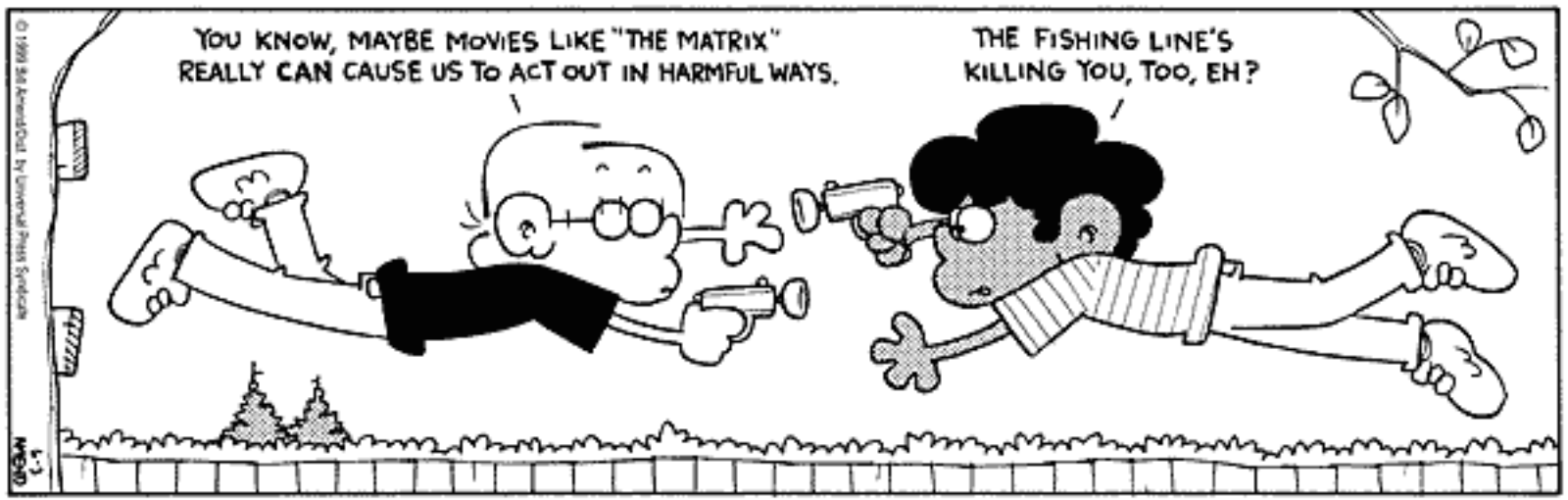
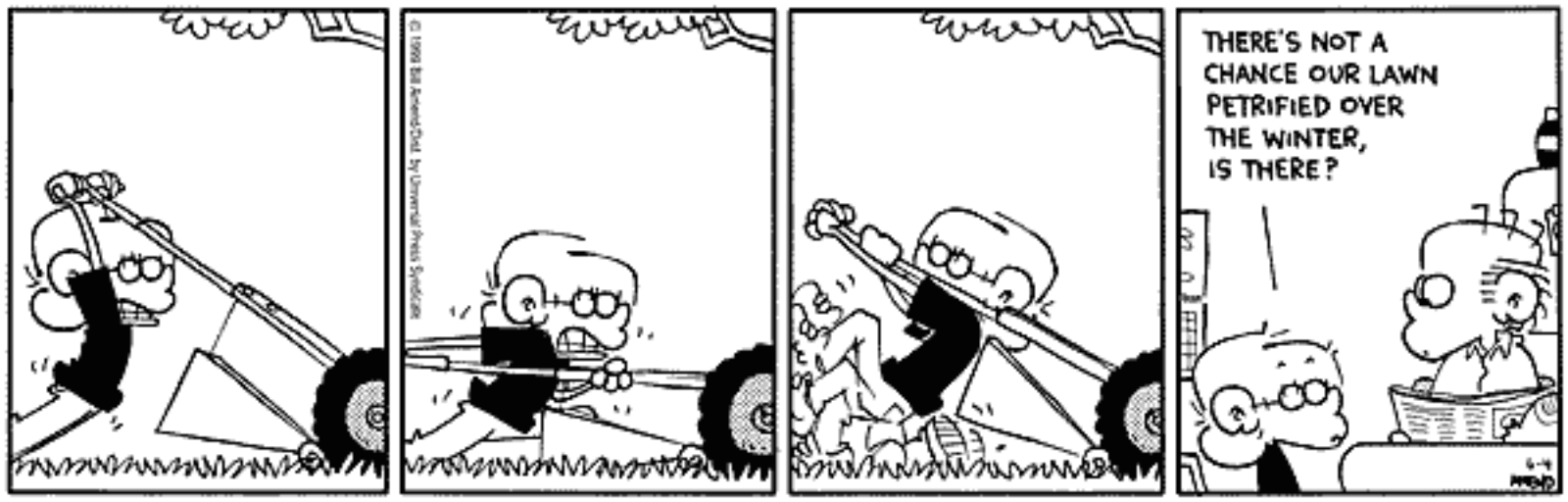
YOU KNOW, YOU COULD JUST USE A MIRROR.
MY JASONCAM WEB SITE NEEDS THE TRAFFIC.


YOU KNOW, MAYBE MOVIES LIKE "THE MATRIX" REALLY CAN CAUSE US TO ACT OUT IN HARMFUL WAYS.
THE FISHING LINE'S KILLING YOU, TOO, EH?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THERE'S NOT A CHANCE OUR LAWN PETRIFIED OVER THE WINTER, IS THERE?

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BEEN WAITING FOR PAIGE LONG?
HOW CAN YOU TELL?
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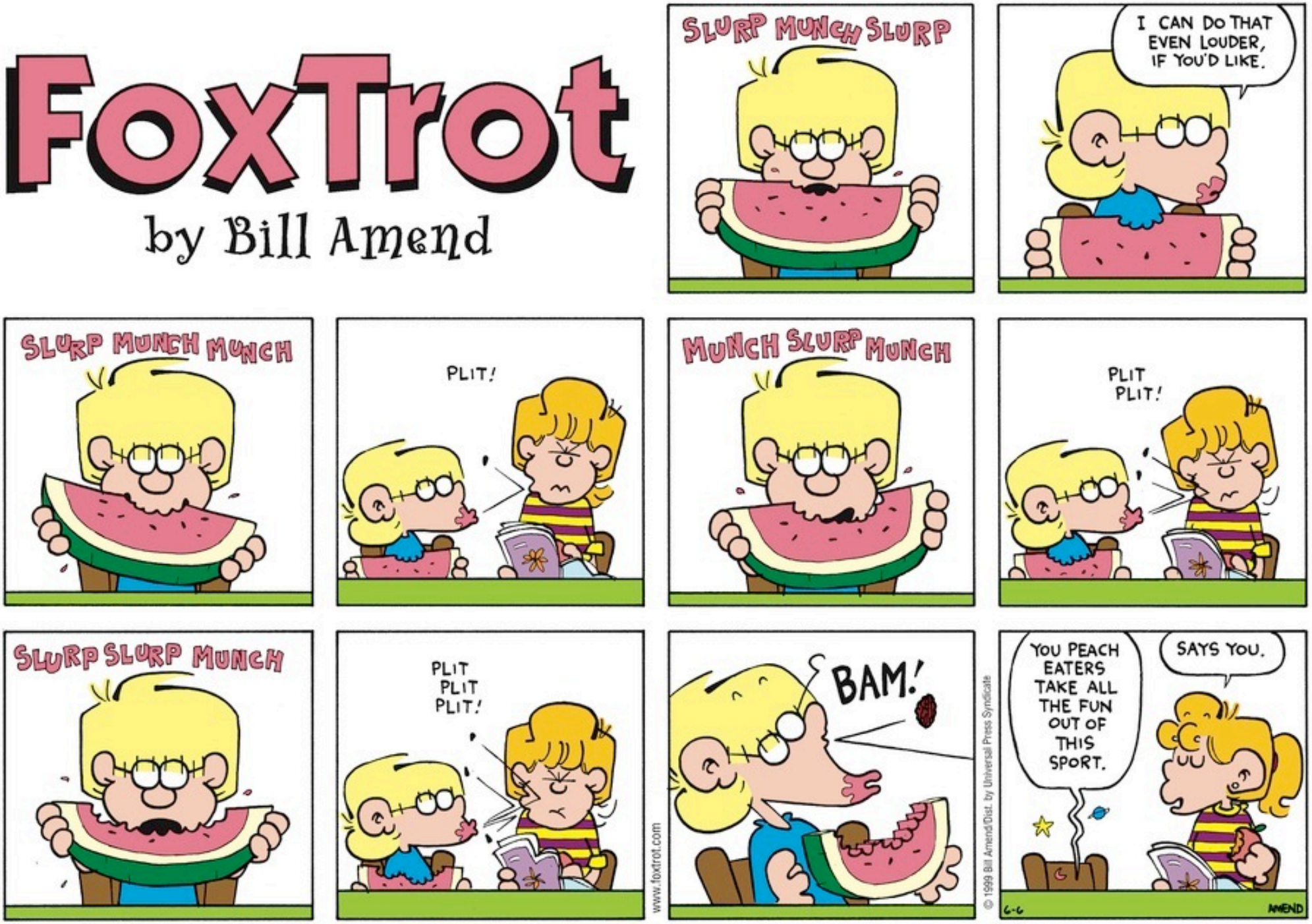

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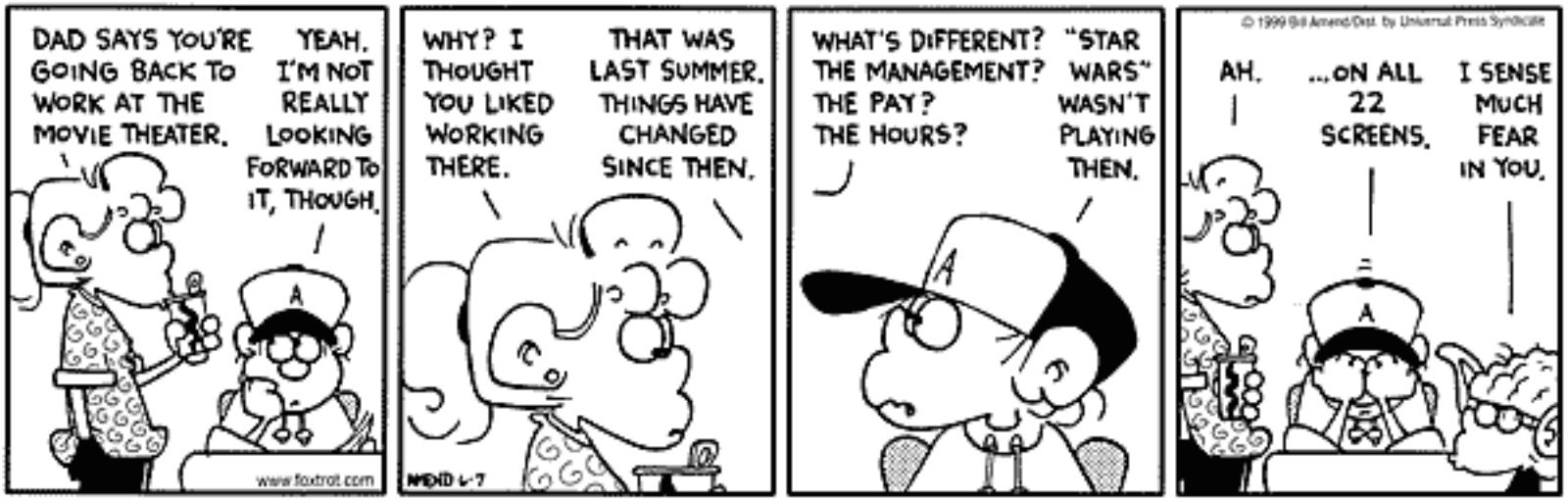
DAD SAYS YOU'RE GOING BACK TO WORK AT THE MOVIE THEATER.
YEAH. I'M NOT REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, THOUGH.
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WHY? I THOUGHT YOU LIKED WORKING THERE.
THAT WAS LAST SUMMER. THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THEN.
WHAT'S DIFFERENT? THE MANAGEMENT? THE PAY? THE HOURS?
"STAR WARS" WASN'T PLAYING THEN.
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AH.
...ON ALL 22 SCREENS.
I SENSE MUCH FEAR IN YOU.

NOW, PETER, THE THING TO KEEP IN MIND WITH THESE "STAR WARS" FANS IS THEY'RE JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE, MOSTLY.
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SURE, THEY LIKE TO DRESS UP IN COSTUMES, AND WAVE PLASTIC LIGHTSABERS, AND GIVE STANDING OVATIONS TO THE LUCASFILM LOGO, AND SLEEP ON SIDEWALKS FOR TICKETS.
L-9 MEMO
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BUT OTHER THAN THAT, THEY REALLY ARE JUST LIKE YOU AND ME.
AT LAST WE WILL REVEAL OURSELVES TO THE RESTROOM.
...ONLY INSANE.
MR. MAUL, SIR? YOU DROPPED YOUR STRAW.

HI. I'D LIKE SIX TICKETS FOR "THE PHANTOM MENACE" ON YOUR BIGGEST SCREEN.
FOR WHICH SHOW TIME?
MATINEE POLICY
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHICH SHOW TIME?
THERE ARE SIX SHOW TIMES— 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 AND MIDNIGHT.
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RIGHT. I WANT ONE TICKET FOR EACH SCREENING.
OH.
MATINEE POLICY
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YOU MUST BE NEW. I DIDN'T SEE YOU HERE YESTERDAY.
YOU MAY NOT SEE ME HERE TOMORROW, EITHER.
MATINEE POLICY
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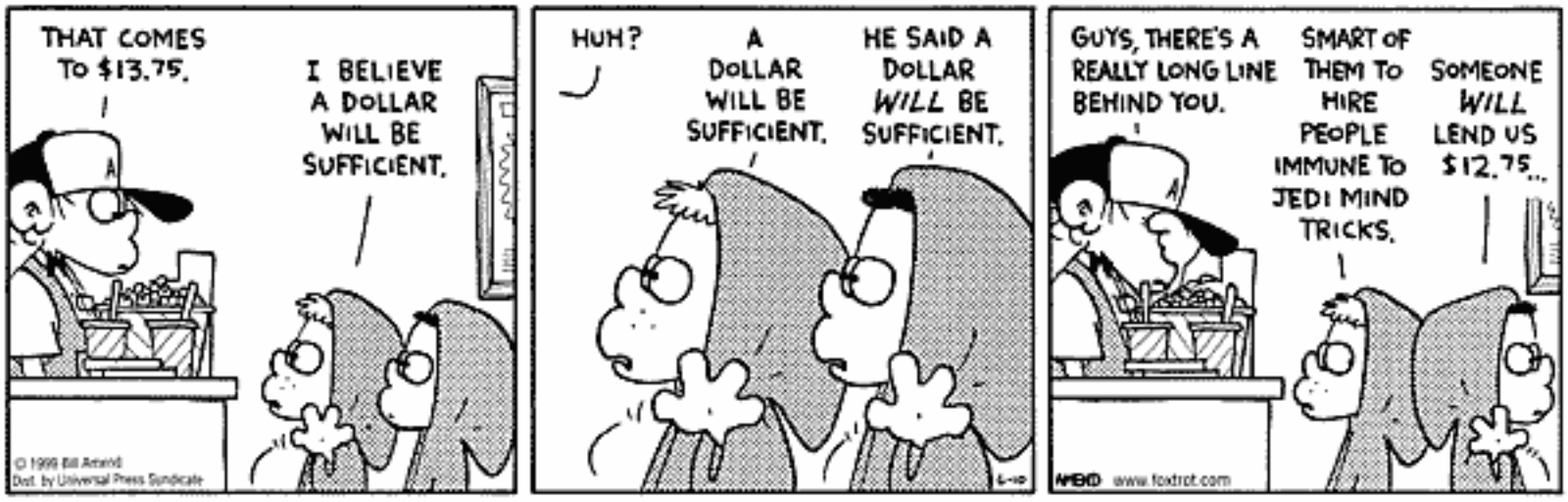
THAT COMES TO $13.75.
I BELIEVE A DOLLAR WILL BE SUFFICIENT.
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HUH?
A DOLLAR WILL BE SUFFICIENT.
HE SAID A DOLLAR WILL BE SUFFICIENT.
GUYS, THERE'S A REALLY LONG LINE BEHIND YOU.
SMART OF THEM TO HIRE PEOPLE IMMUNE TO JEDI MIND TRICKS.
SOMEONE WILL LEND US $12.75...
AMEND
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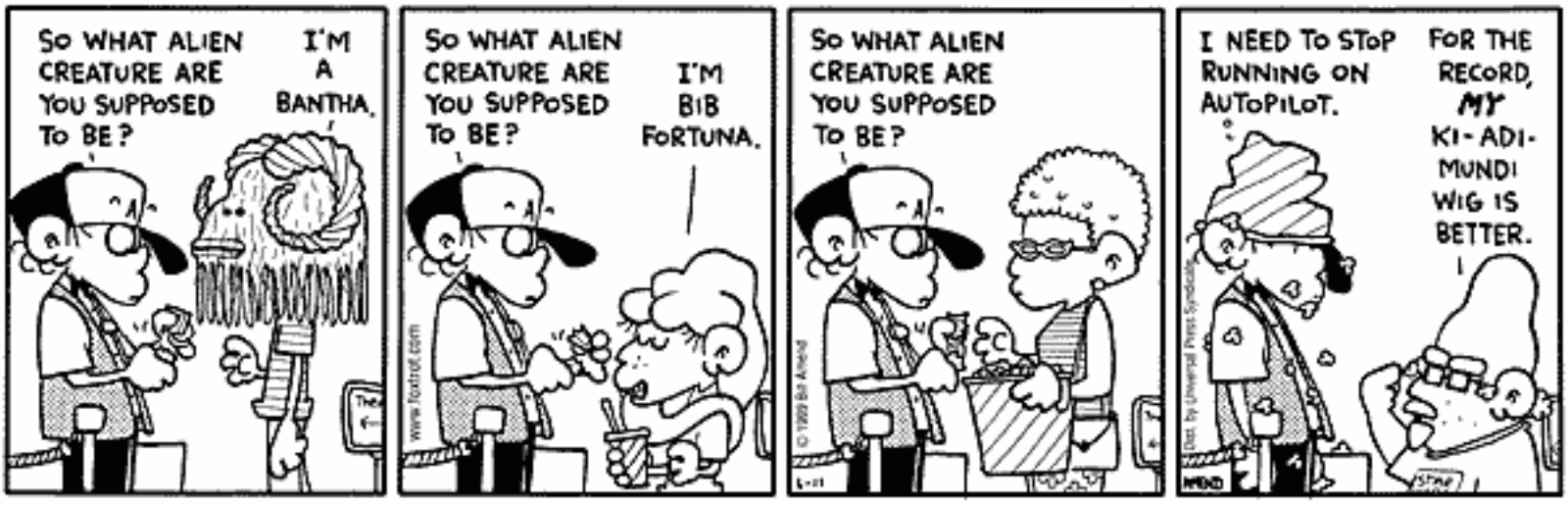
SO WHAT ALIEN CREATURE ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
I'M A BANTHA.
SO WHAT ALIEN CREATURE ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
I'M BIB FORTUNA.
SO WHAT ALIEN CREATURE ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
I NEED TO STOP RUNNING ON AUTOPILOT.
FOR THE RECORD, MY KI-ADI-MUNDI WIG IS BETTER.
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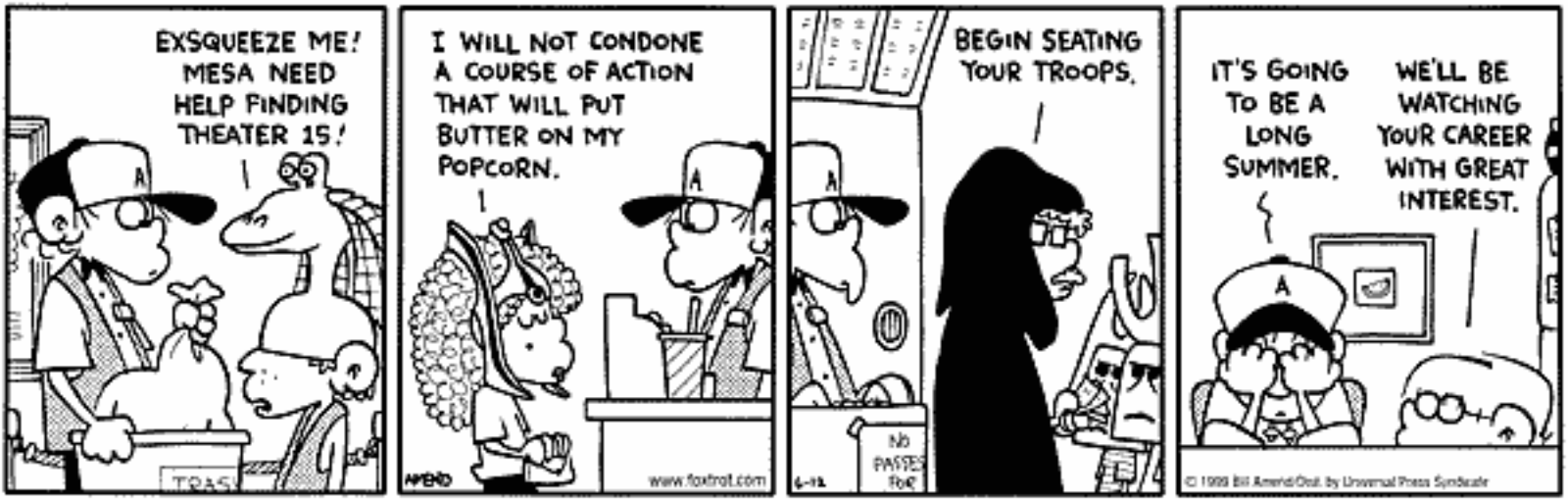
EXSQUEEZE ME! MESA NEED HELP FINDING THEATER 15!
TRAS
I WILL NOT CONDONE A COURSE OF ACTION THAT WILL PUT BUTTER ON MY POPCORN.
AMEND
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BEGIN SEATING YOUR TROOPS.
NO PASSES FOR
IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG SUMMER.
WE'LL BE WATCHING YOUR CAREER WITH GREAT INTEREST.
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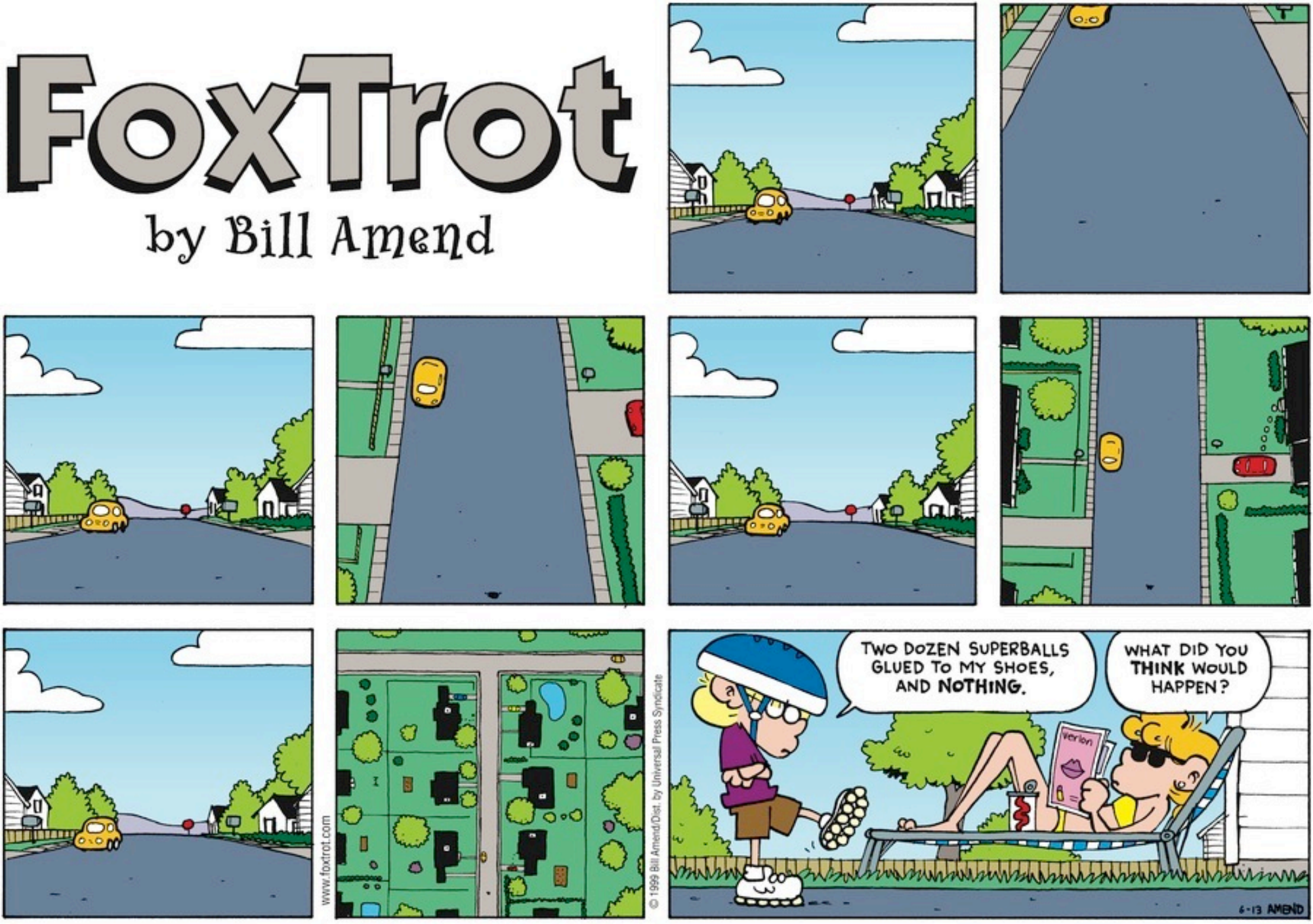

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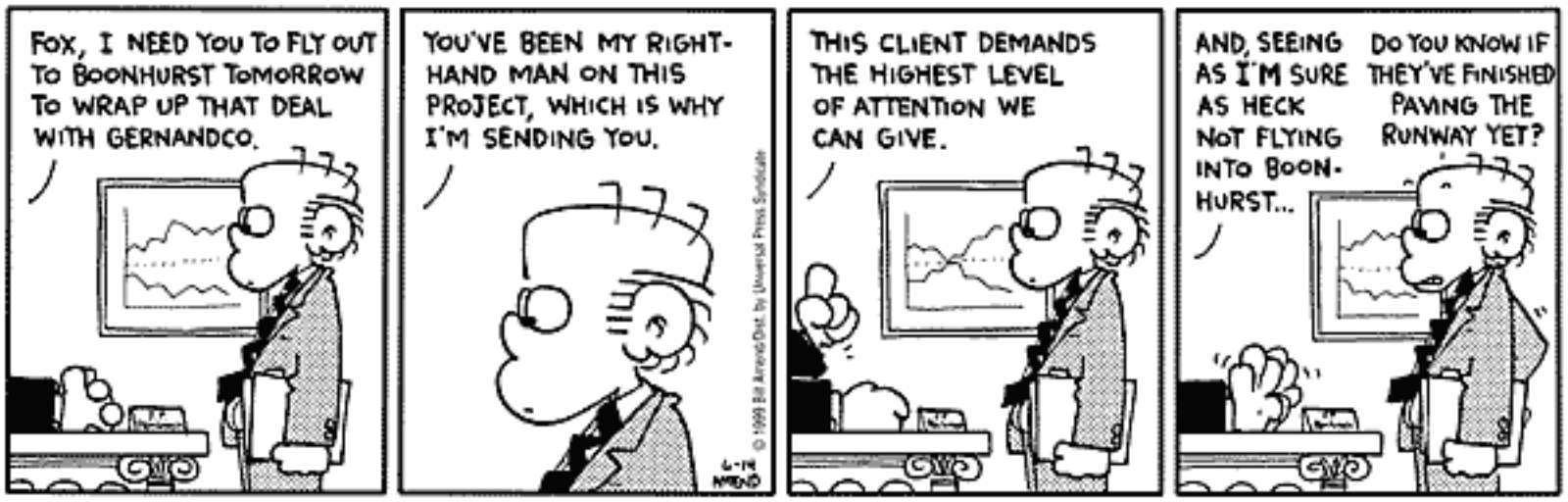
FOX, I NEED YOU TO FLY OUT TO BOONHURST TOMORROW TO WRAP UP THAT DEAL WITH GERNANDCO.
YOU'VE BEEN MY RIGHT-HAND MAN ON THIS PROJECT, WHICH IS WHY I'M SENDING YOU.
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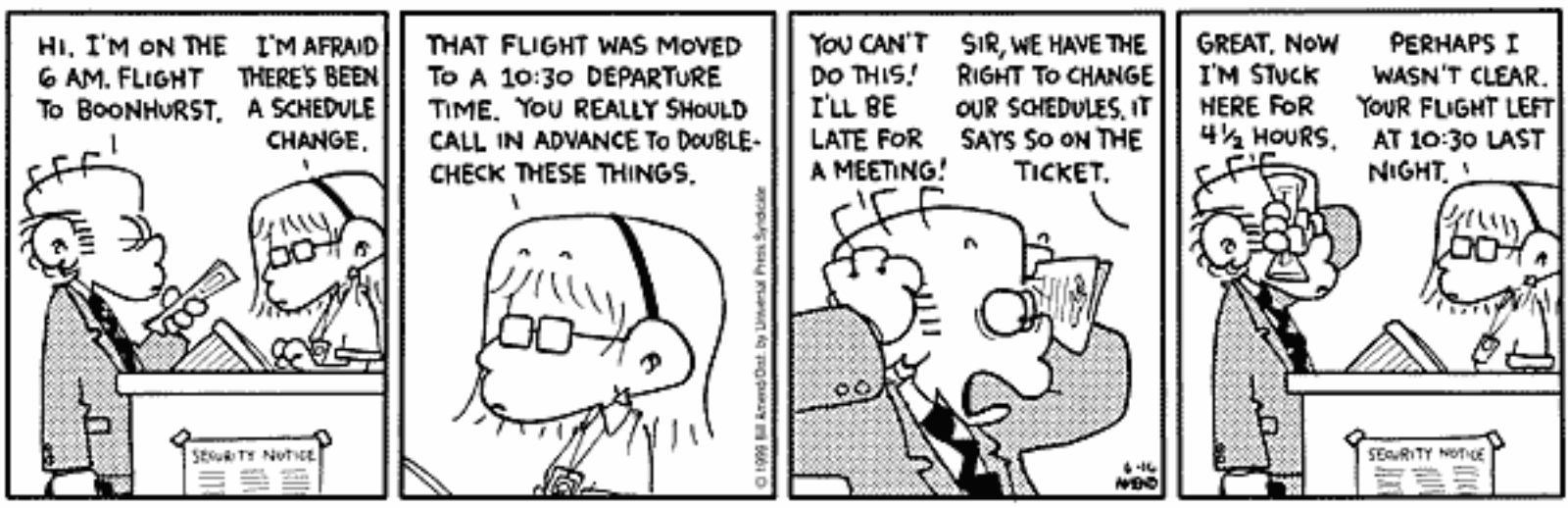
4-19 AMEND
THIS CLIENT DEMANDS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ATTENTION WE CAN GIVE.
AND, SEEING AS I'M SURE AS HECK NOT FLYING INTO BOON-HURST...
DO YOU KNOW IF THEY'VE FINISHED PAVING THE RUNWAY YET?

ANDY, I'M GOING ON A BUSINESS TRIP! IT'S NOT LIKE SOME SORT OF VACATION!
I HAVE TO FLY OUT AT 6 AM. TOMORROW, GO TO A BUNCH OF MEETINGS, STAY AT SOME FLEABAG MOTEL, AND THEN FLY HOME AT 6 AM. THE NEXT DAY!
SURE, YOU'LL BE STUCK HERE ALONE WITH THE KIDS, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO BE LEAPING WITH JOY!
CERTAINLY NOT WITH THAT HEAVY GOLF BAG.
THE CLIENT ASKED ME TO BRING IT! DON'T BLAME ME!


HI. I'M ON THE 6 AM. FLIGHT TO BOONHURST.
I'M AFRAID THERE'S BEEN A SCHEDULE CHANGE.
SECURITY NOTICE
THAT FLIGHT WAS MOVED TO A 10:30 DEPARTURE TIME. YOU REALLY SHOULD CALL IN ADVANCE TO DOUBLE-CHECK THESE THINGS.
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YOU CAN'T DO THIS! I'LL BE LATE FOR A MEETING!
SIR, WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OUR SCHEDULES. IT SAYS SO ON THE TICKET.
6-16
AMEND
GREAT. NOW I'M STUCK HERE FOR 4½ HOURS.
PERHAPS I WASN'T CLEAR. YOUR FLIGHT LEFT AT 10:30 LAST NIGHT.
SECURITY NOTICE

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER FLIGHTS TO BOONHURST?!
CALM DOWN, SIR. I'M SURE WE CAN GET YOU THERE.
NOTICE TO PASSENGERS
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AH, HERE WE GO. I CAN ROUTE YOU THROUGH CHICAGO, THEN TO DALLAS, THEN TO LOS ANGELES, THEN TO ATLANTA, THEN TO PORTLAND, THEN TO DENVER, THEN TO CHARLOTTE, THEN TO BOONHURST.
DARE I ASK WHEN I'LL GET THERE?
LET'S SEE... 3:25 P.M.
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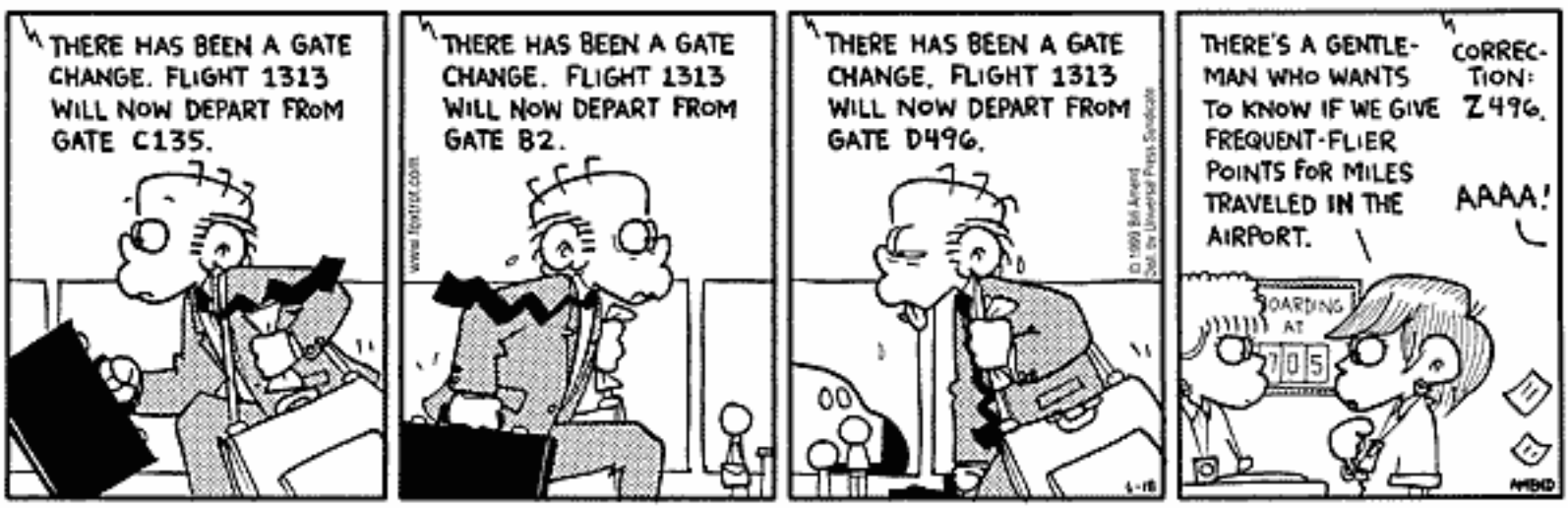
I GUESS THAT'S NOT TOO BAD.
... NEXT TUESDAY.
NOTICE TO PASSENGERS


THERE HAS BEEN A GATE CHANGE. FLIGHT 1313 WILL NOW DEPART FROM GATE C135.
THERE HAS BEEN A GATE CHANGE. FLIGHT 1313 WILL NOW DEPART FROM GATE B2.
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THERE HAS BEEN A GATE CHANGE. FLIGHT 1313 WILL NOW DEPART FROM GATE D496.
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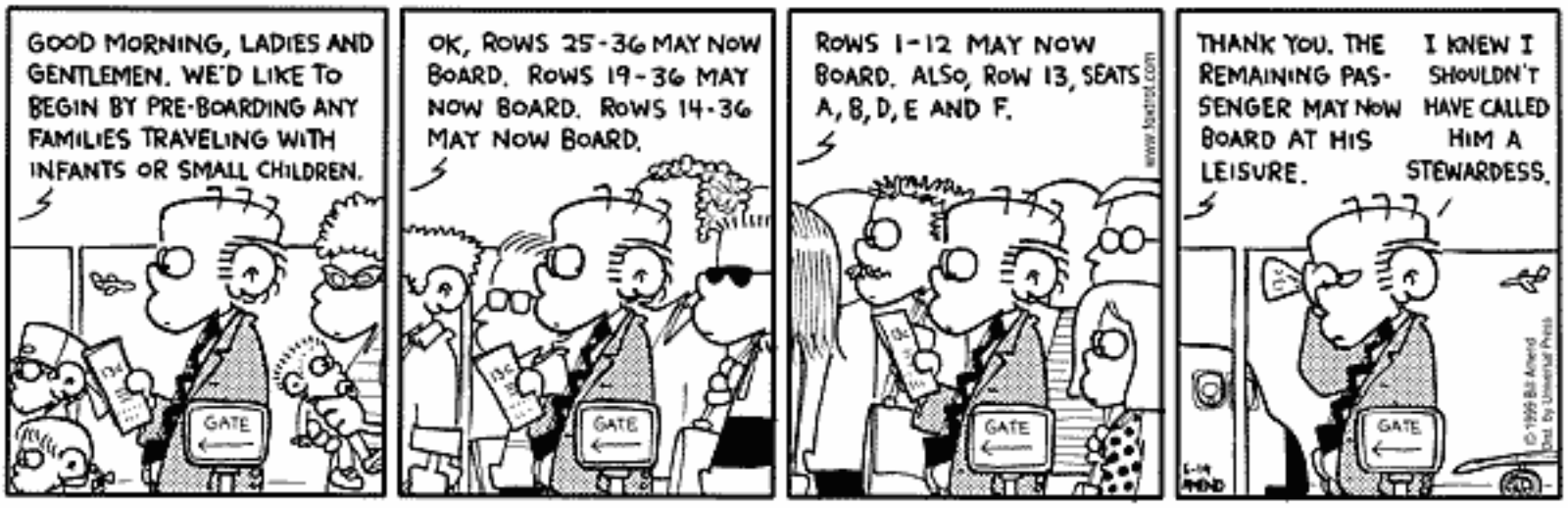
THERE'S A GENTLEMAN WHO WANTS TO KNOW IF WE GIVE FREQUENT-FLIER POINTS FOR MILES TRAVELED IN THE AIRPORT.
CORRECTION: Z496.
AAAA!
BOARDING AT
705
AMEND


GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WE'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY PRE-BOARDING ANY FAMILIES TRAVELING WITH INFANTS OR SMALL CHILDREN.
GATE
OK, ROWS 25-36 MAY NOW BOARD. ROWS 19-36 MAY NOW BOARD. ROWS 14-36 MAY NOW BOARD.
GATE
ROWS 1-12 MAY NOW BOARD. ALSO, ROW 13, SEATS A, B, D, E AND F.
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THANK YOU. THE REMAINING PASSENGER MAY NOW BOARD AT HIS LEISURE.
I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE CALLED HIM A STEWARDESS.
GATE
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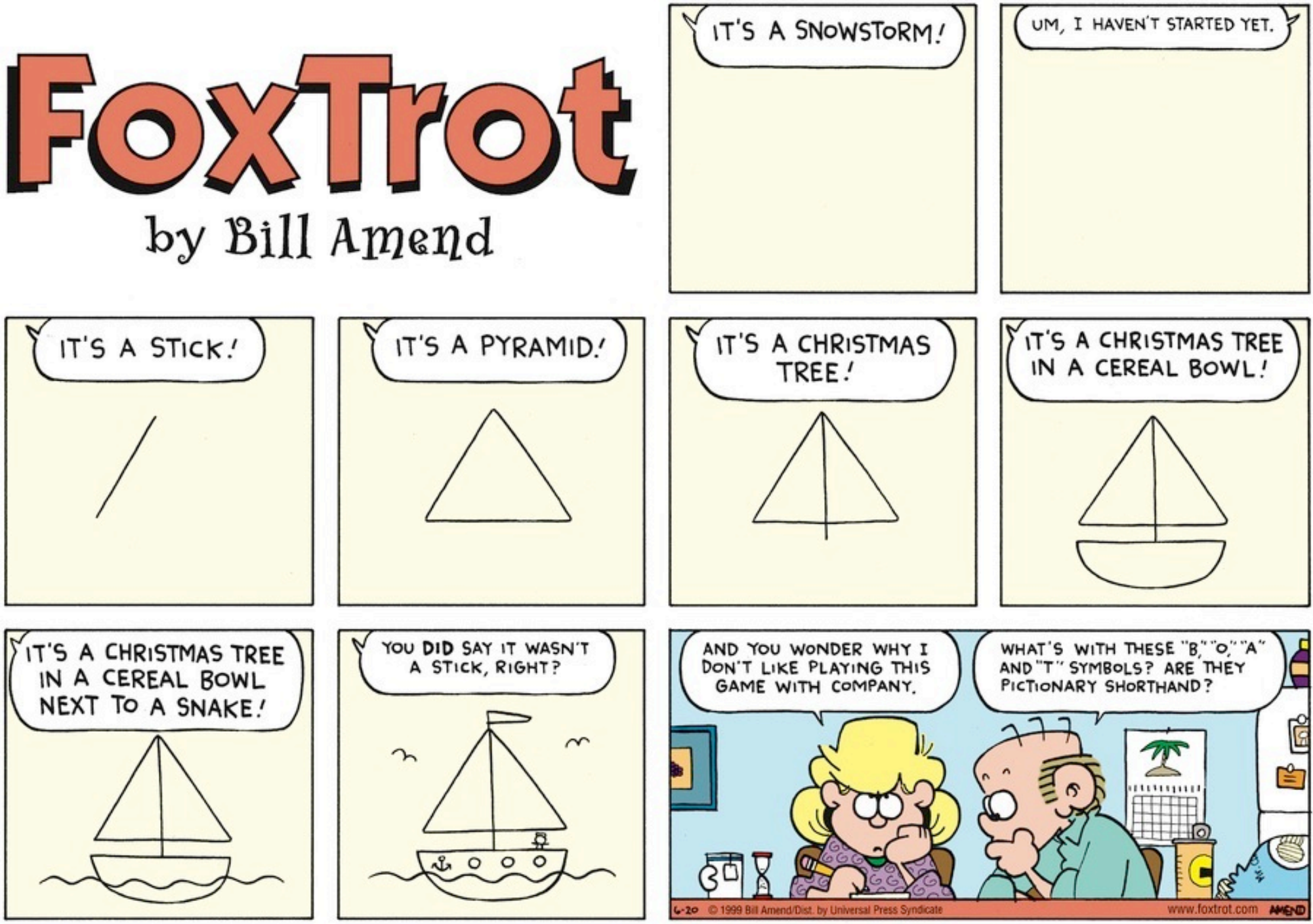

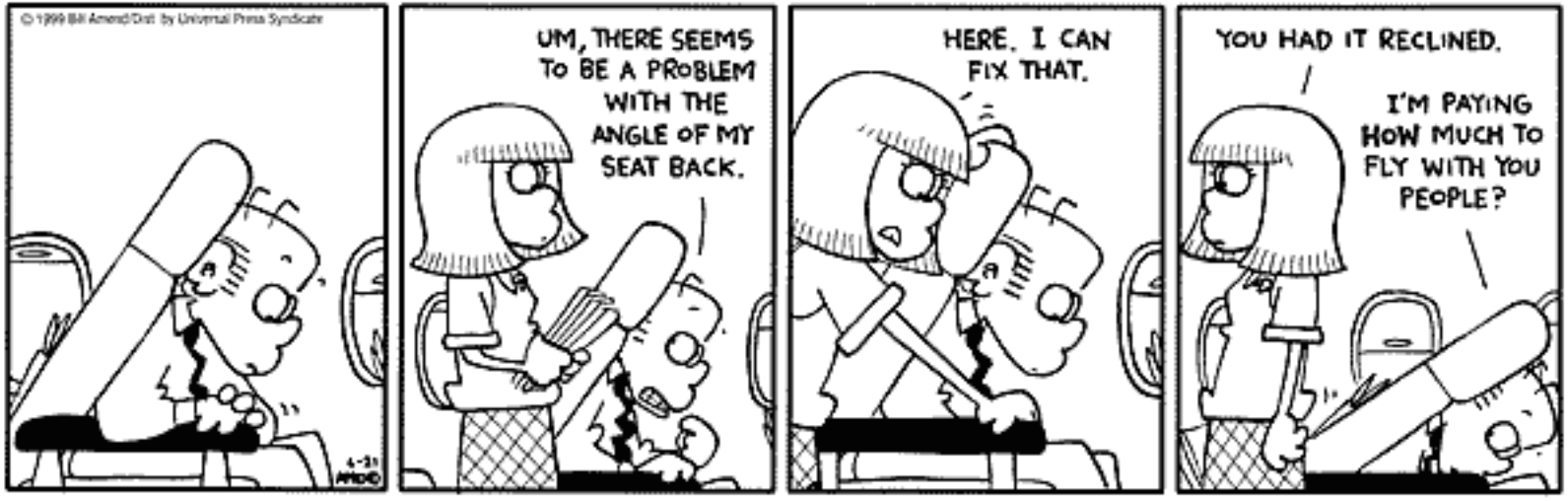
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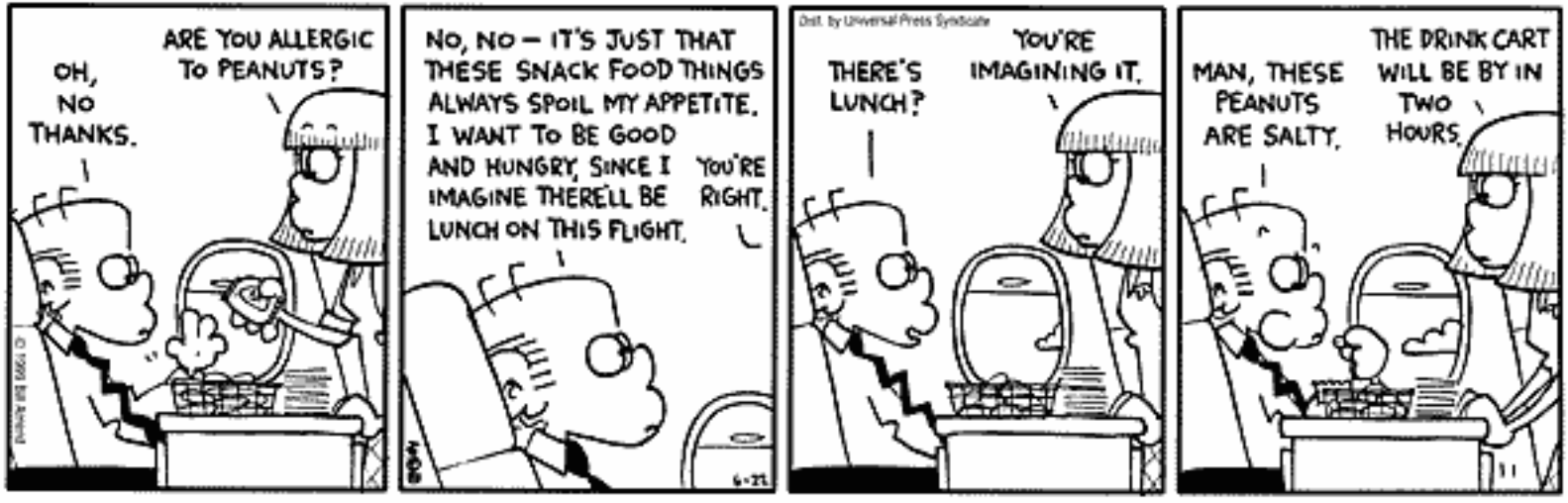
UM, THERE SEEMS TO BE A PROBLEM WITH THE ANGLE OF MY SEAT BACK.
HERE. I CAN FIX THAT.
YOU HAD IT RECLINED.
I'M PAYING HOW MUCH TO FLY WITH YOU PEOPLE?


OH, NO THANKS.
ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO PEANUTS?
NO, NO — IT'S JUST THAT THESE SNACK FOOD THINGS ALWAYS SPOIL MY APPETITE. I WANT TO BE GOOD AND HUNGRY, SINCE I IMAGINE THERE'LL BE LUNCH ON THIS FLIGHT.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
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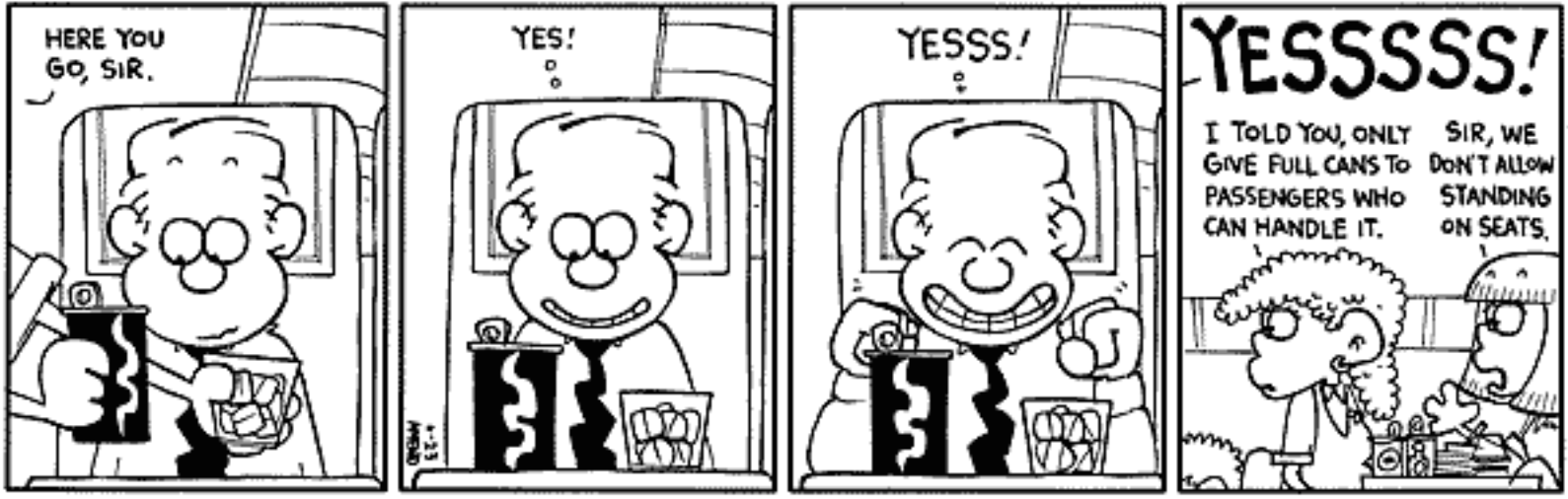
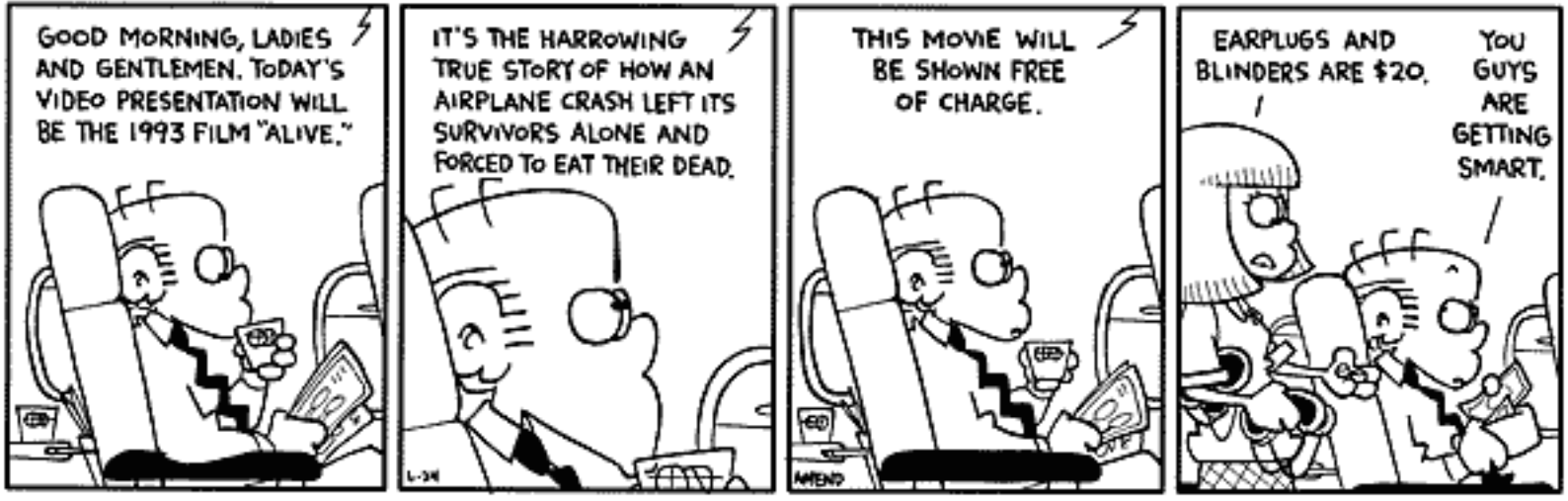
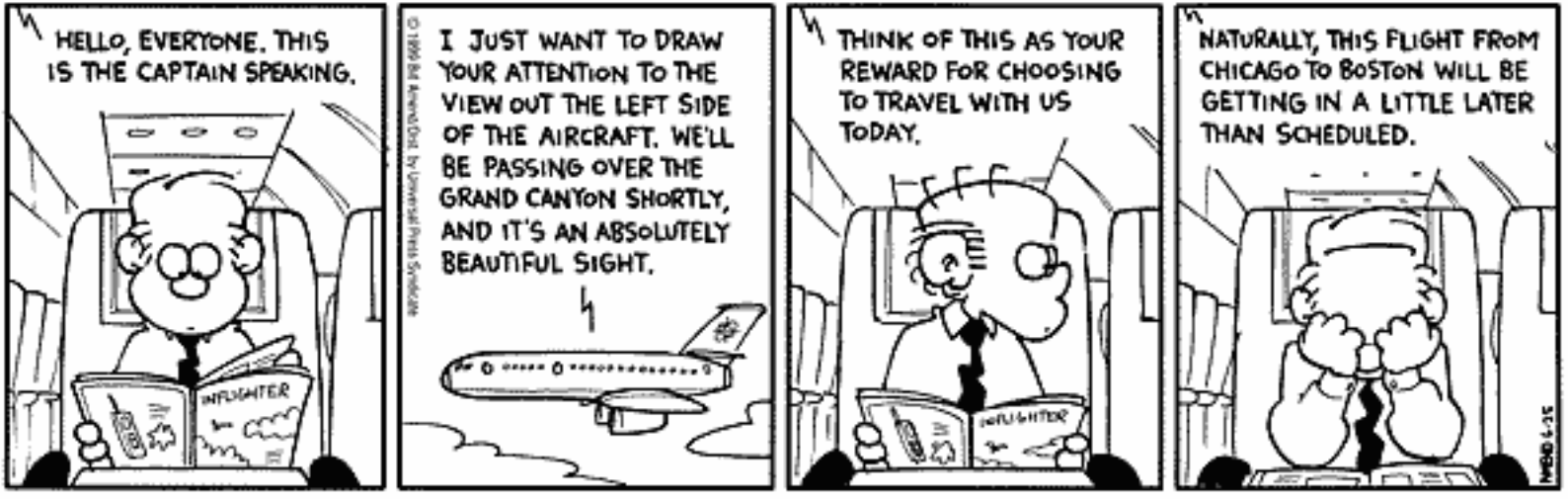
THERE'S LUNCH?
YOU'RE IMAGINING IT.
MAN, THESE PEANUTS ARE SALTY.
THE DRINK CART WILL BE BY IN TWO HOURS.


HERE YOU GO, SIR.
YES!
YESSS!
YESSSSS!
I TOLD YOU, ONLY GIVE FULL CANS TO PASSENGERS WHO CAN HANDLE IT.
SIR, WE DON'T ALLOW STANDING ON SEATS.


GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. TODAY'S VIDEO PRESENTATION WILL BE THE 1993 FILM "ALIVE."
IT'S THE HARROWING TRUE STORY OF HOW AN AIRPLANE CRASH LEFT ITS SURVIVORS ALONE AND FORCED TO EAT THEIR DEAD.
THIS MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN FREE OF CHARGE.
EARPLUGS AND BLINDERS ARE $20.
YOU GUYS ARE GETTING SMART.


HELLO, EVERYONE. THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING.
INFLIGHTER
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I JUST WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE VIEW OUT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT. WE'LL BE PASSING OVER THE GRAND CANYON SHORTLY, AND IT'S AN ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.
THINK OF THIS AS YOUR REWARD FOR CHOOSING TO TRAVEL WITH US TODAY.
INFLIGHTER
NATURALLY, THIS FLIGHT FROM CHICAGO TO BOSTON WILL BE GETTING IN A LITTLE LATER THAN SCHEDULED.

WELCOME TO BOONHURST, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
BAGGAGE CLAIM IS TO YOUR LEFT.
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TRANSPORTATION
PARKING
Roger Fox
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME IT WAS A LONG FLIGHT.
MIND IF I CALL IN? WE HAD A POOL ON WHAT DAY YOU'D ARRIVE.

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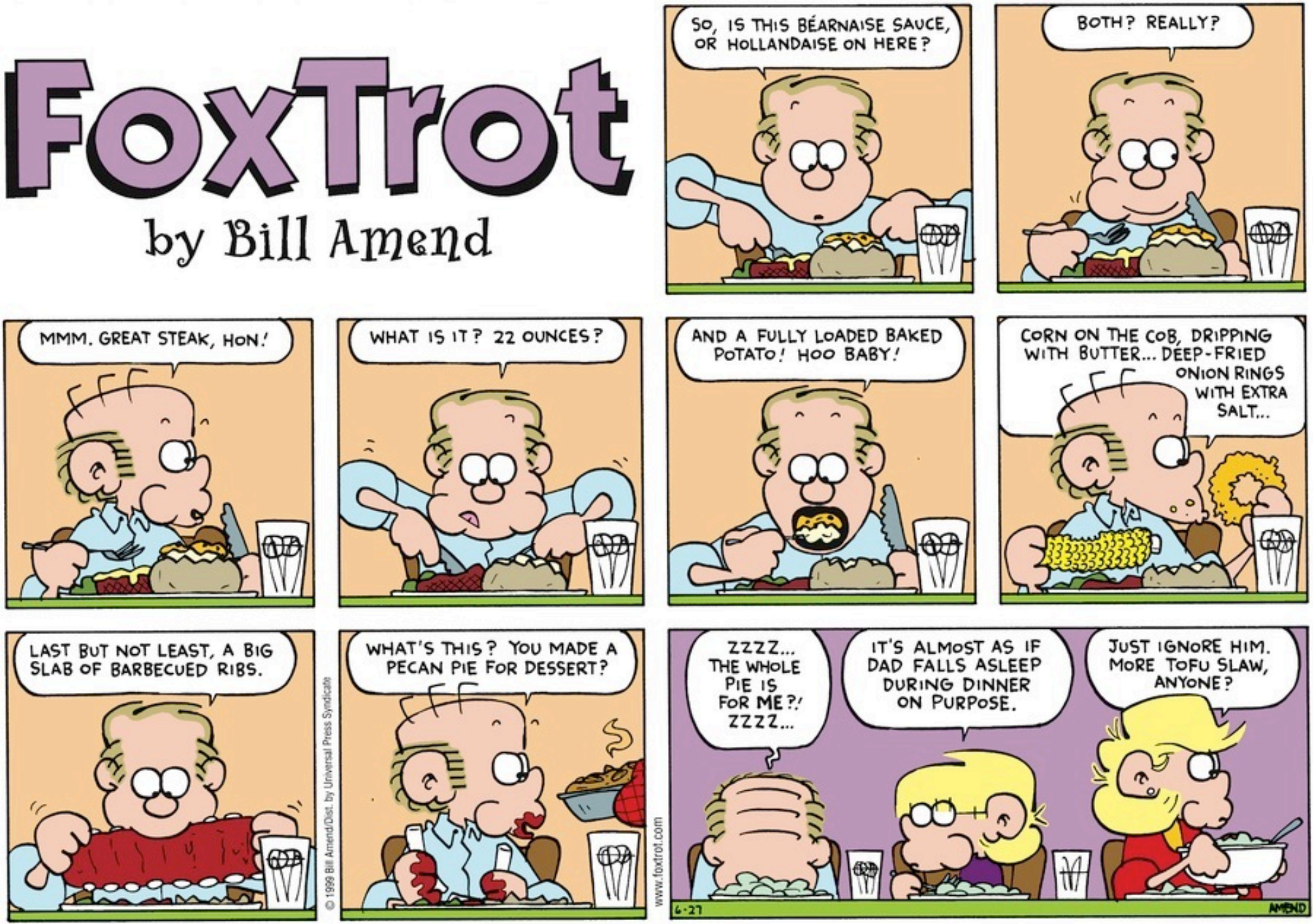

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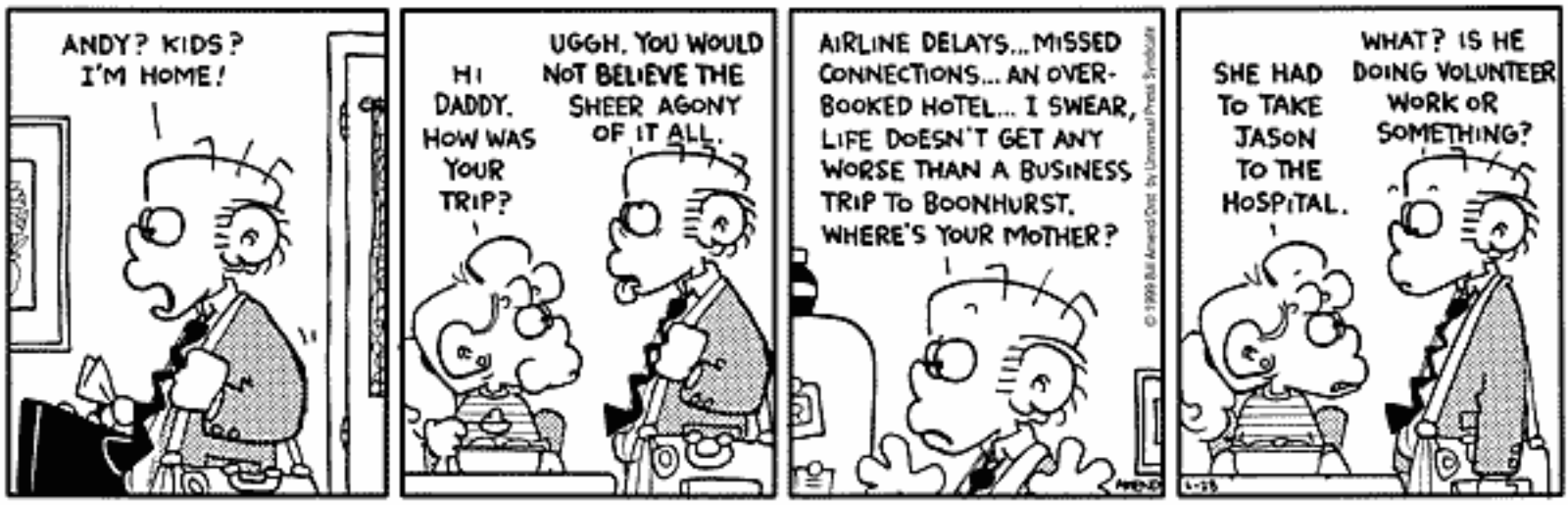
ANDY? KIDS? I'M HOME!
HI DADDY. HOW WAS YOUR TRIP?
UGGH. YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE SHEER AGONY OF IT ALL.
AIRLINE DELAYS... MISSED CONNECTIONS... AN OVER-BOOKED HOTEL... I SWEAR, LIFE DOESN'T GET ANY WORSE THAN A BUSINESS TRIP TO BOONHURST. WHERE'S YOUR MOTHER?
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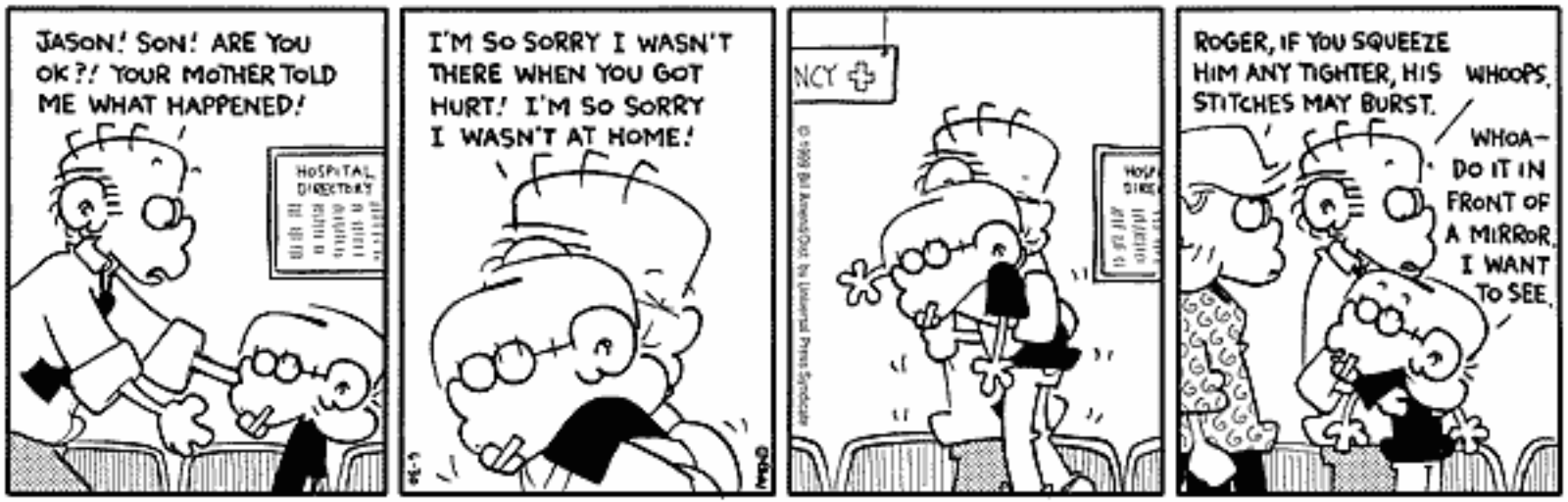
SHE HAD TO TAKE JASON TO THE HOSPITAL.
WHAT? IS HE DOING VOLUNTEER WORK OR SOMETHING?

I GOT HERE AS SOON AS I COULD! HOW IS HE?
HE'S FINE. HE NEEDED THREE STITCHES IN HIS CHIN.
PAIGE TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED! THANK GOD HE'S ALL RIGHT! THANK GOD HE WASN'T KILLED!
EMERGENCY
I CAN'T BELIEVE OUR LITTLE JASON WAS HIT BY A CAR!
THAT'S WHAT PAIGE TOLD YOU?
EMERGENCY
WELL, SHE SAID SOME OTHER STUFF, TOO, BUT I WAS RUNNING OUT THE DOOR. WHY?
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE "HOT WHEELS" LINE OF VEHICLES?


JASON! SON! ARE YOU OK?! YOUR MOTHER TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED!
HOSPITAL DIRECTORY
I'M SO SORRY I WASN'T THERE WHEN YOU GOT HURT! I'M SO SORRY I WASN'T AT HOME!
NCY
ROGER, IF YOU SQUEEZE HIM ANY TIGHTER, HIS STITCHES MAY BURST.
WHOOPS.
WHOA— DO IT IN FRONT OF A MIRROR. I WANT TO SEE.

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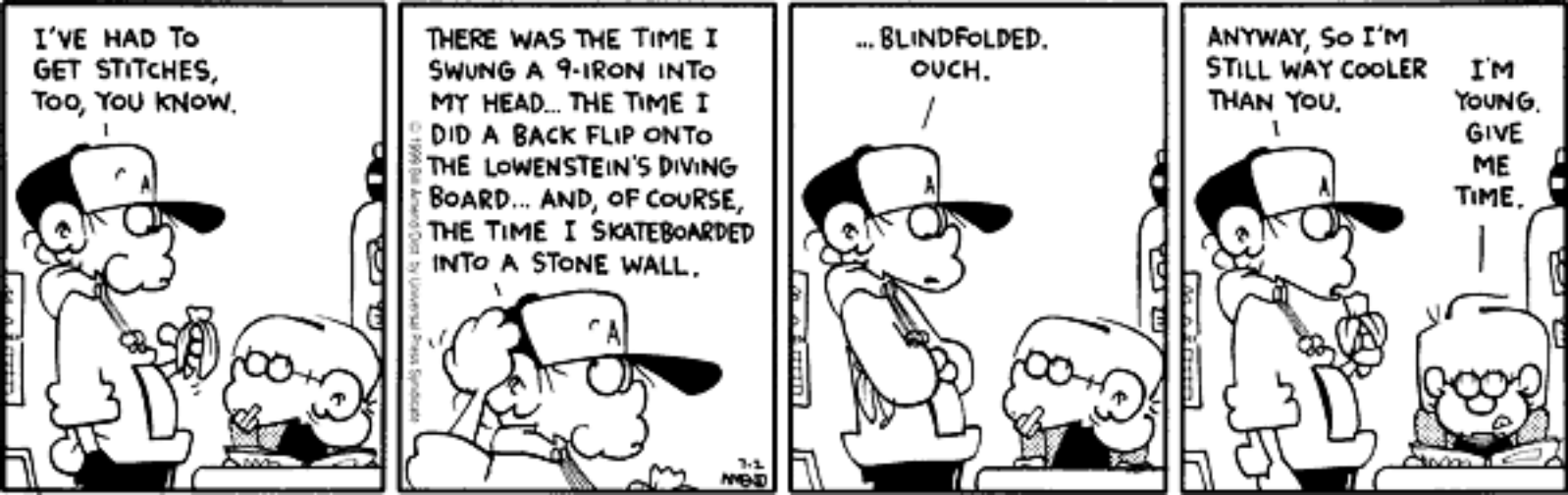
SO WHAT'S THE VERDICT?
THREE STITCHES.
POOR GUY. WELL, LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU.
YOU COULD LET ME TAKE THE BANDAGE OFF AND SHOW THEM TO YOU.
ICK. I'D PROBABLY PUKE.
THAT'S THE IDEA.
LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING SANE I CAN DO FOR YOU.
ALL TALK. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT.


I'VE HAD TO GET STITCHES, TOO, YOU KNOW.
THERE WAS THE TIME I SWUNG A 9-IRON INTO MY HEAD... THE TIME I DID A BACK FLIP ONTO THE LOWENSTEIN'S DIVING BOARD... AND, OF COURSE, THE TIME I SKATEBOARDED INTO A STONE WALL.
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... BLINDFOLDED. OUCH.
ANYWAY, SO I'M STILL WAY COOLER THAN YOU.
I'M YOUNG. GIVE ME TIME.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I WASN'T HERE WHEN JASON GOT HURT.
HE'S FINE. STOP BEATING YOURSELF UP.
BUT WHAT IF IT HAD BEEN MORE SERIOUS?! WHAT IF IT HAD BEEN A REAL CAR THAT HIT HIM AND NOT JUST A TOY ONE?! THERE I WAS OFF ON SOME IDIOTIC BUSINESS TRIP!
I WASN'T AROUND WHEN MY LITTLE BOY NEEDED ME! I WASN'T AROUND WHEN MY LITTLE BOY WAS HURT!
ROGER, YOU CAN'T SPEND 24 HOURS A DAY HOVERING OVER YOUR KIDS!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? QUIT YOUR JOB?!
NOW THERE'S A THOUGHT.
I WAS KIDDING, ROGER. KIDDING!

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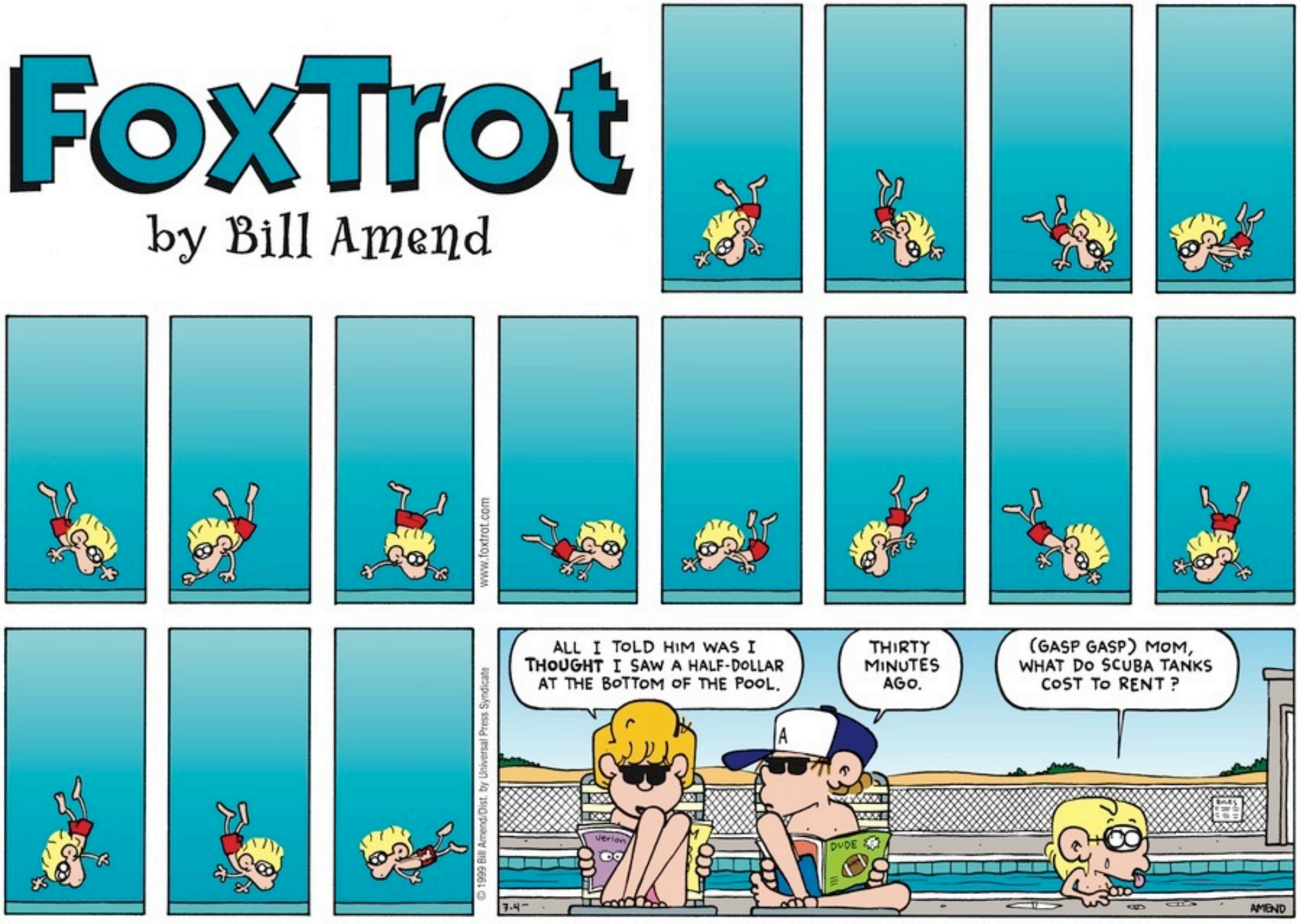

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YOU QUIT YOUR JOB?? ARE YOU INSANE??
ANDY, IT WAS MY JOB THAT WAS INSANE!
I'VE BEEN GIVING OLD MAN PEMBROOK 10 HOURS OF MY LIFE FOR EVERY TWO OR THREE I GIVE MY FAMILY! THAT'S NUTS! AND I TOLD HIM THAT, TOO!
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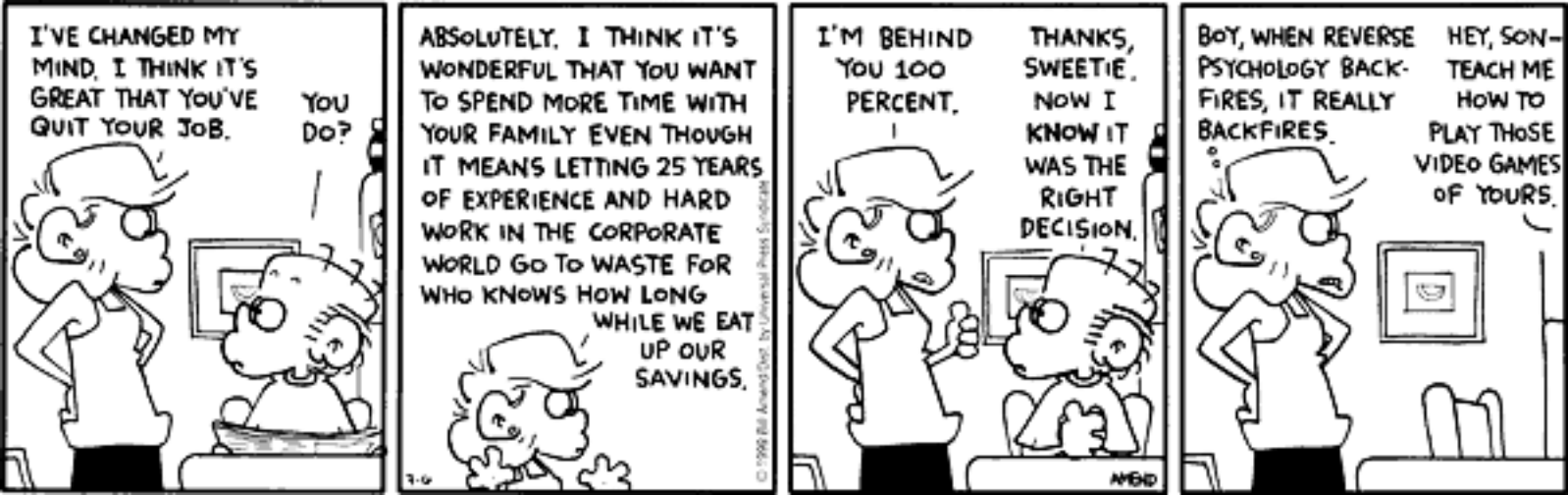
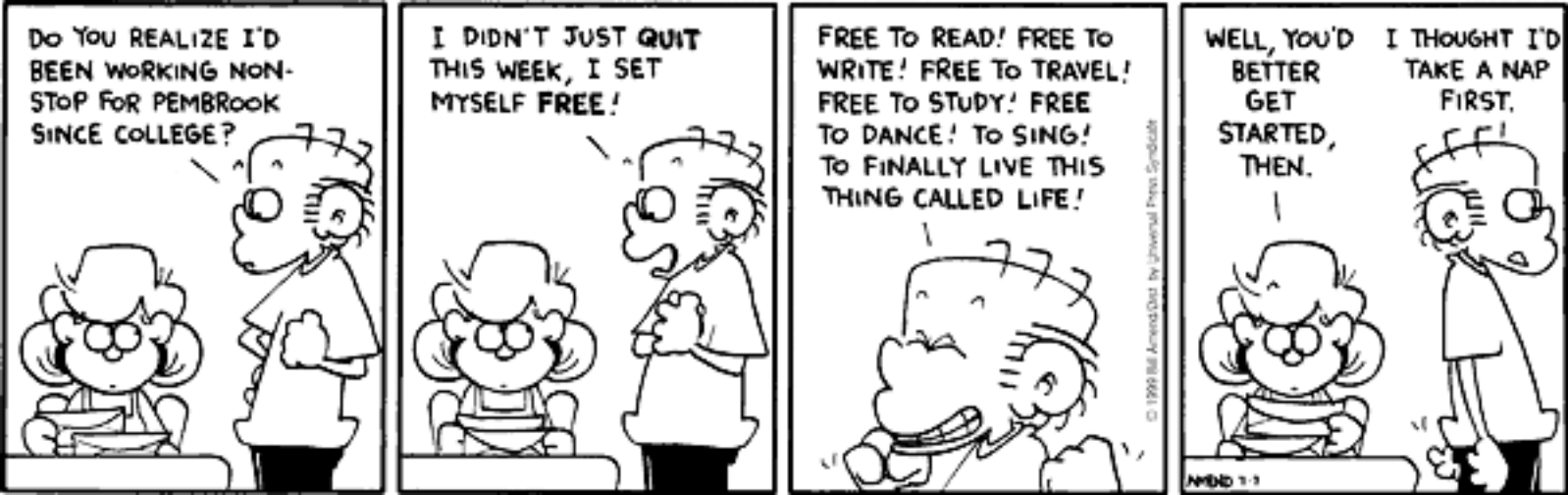
I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR THE KIDS' REACTION WHEN I TELL THEM HOW MUCH MORE TIME WE'LL HAVE TOGETHER.
YOU QUIT YOUR JOB?? ARE YOU INSANE??
WHO'S UP FOR A GAME OF FREEZE TAG?!


I'VE CHANGED MY MIND. I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'VE QUIT YOUR JOB.
YOU DO?
ABSOLUTELY. I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL THAT YOU WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS LETTING 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND HARD WORK IN THE CORPORATE WORLD GO TO WASTE FOR WHO KNOWS HOW LONG WHILE WE EAT UP OUR SAVINGS.
I'M BEHIND YOU 100 PERCENT.
THANKS, SWEETIE. NOW I KNOW IT WAS THE RIGHT DECISION.
BOY, WHEN REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY BACK-FIRES, IT REALLY BACKFIRES.
HEY, SON— TEACH ME HOW TO PLAY THOSE VIDEO GAMES OF YOURS.


DO YOU REALIZE I'D BEEN WORKING NON-STOP FOR PEMBROOK SINCE COLLEGE?
I DIDN'T JUST QUIT THIS WEEK, I SET MYSELF FREE!
FREE TO READ! FREE TO WRITE! FREE TO TRAVEL! FREE TO STUDY! FREE TO DANCE! TO SING! TO FINALLY LIVE THIS THING CALLED LIFE!
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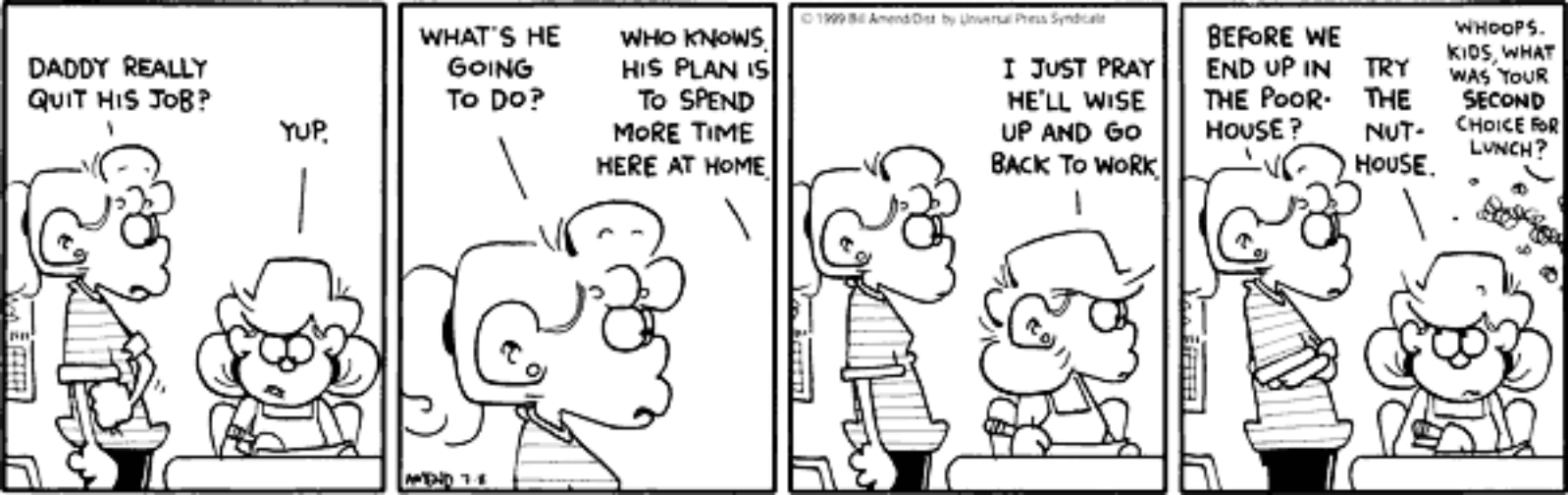
WELL, YOU'D BETTER GET STARTED, THEN.
I THOUGHT I'D TAKE A NAP FIRST.


DADDY REALLY QUIT HIS JOB?
YUP.
WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO?
WHO KNOWS. HIS PLAN IS TO SPEND MORE TIME HERE AT HOME.
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I JUST PRAY HE'LL WISE UP AND GO BACK TO WORK.
BEFORE WE END UP IN THE POOR-HOUSE?
TRY THE NUT-HOUSE.
WHOOPS. KIDS, WHAT WAS YOUR SECOND CHOICE FOR LUNCH?

HEY, KIDS, SEEING AS YOU'RE OUT OF SCHOOL AND I'VE QUIT MY JOB, I THOUGHT WE COULD SPEND THE SUMMER DOING FUN THINGS TOGETHER!
WE COULD HANG OUT TOGETHER AT THE MALL... HANG OUT TOGETHER AT THE ICE CREAM PARLOR... HANG OUT TOGETHER AT THE POOL...
COULD WE PLAY A GAME FIRST?
HIDE-AND-SEEK? EXCELLENT CHOICE.
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HEY, PETE – CARE TO HIT SOME BALLS?
NOT NOW, DAD. I'M GOING OVER TO DENISE'S.
HEY, PAIGE – CARE TO PLAY SOME CARDS?
NOT NOW, DADDY. I'M WATCHING TV.
HEY, JASON – CARE TO HELP ME EAT THESE COOKIES?
NOT NOW, DAD. I'M CALIBRATING MY ROCKET FINS.
HMM. THIS ISN'T QUITE THE "CARE-FREE" LIFE I HAD IN MIND.
ASK ME IF I CARE THAT YOU QUIT WORKING, DEAR.
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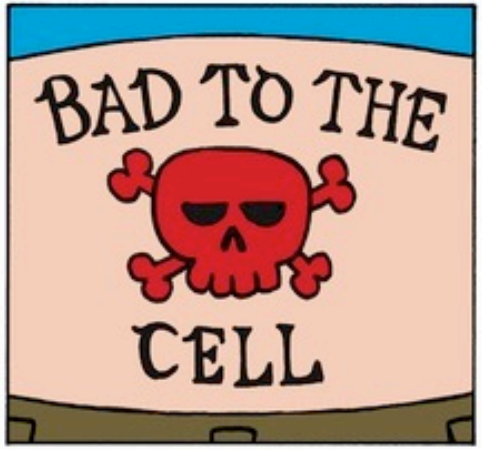

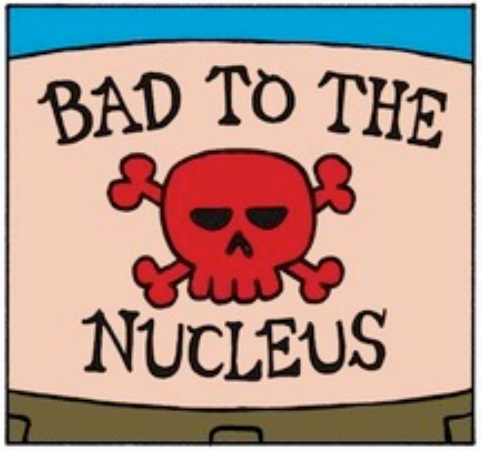

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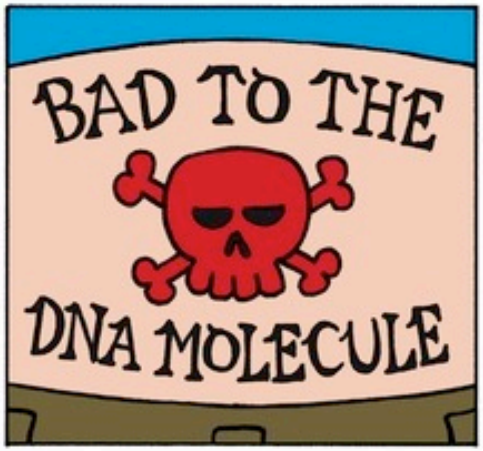

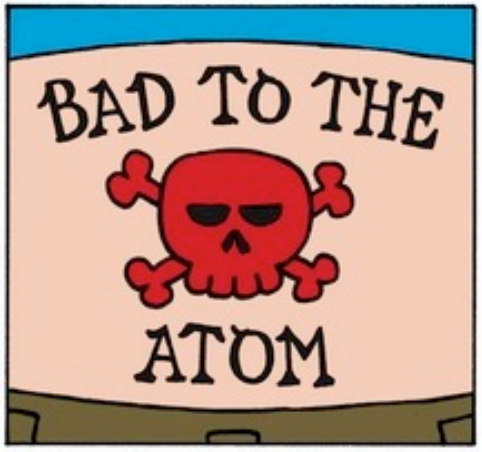

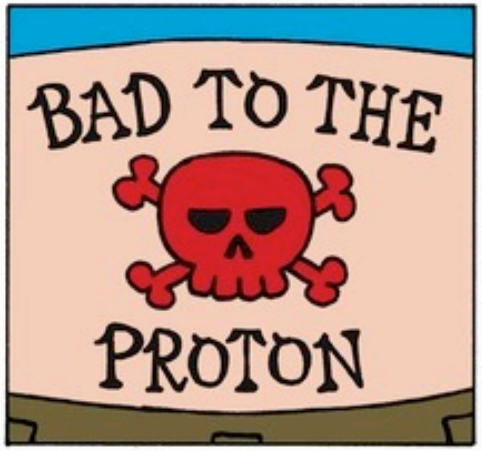

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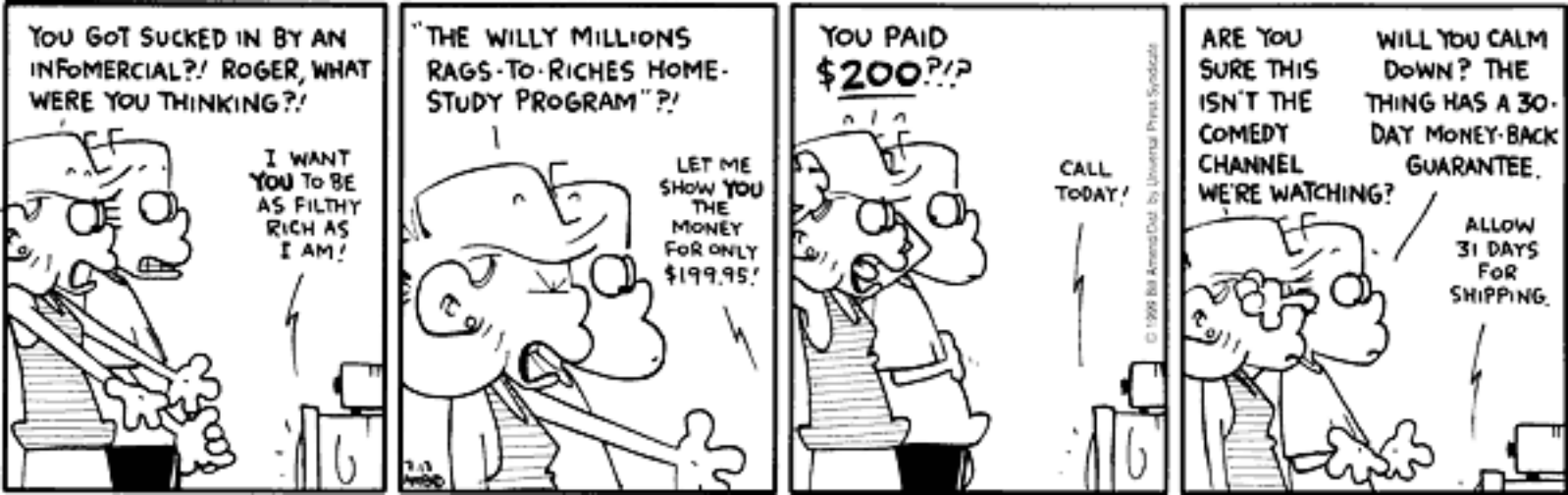
ROGER, I'M GLAD QUITTING YOUR JOB MAKES YOU HAPPY, BUT THERE IS THE LITTLE MATTER OF MONEY.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW FAST WE'LL EAT THROUGH OUR SAVINGS WITH YOU NOT WORKING?
MY LITTLE NEWSPAPER SALARY JUST ISN'T ENOUGH TO LIVE ON.
ANDY, RELAX. WE'VE GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT.
"WE"?
THE GUY ON THE INFOMERCIAL AND ME.


YOU GOT SUCKED IN BY AN INFOMERCIAL?! ROGER, WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!
I WANT YOU TO BE AS FILTHY RICH AS I AM!
"THE WILLY MILLIONS RAGS-TO-RICHES HOME-STUDY PROGRAM"?!
LET ME SHOW YOU THE MONEY FOR ONLY $199.95!
YOU PAID $200?!?
CALL TODAY!
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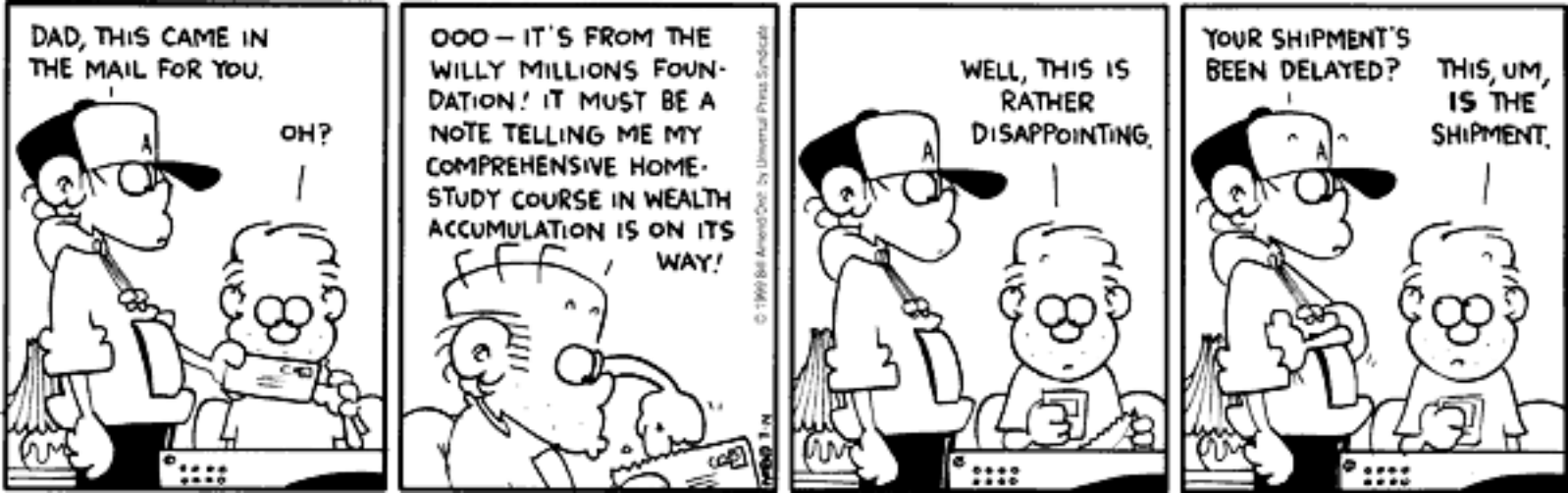
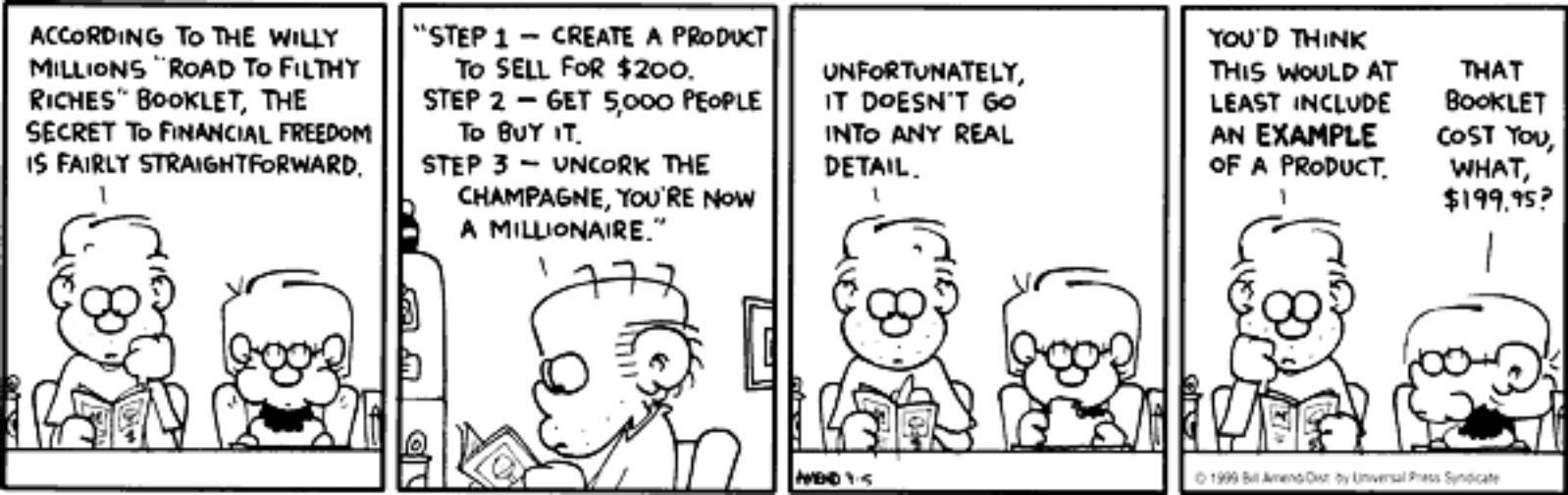
ARE YOU SURE THIS ISN'T THE COMEDY CHANNEL WE'RE WATCHING?
WILL YOU CALM DOWN? THE THING HAS A 30-DAY MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE.
ALLOW 31 DAYS FOR SHIPPING.


DAD, THIS CAME IN THE MAIL FOR YOU.
OH?
OOO – IT'S FROM THE WILLY MILLIONS FOUNDATION! IT MUST BE A NOTE TELLING ME MY COMPREHENSIVE HOME-STUDY COURSE IN WEALTH ACCUMULATION IS ON ITS WAY!
WELL, THIS IS RATHER DISAPPOINTING.
YOUR SHIPMENT'S BEEN DELAYED?
THIS, UM, IS THE SHIPMENT.


ACCORDING TO THE WILLY MILLIONS "ROAD TO FILTHY RICHES" BOOKLET, THE SECRET TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM IS FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD.
"STEP 1 — CREATE A PRODUCT TO SELL FOR $200.
STEP 2 — GET 5,000 PEOPLE TO BUY IT.
STEP 3 — UNCORK THE CHAMPAGNE, YOU'RE NOW A MILLIONAIRE."
UNFORTUNATELY, IT DOESN'T GO INTO ANY REAL DETAIL.
YOU'D THINK THIS WOULD AT LEAST INCLUDE AN EXAMPLE OF A PRODUCT.
THAT BOOKLET COST YOU, WHAT, $199.95?
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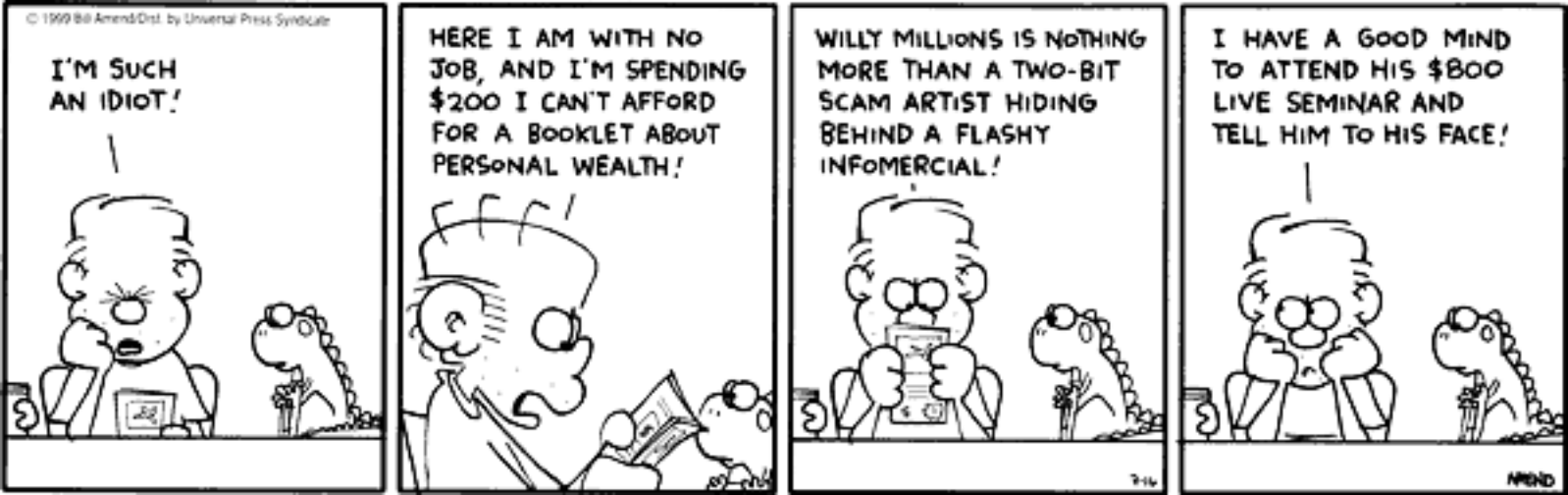
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I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
HERE I AM WITH NO JOB, AND I'M SPENDING $200 I CAN'T AFFORD FOR A BOOKLET ABOUT PERSONAL WEALTH!
WILLY MILLIONS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A TWO-BIT SCAM ARTIST HIDING BEHIND A FLASHY INFOMERCIAL!
I HAVE A GOOD MIND TO ATTEND HIS $800 LIVE SEMINAR AND TELL HIM TO HIS FACE!
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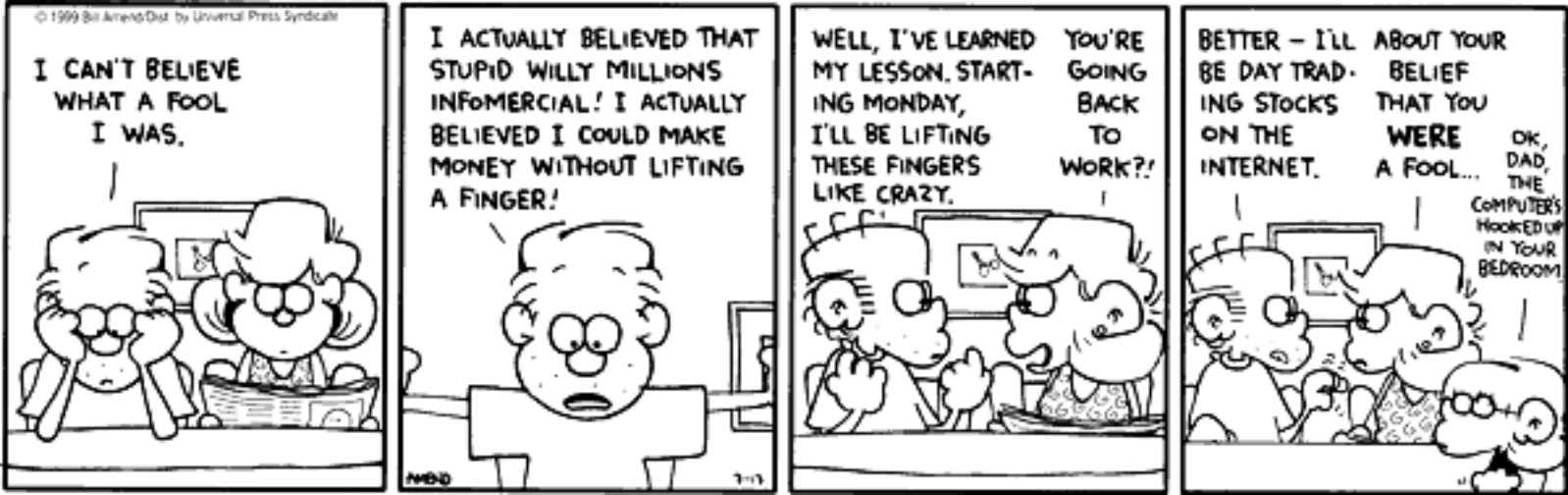
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I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT A FOOL I WAS.
I ACTUALLY BELIEVED THAT STUPID WILLY MILLIONS INFOMERCIAL! I ACTUALLY BELIEVED I COULD MAKE MONEY WITHOUT LIFTING A FINGER!
WELL, I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON. STARTING MONDAY, I'LL BE LIFTING THESE FINGERS LIKE CRAZY.
YOU'RE GOING BACK TO WORK?!
BETTER – I'LL BE DAY TRADING STOCKS ON THE INTERNET.
ABOUT YOUR BELIEF THAT YOU WERE A FOOL...
OK, DAD, THE COMPUTER'S HOOKED UP IN YOUR BEDROOM.

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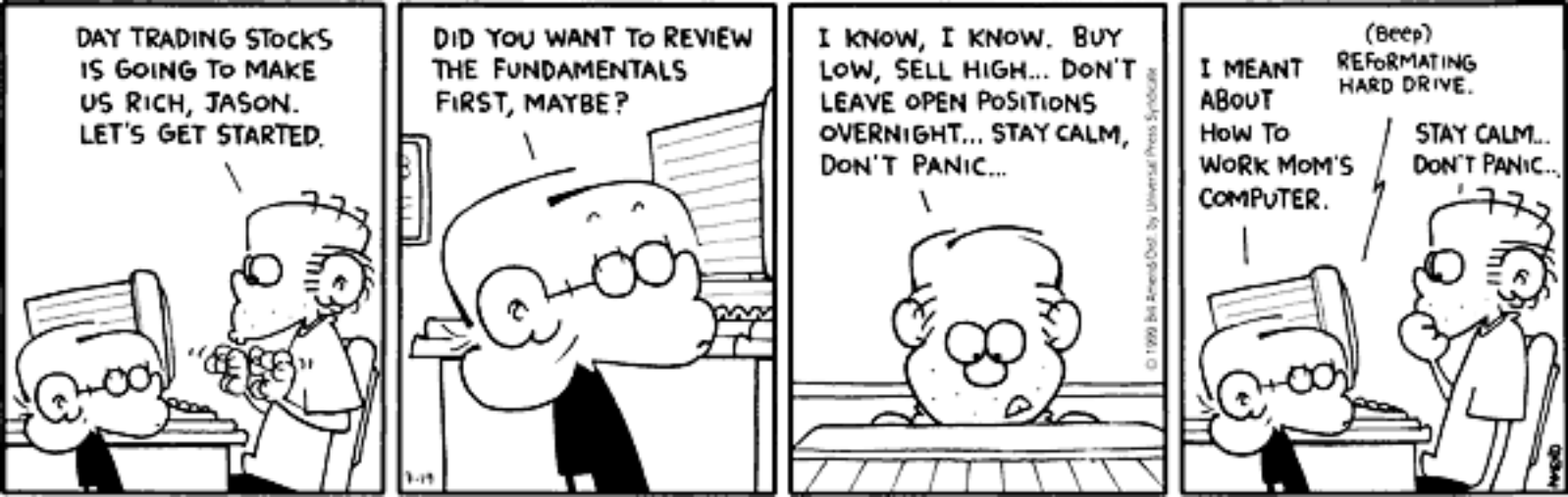
DAY TRADING STOCKS IS GOING TO MAKE US RICH, JASON. LET'S GET STARTED.
DID YOU WANT TO REVIEW THE FUNDAMENTALS FIRST, MAYBE?
I KNOW, I KNOW. BUY LOW, SELL HIGH... DON'T LEAVE OPEN POSITIONS OVERNIGHT... STAY CALM, DON'T PANIC...
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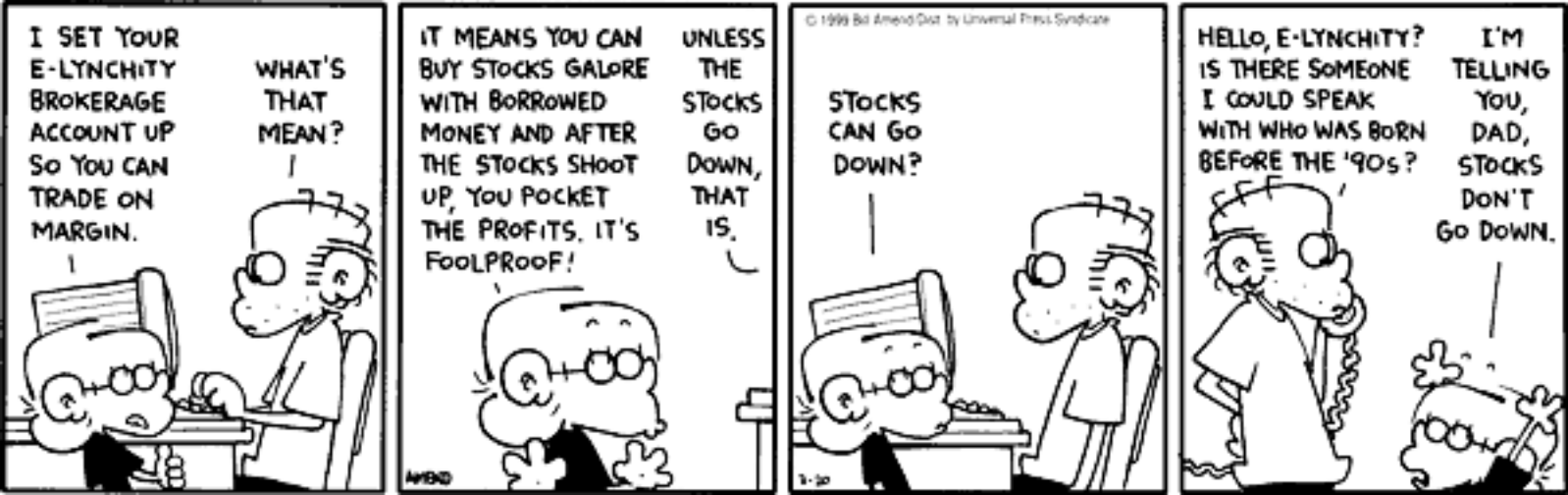
I MEANT ABOUT HOW TO WORK MOM'S COMPUTER.
(Beep) REFORMATING HARD DRIVE.
STAY CALM... DON'T PANIC...


I SET YOUR E-LYNCHITY BROKERAGE ACCOUNT UP SO YOU CAN TRADE ON MARGIN.
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
IT MEANS YOU CAN BUY STOCKS GALORE WITH BORROWED MONEY AND AFTER THE STOCKS SHOOT UP, YOU POCKET THE PROFITS. IT'S FOOLPROOF!
UNLESS THE STOCKS GO DOWN, THAT IS.
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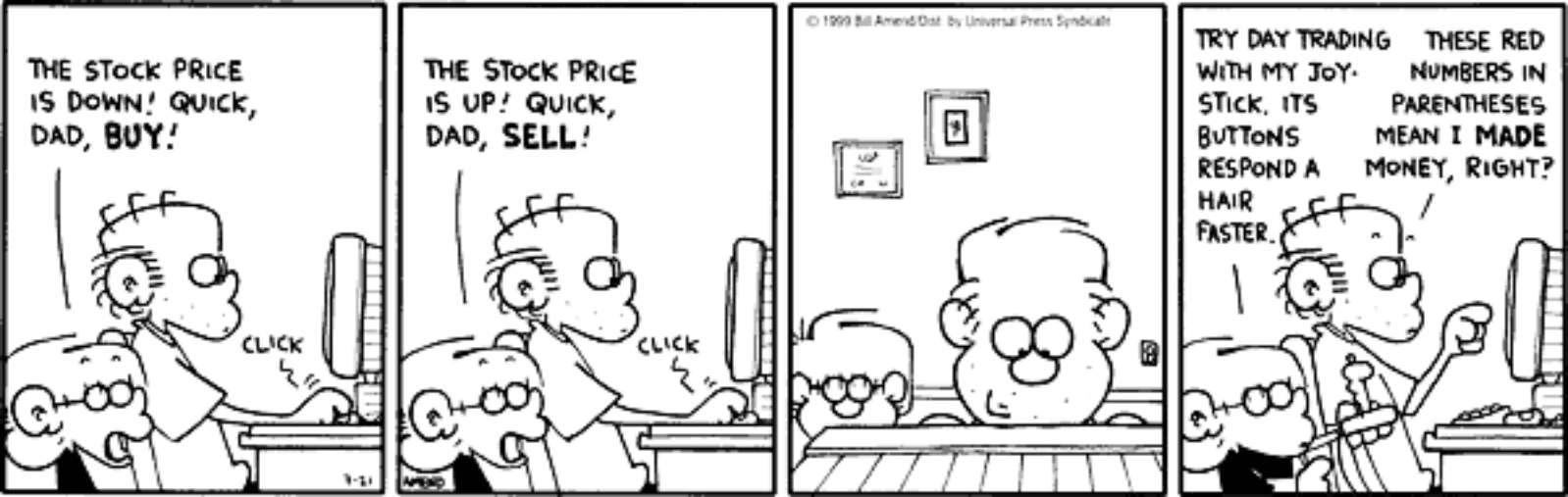
STOCKS CAN GO DOWN?
HELLO, E-LYNCHITY? IS THERE SOMEONE I COULD SPEAK WITH WHO WAS BORN BEFORE THE '90s?
I'M TELLING YOU, DAD, STOCKS DON'T GO DOWN.


THE STOCK PRICE IS DOWN! QUICK, DAD, BUY!
CLICK
THE STOCK PRICE IS UP! QUICK, DAD, SELL!
CLICK
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TRY DAY TRADING WITH MY JOY-STICK. ITS BUTTONS RESPOND A HAIR FASTER.
THESE RED NUMBERS IN PARENTHESES MEAN I MADE MONEY, RIGHT?

I'M RICH!
I'M RUINED!
I'M RICH!
I'M RUINED!
I'M RICH!
I'M RUINED!
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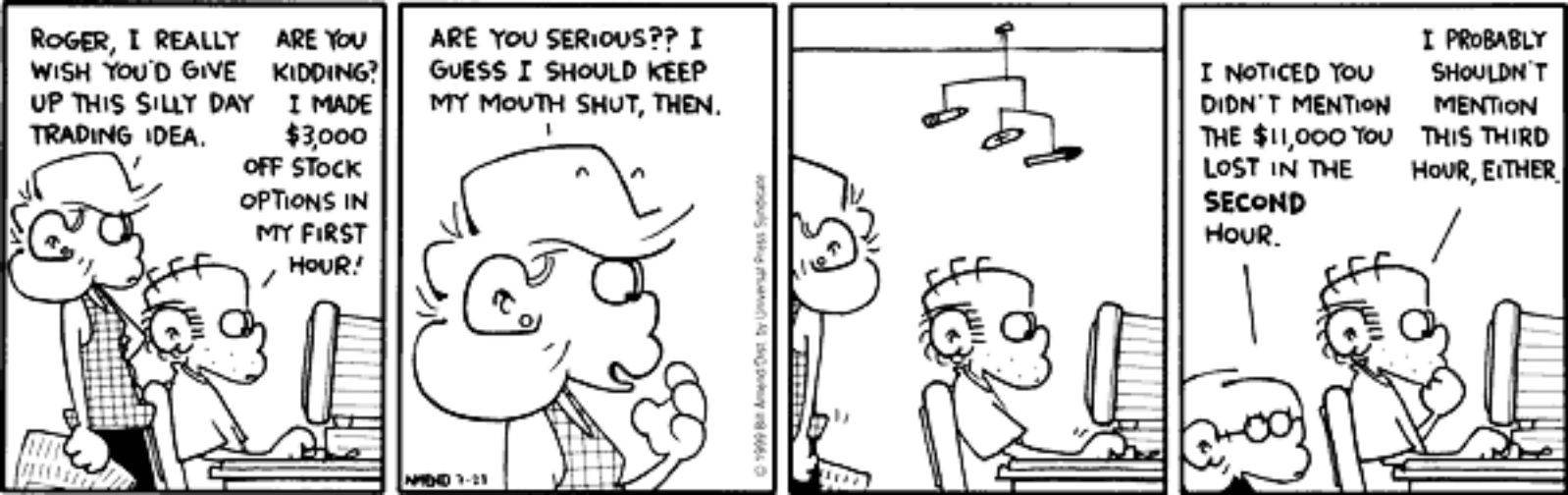
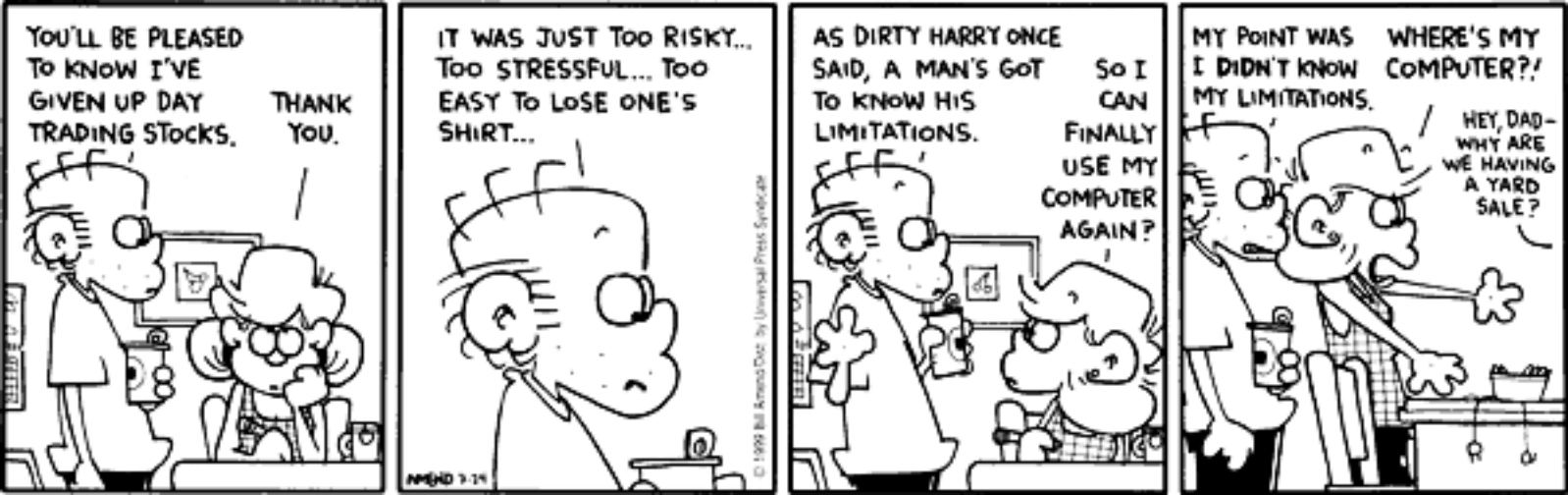
I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED DAY TRADERS ACTUALLY LAST A DAY.
WHAT'S IT BEEN? 15 MINUTES?


ROGER, I REALLY WISH YOU'D GIVE UP THIS SILLY DAY TRADING IDEA.
ARE YOU KIDDING? I MADE $3,000 OFF STOCK OPTIONS IN MY FIRST HOUR!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?? I GUESS I SHOULD KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT, THEN.
I NOTICED YOU DIDN'T MENTION THE $11,000 YOU LOST IN THE SECOND HOUR.
I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T MENTION THIS THIRD HOUR, EITHER.


YOU'LL BE PLEASED TO KNOW I'VE GIVEN UP DAY TRADING STOCKS.
THANK YOU.
IT WAS JUST TOO RISKY... TOO STRESSFUL... TOO EASY TO LOSE ONE'S SHIRT...
AMEND 3-29
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AS DIRTY HARRY ONCE SAID, A MAN'S GOT TO KNOW HIS LIMITATIONS.
SO I CAN FINALLY USE MY COMPUTER AGAIN?
MY POINT WAS I DIDN'T KNOW MY LIMITATIONS.
WHERE'S MY COMPUTER?!
HEY, DAD- WHY ARE WE HAVING A YARD SALE?

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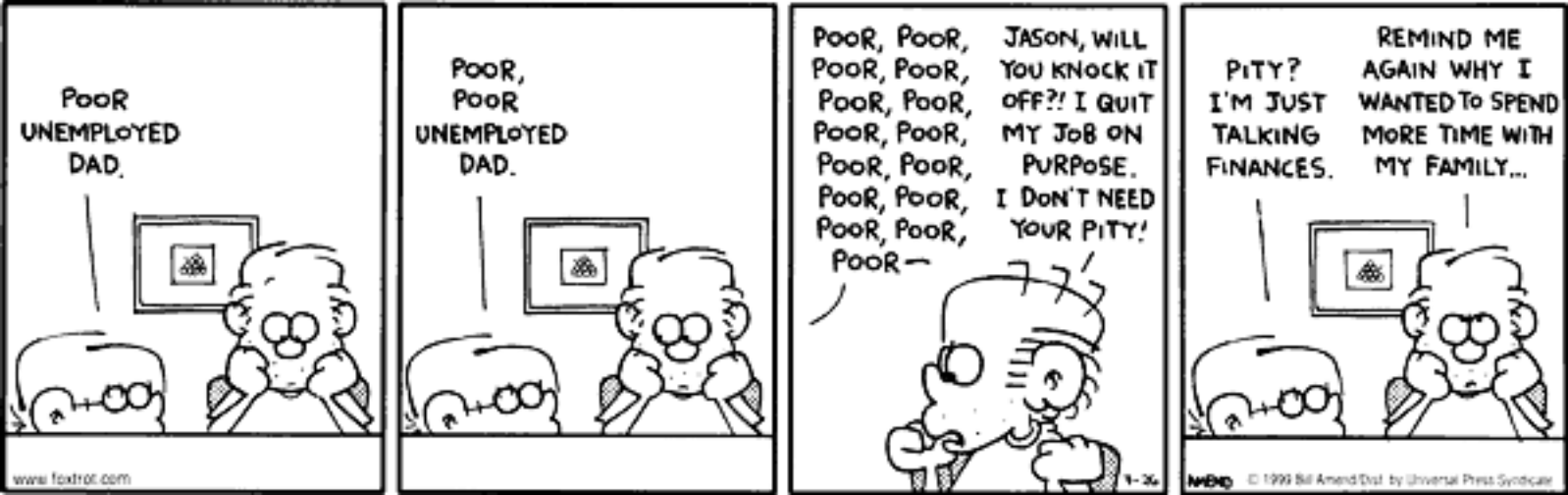
POOR UNEMPLOYED DAD.
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POOR, POOR UNEMPLOYED DAD.
POOR, POOR, POOR, POOR, POOR, POOR, POOR, POOR, POOR, POOR, POOR, POOR—
JASON, WILL YOU KNOCK IT OFF?! I QUIT MY JOB ON PURPOSE. I DON'T NEED YOUR PITY!
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PITY? I'M JUST TALKING FINANCES.
REMIND ME AGAIN WHY I WANTED TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH MY FAMILY...
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MAYBE THIS EARLY RETIREMENT THING WAS ALL A BIG MISTAKE.
MAYBE MY DESIRE TO HANG OUT WITH MY CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE BEEN BALANCED WITH MY RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER AND SECURITY FOR THEM.
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MAYBE QUITTING MY JOB ON A WHIM WAS ABOUT THE DUMBEST THING I'VE EVER DONE.
I THINK YOU'RE WRONG.
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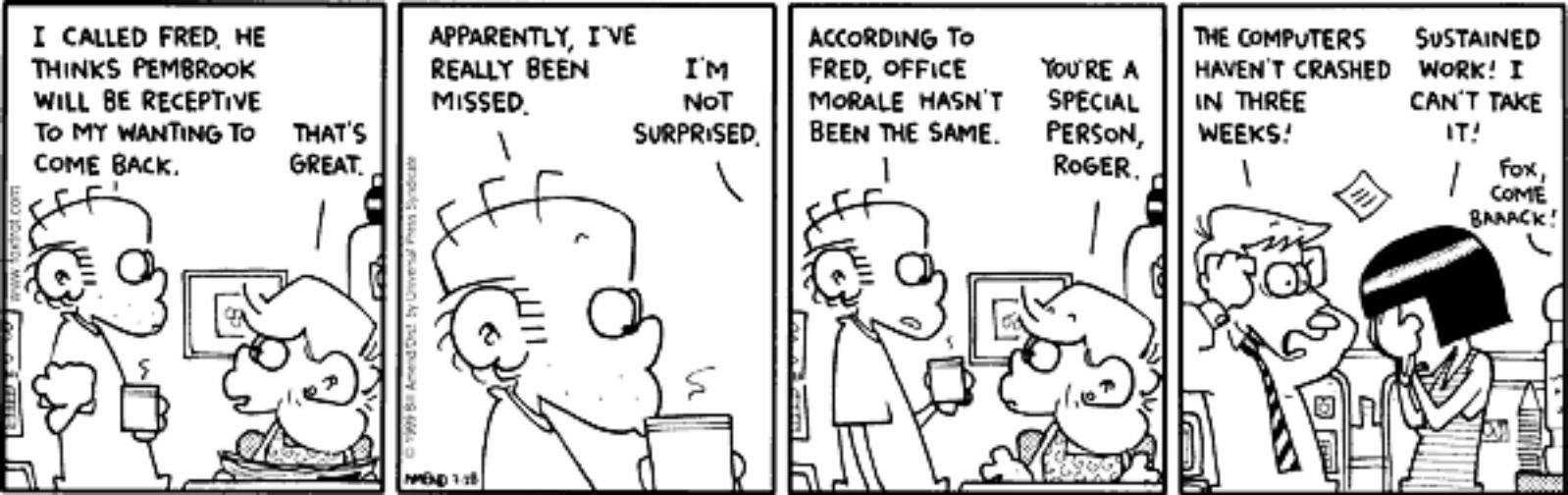
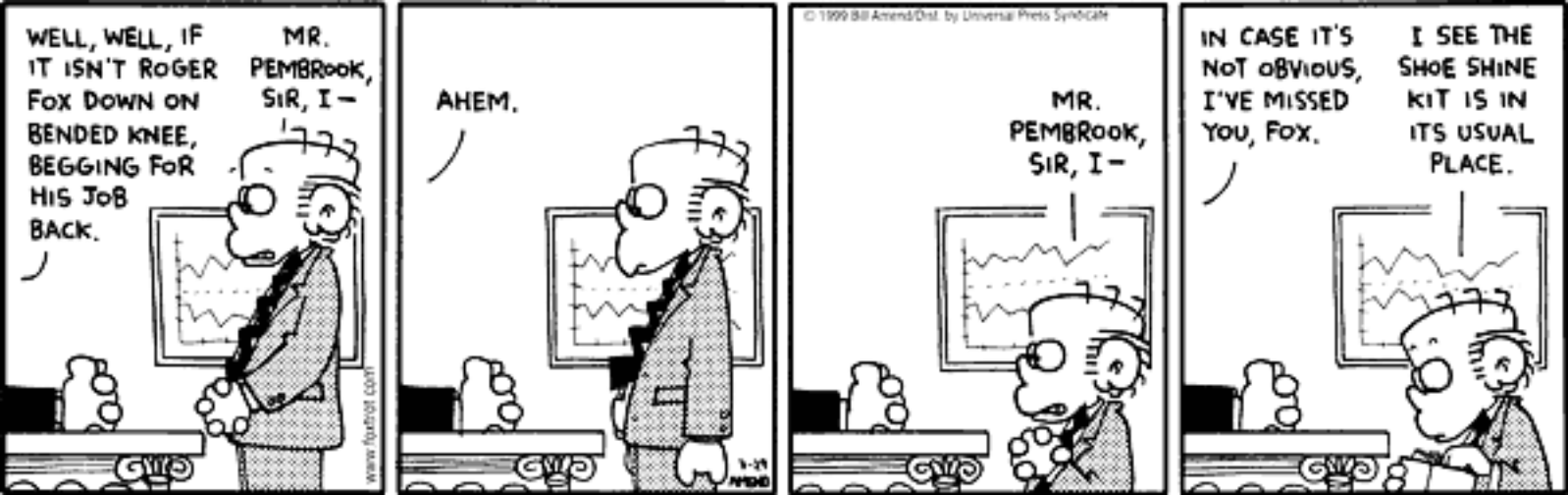
ABOUT BEING A FOOL?
ABOUT ALL THE "MAYBES."


I CALLED FRED. HE THINKS PEMBROOK WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO MY WANTING TO COME BACK.
THAT'S GREAT.
APPARENTLY, I'VE REALLY BEEN MISSED.
I'M NOT SURPRISED.
ACCORDING TO FRED, OFFICE MORALE HASN'T BEEN THE SAME.
YOU'RE A SPECIAL PERSON, ROGER.
THE COMPUTERS HAVEN'T CRASHED IN THREE WEEKS!
SUSTAINED WORK! I CAN'T TAKE IT!
FOX, COME BAAACK!


WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T ROGER FOX DOWN ON BENDED KNEE, BEGGING FOR HIS JOB BACK.
MR. PEMBROOK, SIR, I—
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AHEM.
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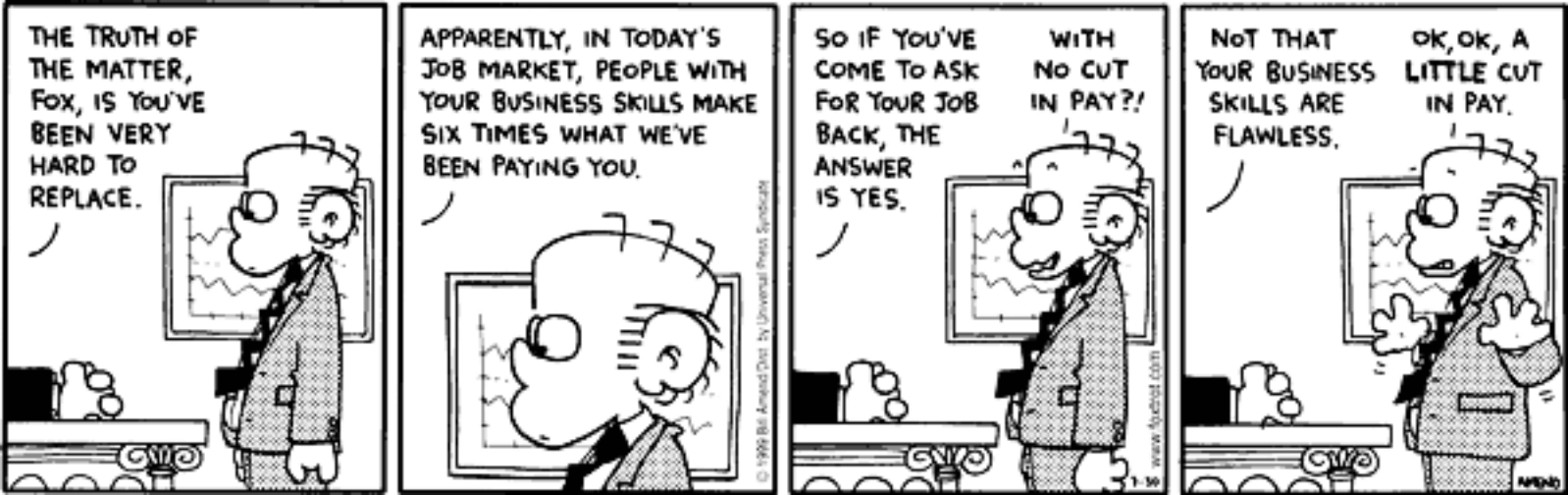
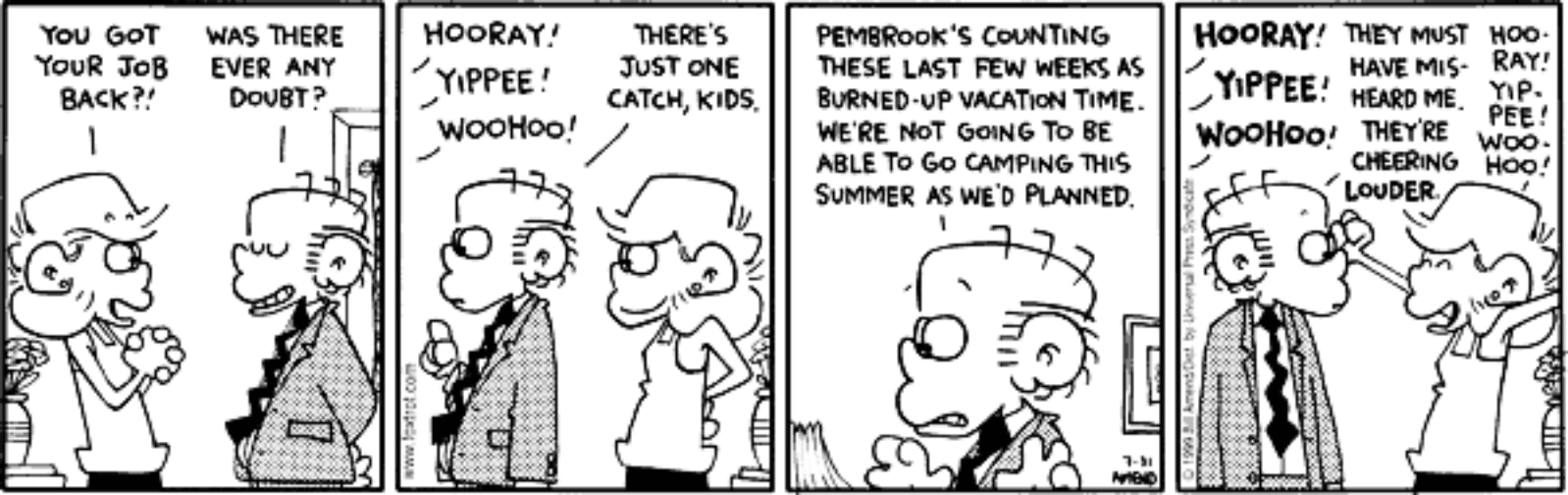
MR. PEMBROOK, SIR, I—
IN CASE IT'S NOT OBVIOUS, I'VE MISSED YOU, FOX.
I SEE THE SHOE SHINE KIT IS IN ITS USUAL PLACE.


THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER, FOX, IS YOU'VE BEEN VERY HARD TO REPLACE.
APPARENTLY, IN TODAY'S JOB MARKET, PEOPLE WITH YOUR BUSINESS SKILLS MAKE SIX TIMES WHAT WE'VE BEEN PAYING YOU.
SO IF YOU'VE COME TO ASK FOR YOUR JOB BACK, THE ANSWER IS YES.
WITH NO CUT IN PAY?!
NOT THAT YOUR BUSINESS SKILLS ARE FLAWLESS.
OK, OK, A LITTLE CUT IN PAY.


YOU GOT YOUR JOB BACK?!
WAS THERE EVER ANY DOUBT?
HOORAY!
YIPPEE!
WOOHOO!
THERE'S JUST ONE CATCH, KIDS.
PEMBROOK'S COUNTING THESE LAST FEW WEEKS AS BURNED-UP VACATION TIME. WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO CAMPING THIS SUMMER AS WE'D PLANNED.
HOORAY!
YIPPEE!
WOOHOO!
THEY MUST HAVE MIS-HEARD ME. THEY'RE CHEERING LOUDER.
HOO-RAY! YIP-PEE! WOO-HOO!
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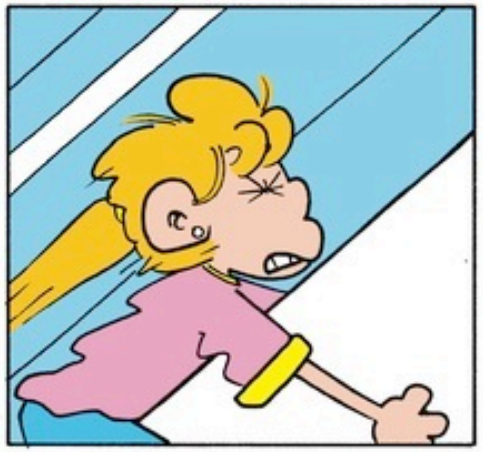

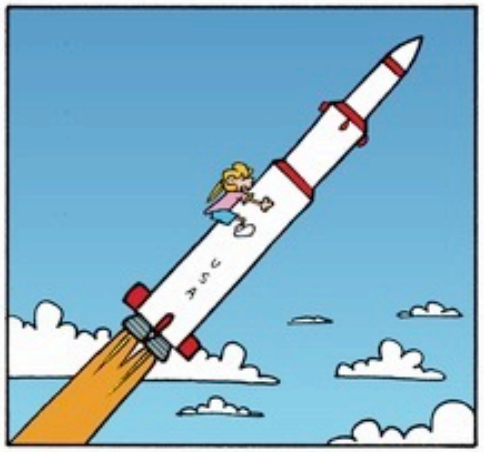

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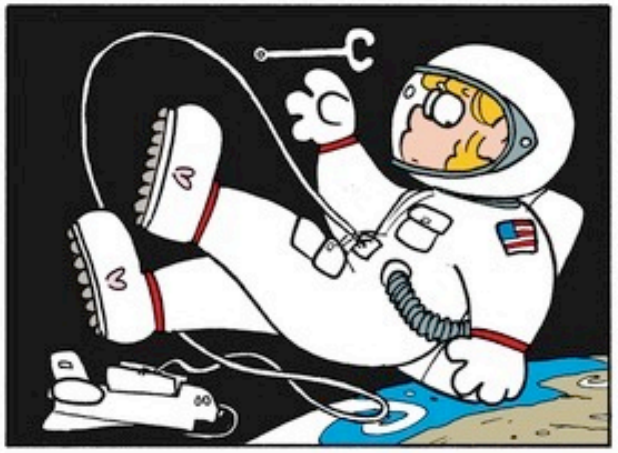

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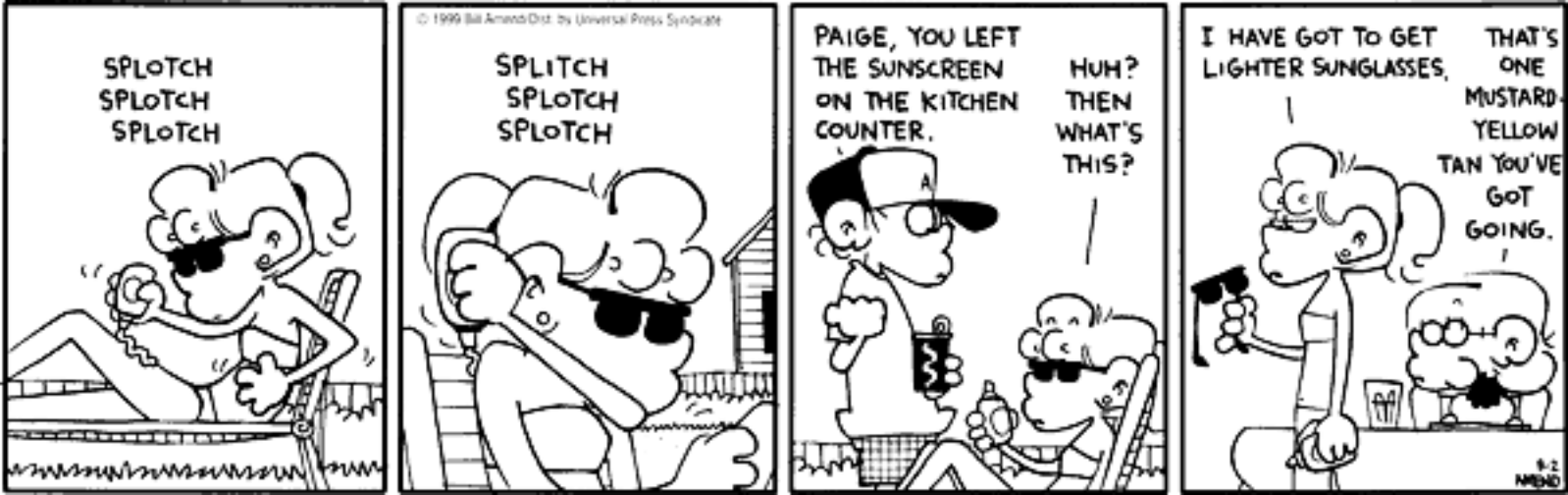
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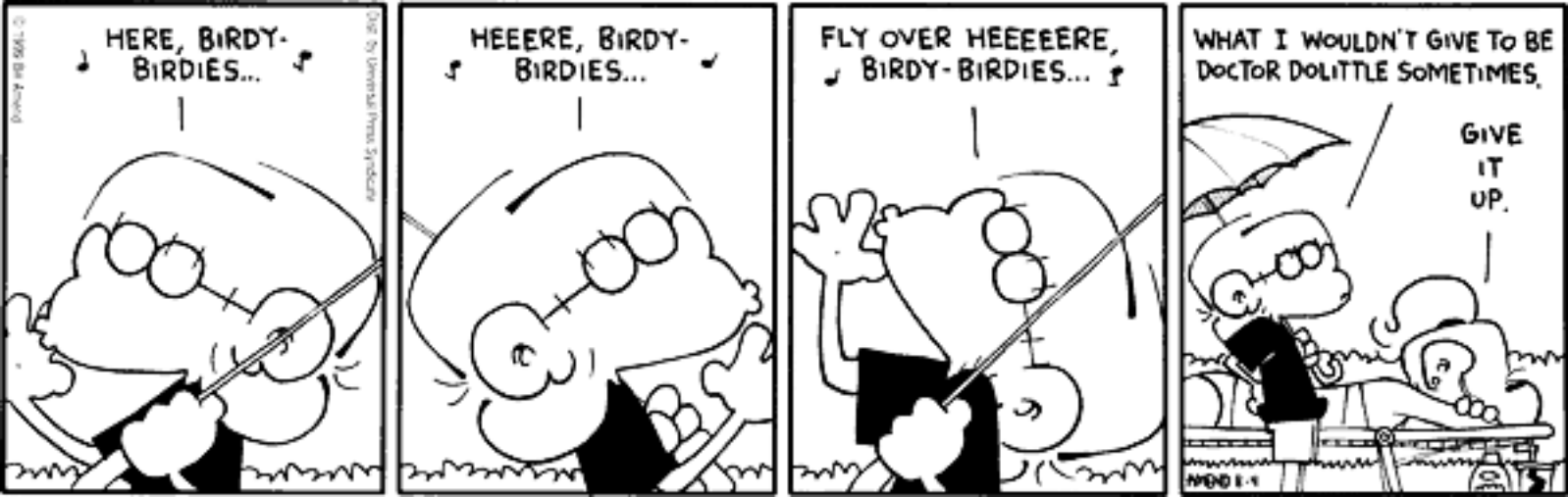
SPLITCH SPLOTCH SPLOTCH
PAIGE, YOU LEFT THE SUNSCREEN ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER.
HUH? THEN WHAT'S THIS?
I HAVE GOT TO GET LIGHTER SUNGLASSES.
THAT'S ONE MUSTARD-YELLOW TAN YOU'VE GOT GOING.
9-2 NBND

WHAT'S THIS?
DAD MUST HAVE ACCIDENTALLY LEFT A HAMBURGER ON THE GRILL LAST NIGHT.
THAT MAN CAN DO THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE THINGS.


HERE, BIRDY-BIRDIES...
HEEERE, BIRDY-BIRDIES...
FLY OVER HEEEEERE, BIRDY-BIRDIES...
WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO BE DOCTOR DOLITTLE SOMETIMES.
GIVE IT UP.

GOTCHA!
HA! MISSED ME!
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GOTCHA!
AMEND
HA! MISSED AGAIN!
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK I SHOULD BE WATERING OUR LAWN AT NIGHT.
I THINK IT'S CUTE.

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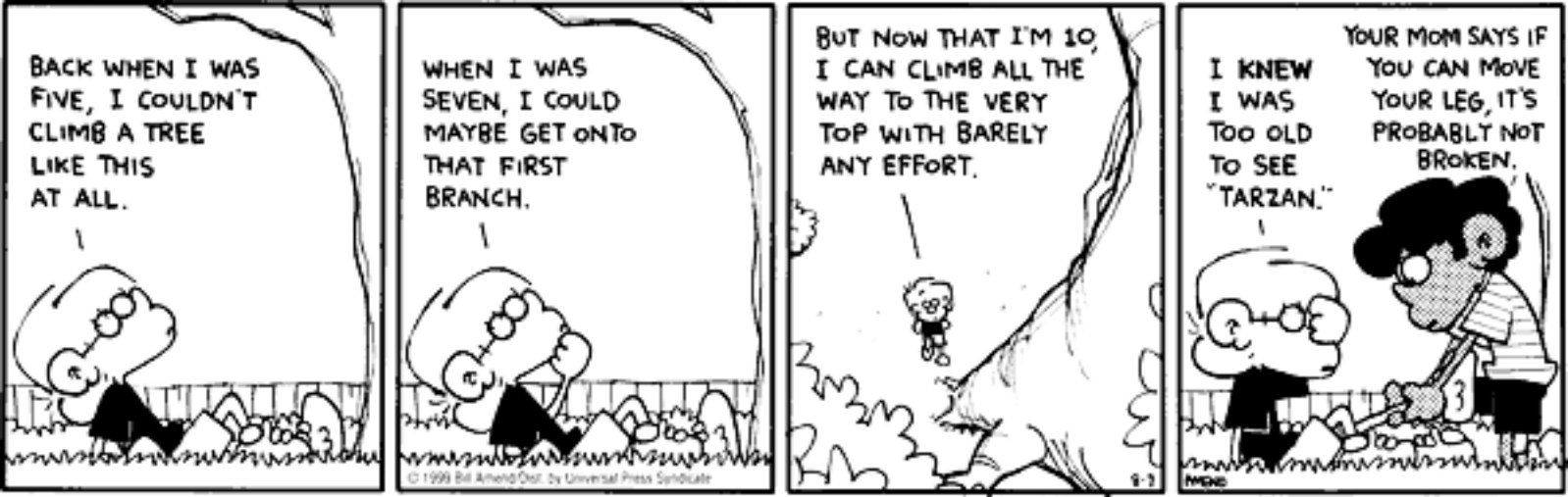
HEY!
I'VE NAMED THIS KITE THE SPF-10,000.
I LIKE HOW YOU WROTE "HA HA" ON THE BOTTOM.
BIL AMEND



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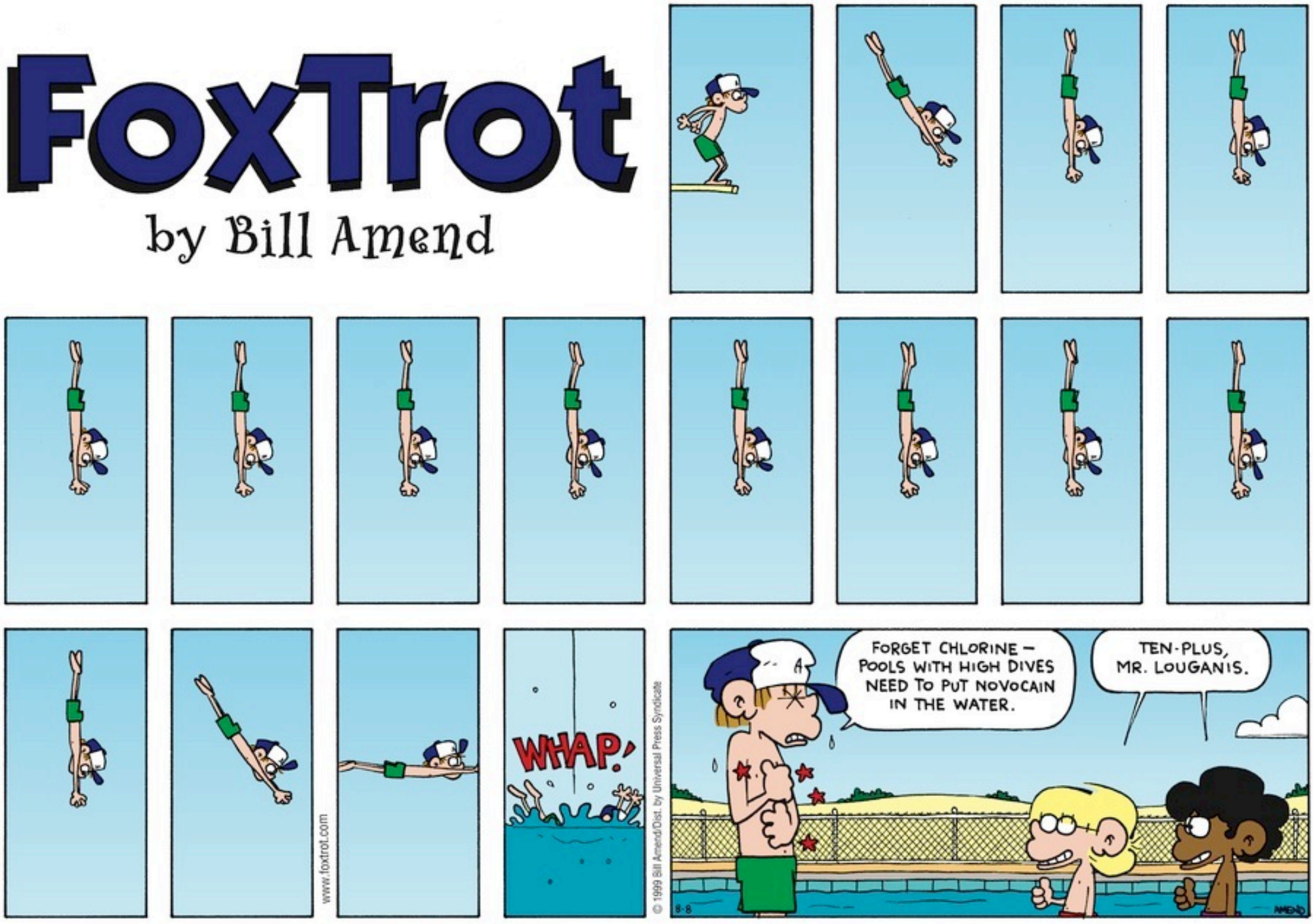

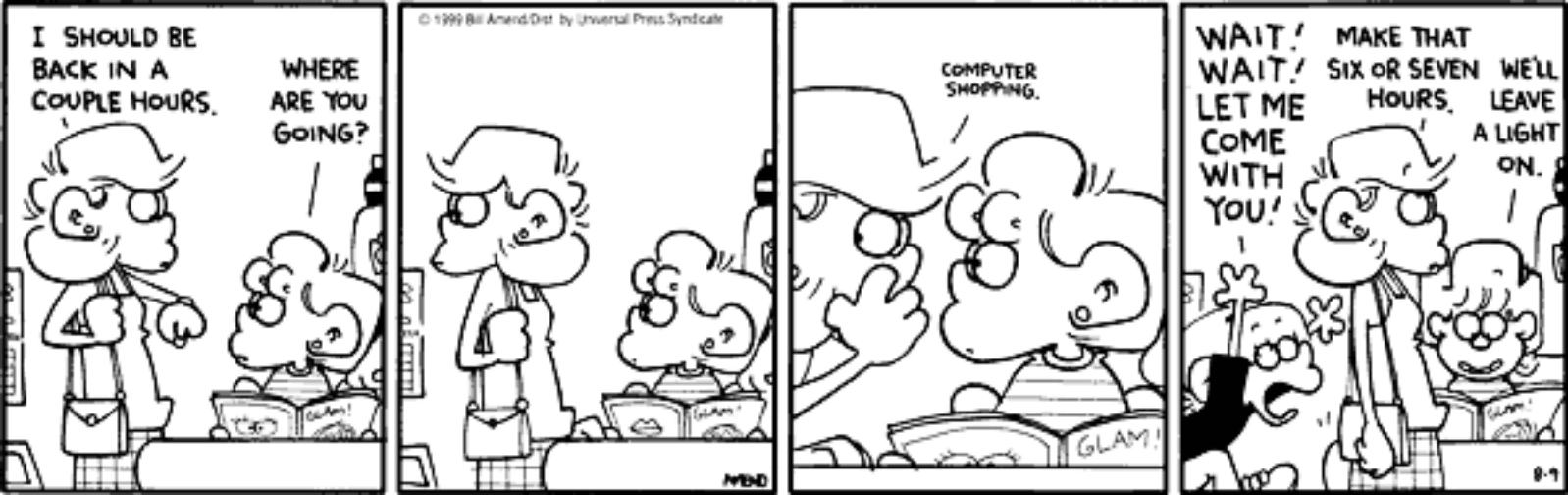
I SHOULD BE BACK IN A COUPLE HOURS.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
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COMPUTER SHOPPING.
GLAM!
WAIT! WAIT! LET ME COME WITH YOU!
MAKE THAT SIX OR SEVEN HOURS.
WE'LL LEAVE A LIGHT ON.
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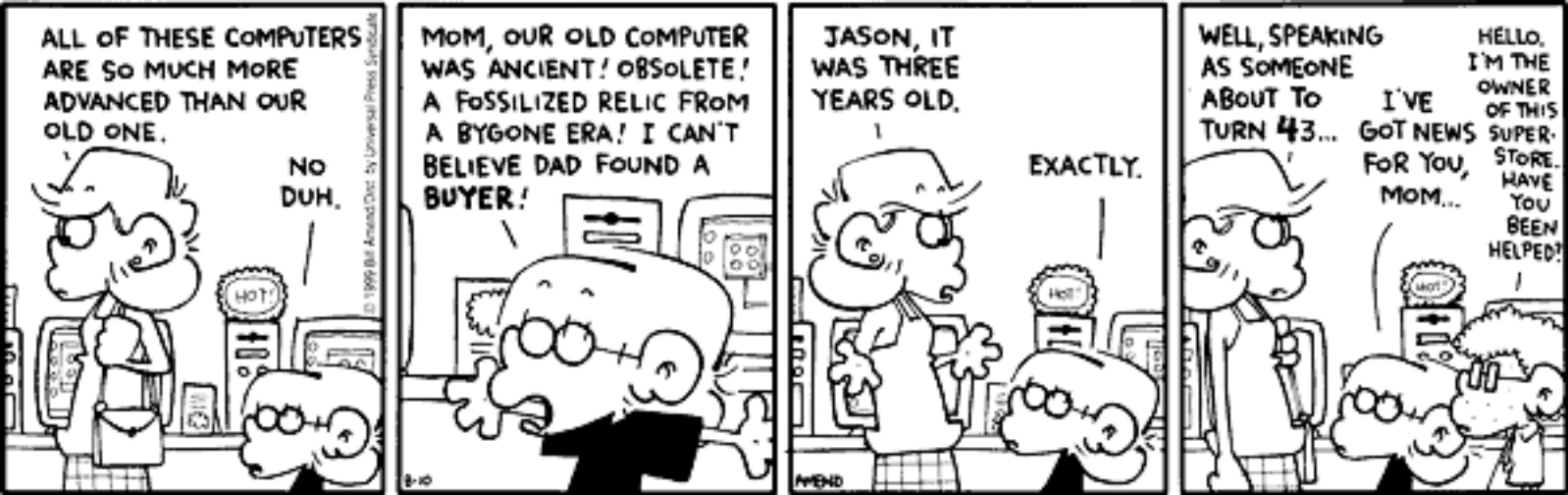
ALL OF THESE COMPUTERS ARE SO MUCH MORE ADVANCED THAN OUR OLD ONE.
NO DUH.
HOT!
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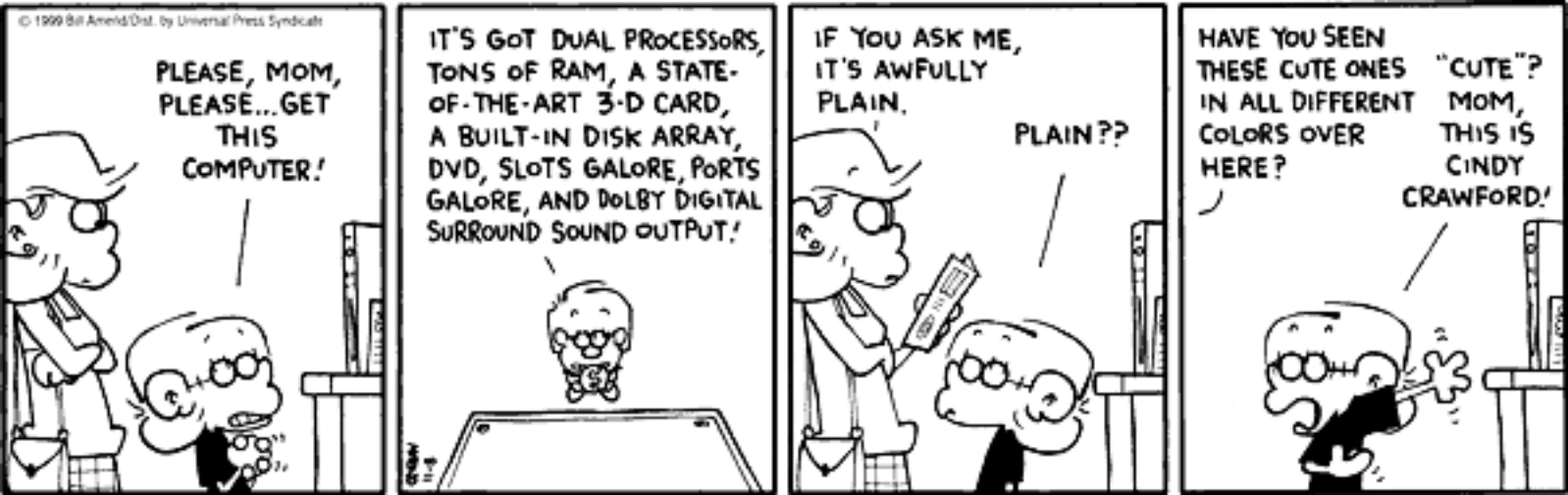
MOM, OUR OLD COMPUTER WAS ANCIENT! OBSOLETE! A FOSSILIZED RELIC FROM A BYGONE ERA! I CAN'T BELIEVE DAD FOUND A BUYER!
8-10
JASON, IT WAS THREE YEARS OLD.
EXACTLY.
HOT!
AMEND
WELL, SPEAKING AS SOMEONE ABOUT TO TURN 43...
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, MOM...
HELLO. I'M THE OWNER OF THIS SUPER-STORE. HAVE YOU BEEN HELPED?
HOT!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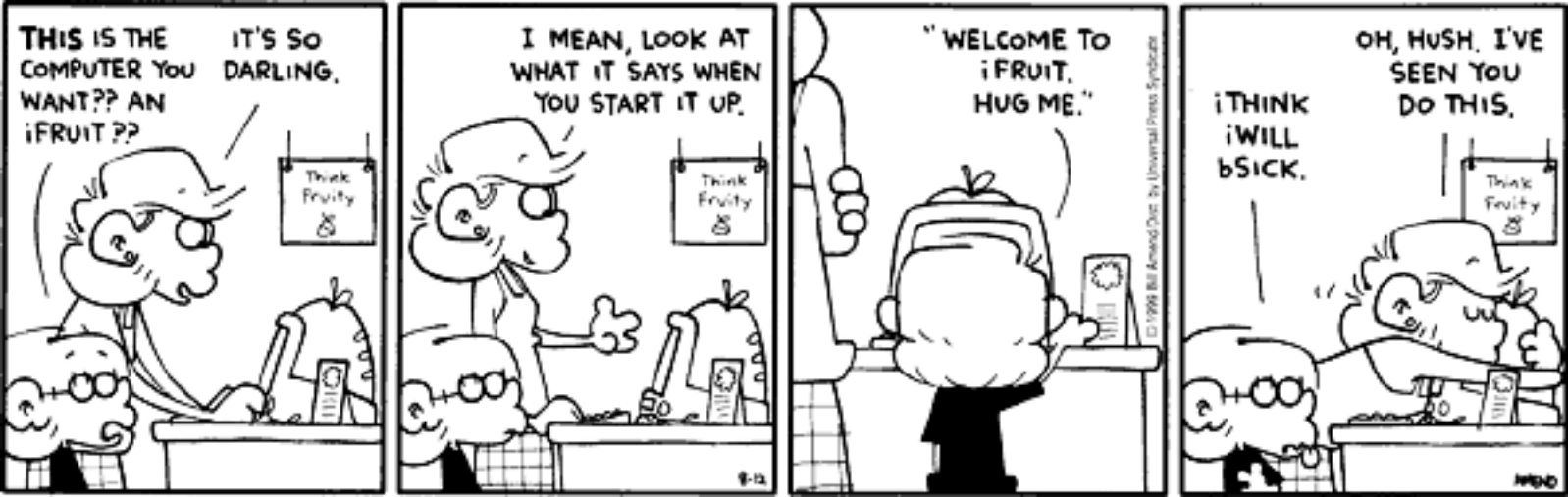
PLEASE, MOM, PLEASE...GET THIS COMPUTER!
IT'S GOT DUAL PROCESSORS, TONS OF RAM, A STATE-OF-THE-ART 3-D CARD, A BUILT-IN DISK ARRAY, DVD, SLOTS GALORE, PORTS GALORE, AND DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND SOUND OUTPUT!
IF YOU ASK ME, IT'S AWFULLY PLAIN.
PLAIN??
HAVE YOU SEEN THESE CUTE ONES IN ALL DIFFERENT COLORS OVER HERE?
"CUTE"? MOM, THIS IS CINDY CRAWFORD!


THIS IS THE COMPUTER YOU WANT?? AN iFRUIT??
IT'S SO DARLING.
Think Fruity
I MEAN, LOOK AT WHAT IT SAYS WHEN YOU START IT UP.
Think Fruity
"WELCOME TO iFRUIT. HUG ME."
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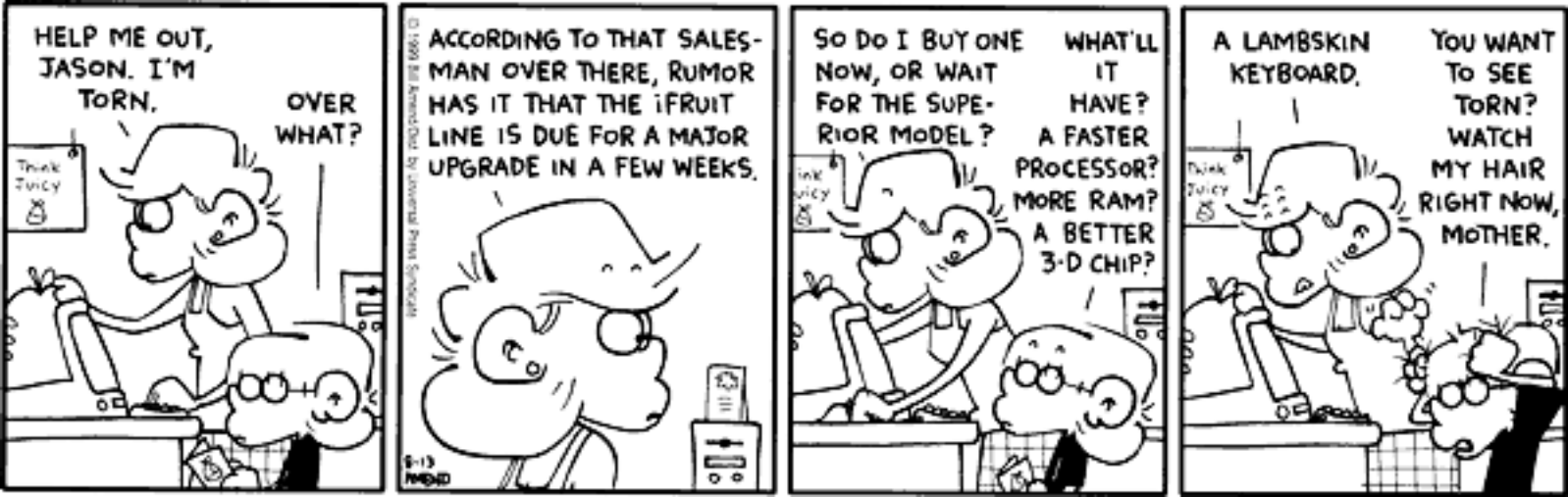
iTHINK iWILL bSICK.
OH, HUSH. I'VE SEEN YOU DO THIS.
Think Fruity


HELP ME OUT, JASON. I'M TORN.
OVER WHAT?
Think Juicy
ACCORDING TO THAT SALESMAN OVER THERE, RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE iFRUIT LINE IS DUE FOR A MAJOR UPGRADE IN A FEW WEEKS.
SO DO I BUY ONE NOW, OR WAIT FOR THE SUPERIOR MODEL?
WHAT'LL IT HAVE? A FASTER PROCESSOR? MORE RAM? A BETTER 3-D CHIP?
A LAMBSKIN KEYBOARD.
YOU WANT TO SEE TORN? WATCH MY HAIR RIGHT NOW, MOTHER.

I GUESS THE ONLY QUESTION NOW IS WHICH FLAVOR OF iFRUIT TO GET.
Think Seedless
GEEKDOM IS DEAD.
WE HAVE ALL 32 COLORS IN STOCK, BUT IF YOU WANT MANGO-KIWI, YOU SHOULD GET IT SOON. I HEAR THEY MAY DISCONTINUE THAT MODEL.
...AS IN RETIRE?
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I WANT EVERY MANGO-KIWI YOU'VE GOT! DO YOU HEAR ME?! EVERY ONE!
SORRY, KID. I'M NOT ABOUT TO STOP HER.
THESE AREN'T BEANIE BABIES, MOM! COME BACK!
A TRUCK! A TRUCK! I NEED A TRUCK!

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THIS MANUAL BRAGS THAT THE iFRUIT CAN BE OUT OF THE BOX AND ON THE INTERNET IN AS LITTLE AS 10 MINUTES.
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THAT HAS TO BE A TYPO.
IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE.
WE SET UP THAT LINUX SERVER AT CAMP IN, WHAT, 30 SECONDS?
ONLY BECAUSE YOU TANGLED THE CABLES, MR. SLOWPOKE.
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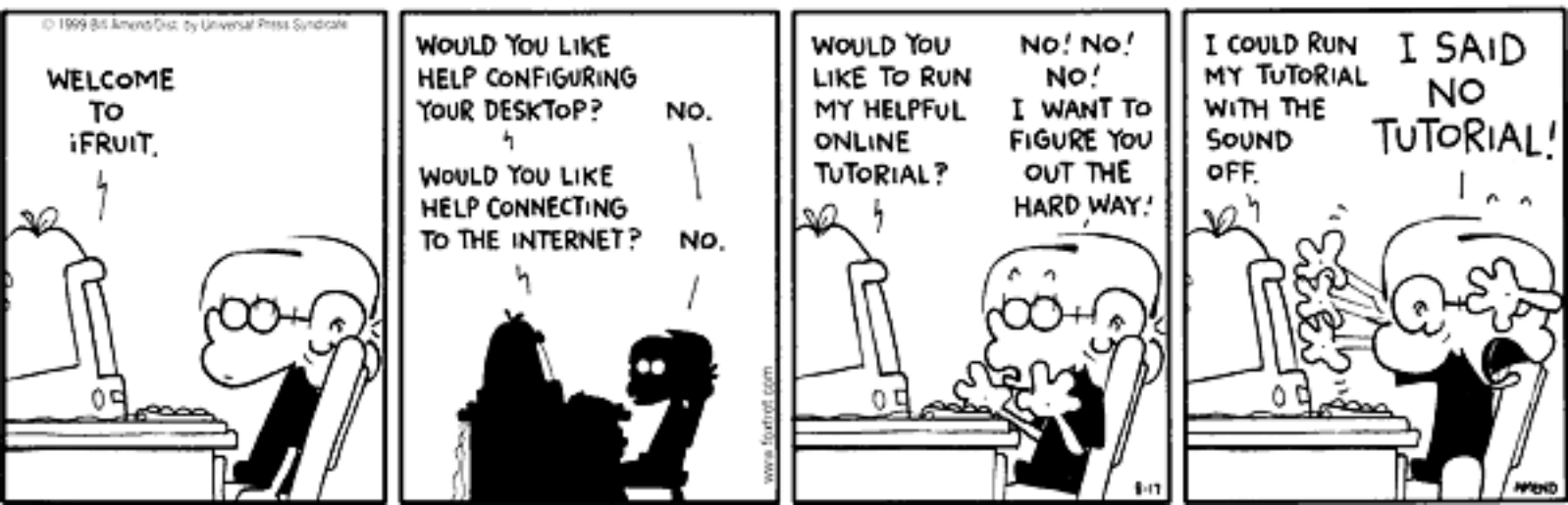
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WELCOME TO iFRUIT.
WOULD YOU LIKE HELP CONFIGURING YOUR DESKTOP?
NO.
WOULD YOU LIKE HELP CONNECTING TO THE INTERNET?
NO.
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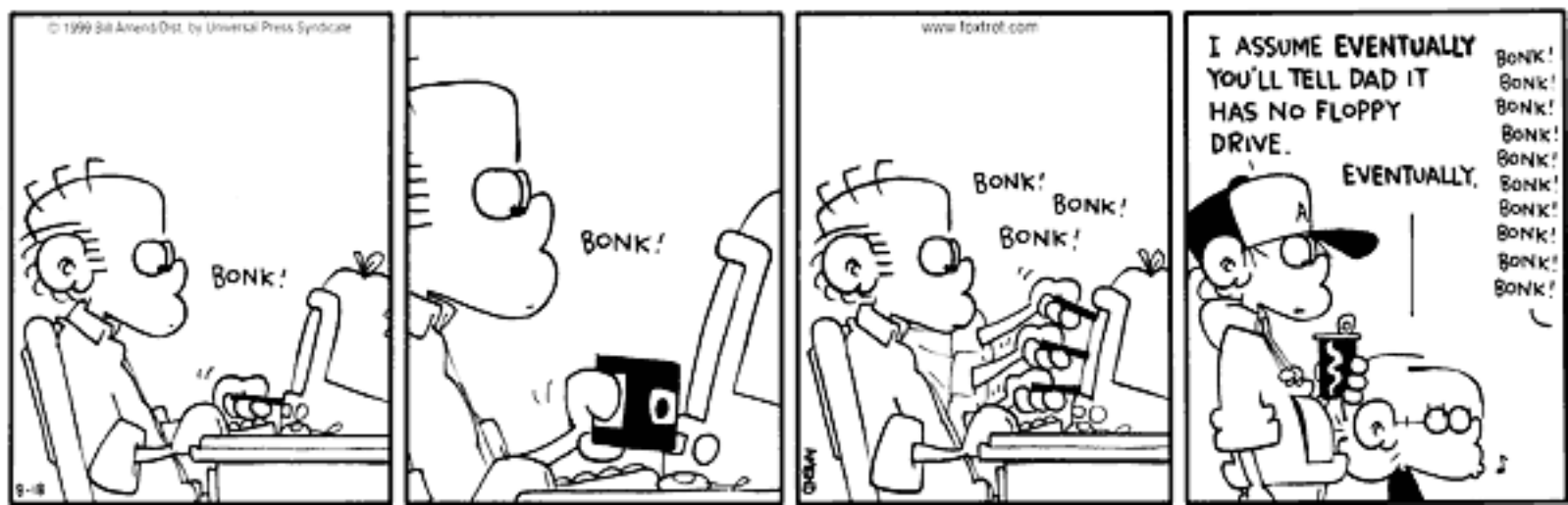
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN MY HELPFUL ONLINE TUTORIAL?
NO! NO! NO! I WANT TO FIGURE YOU OUT THE HARD WAY!
I COULD RUN MY TUTORIAL WITH THE SOUND OFF.
I SAID NO TUTORIAL!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BONK!
BONK!
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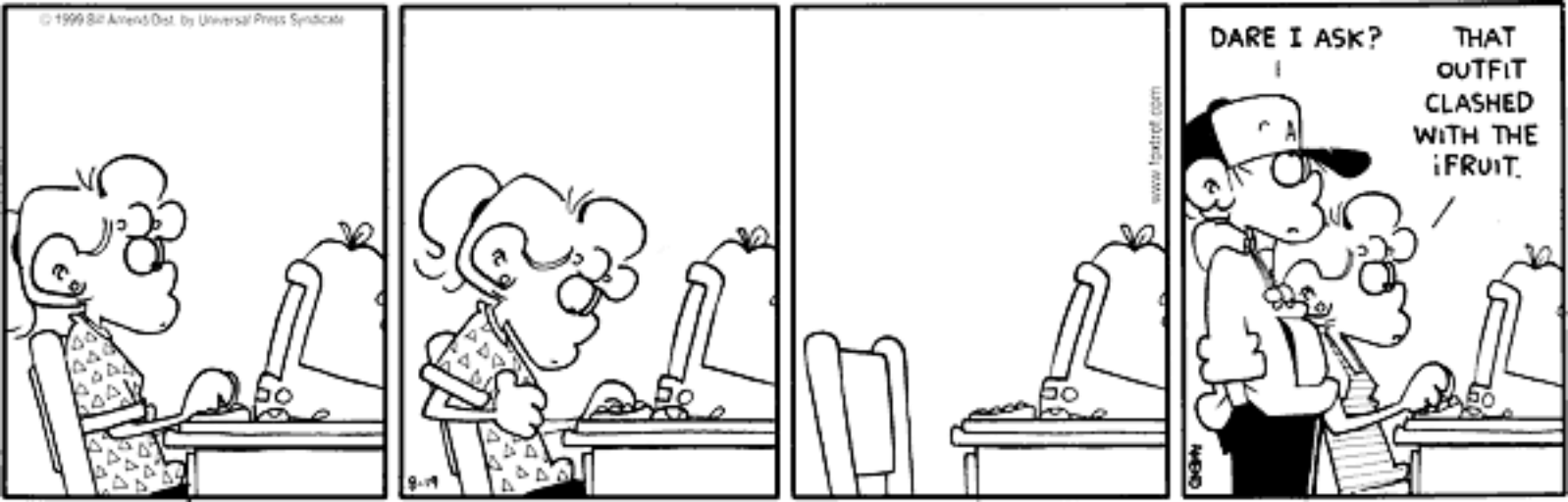
BONK!
BONK!
BONK!
I ASSUME EVENTUALLY YOU'LL TELL DAD IT HAS NO FLOPPY DRIVE.
EVENTUALLY.
BONK! BONK! BONK! BONK! BONK! BONK! BONK! BONK! BONK! BONK!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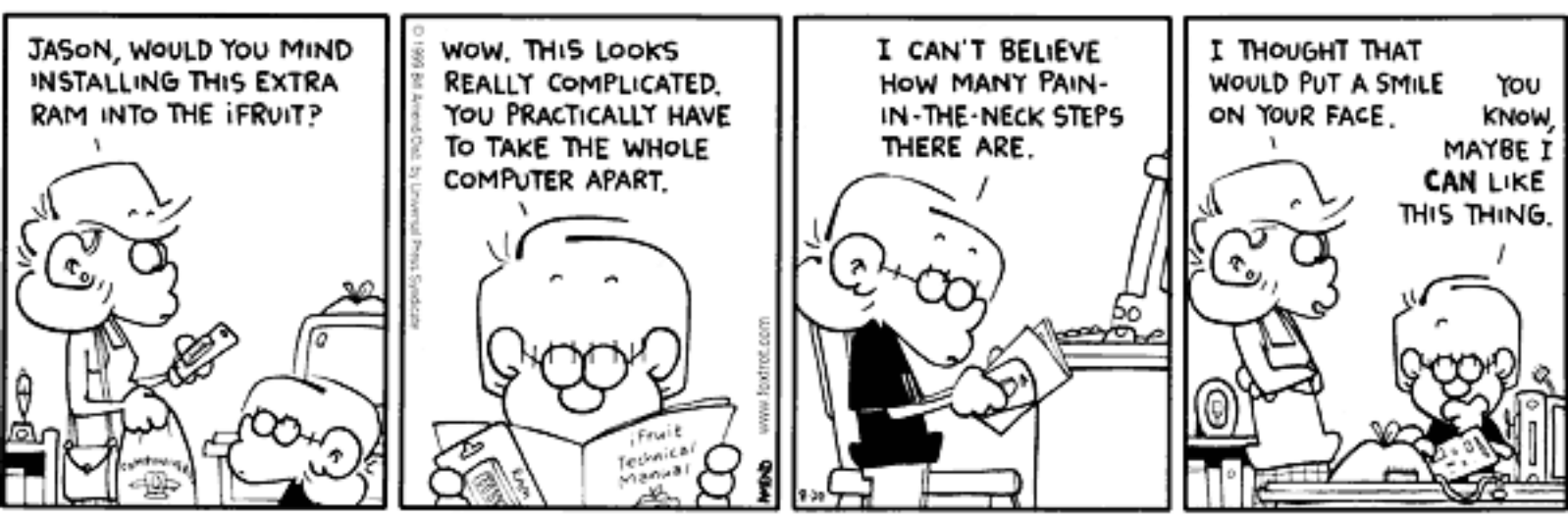
DARE I ASK?
THAT OUTFIT CLASHED WITH THE iFRUIT.


JASON, WOULD YOU MIND INSTALLING THIS EXTRA RAM INTO THE iFRUIT?
WOW. THIS LOOKS REALLY COMPLICATED. YOU PRACTICALLY HAVE TO TAKE THE WHOLE COMPUTER APART.
iFruit Technical Manual
MIND
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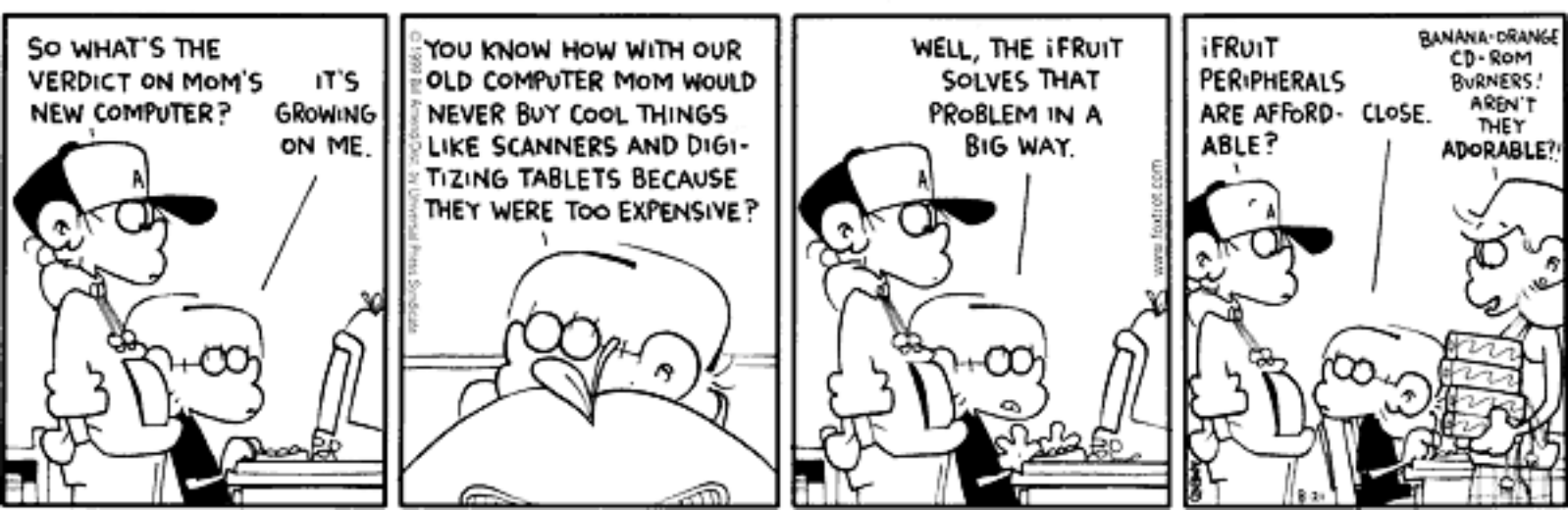
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MANY PAIN-IN-THE-NECK STEPS THERE ARE.
I THOUGHT THAT WOULD PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE.
YOU KNOW, MAYBE I CAN LIKE THIS THING.


SO WHAT'S THE VERDICT ON MOM'S NEW COMPUTER?
IT'S GROWING ON ME.
YOU KNOW HOW WITH OUR OLD COMPUTER MOM WOULD NEVER BUY COOL THINGS LIKE SCANNERS AND DIGITIZING TABLETS BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO EXPENSIVE?
WELL, THE iFRUIT SOLVES THAT PROBLEM IN A BIG WAY.
iFRUIT PERIPHERALS ARE AFFORDABLE?
CLOSE.
BANANA-ORANGE CD-ROM BURNERS! AREN'T THEY ADORABLE?!

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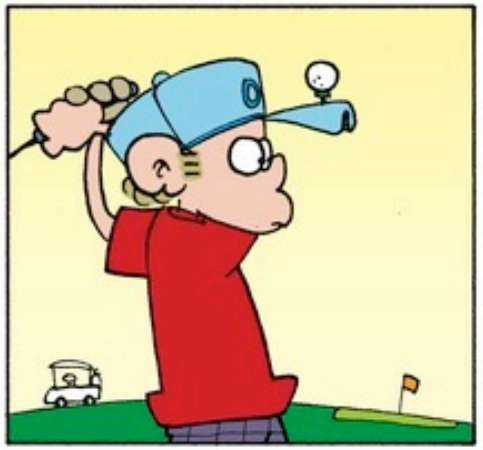

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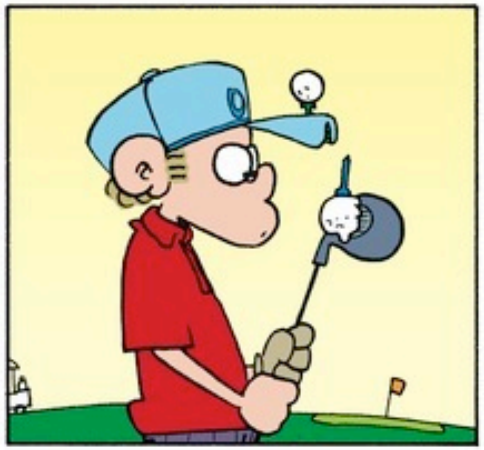

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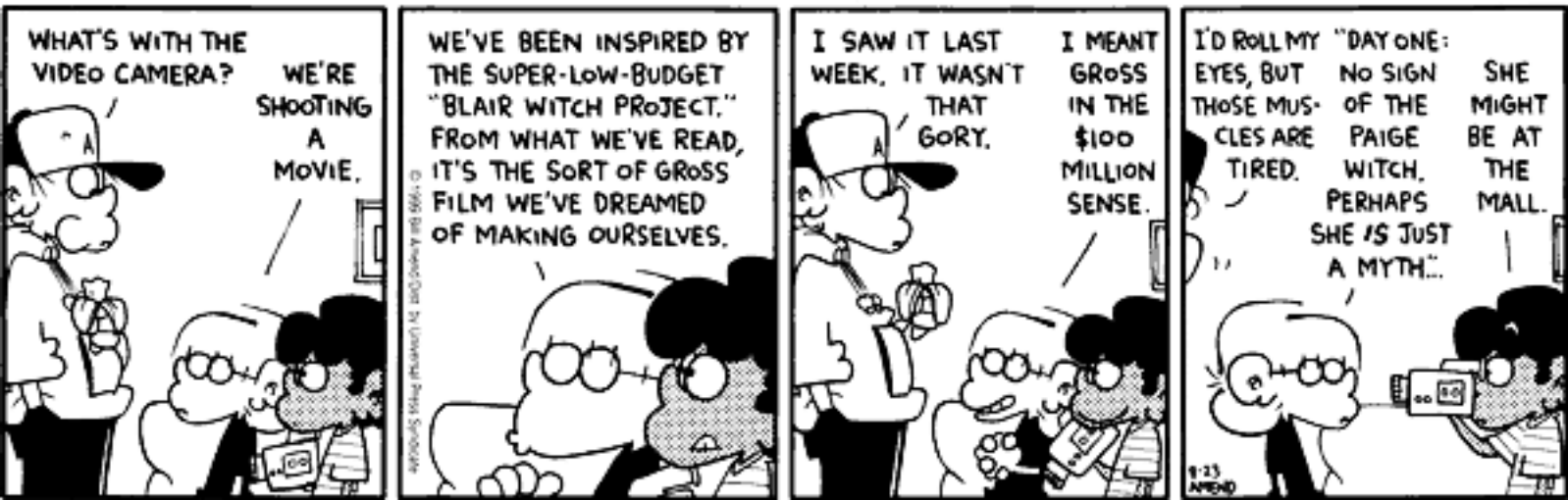
WHAT'S WITH THE VIDEO CAMERA?
WE'RE SHOOTING A MOVIE.
WE'VE BEEN INSPIRED BY THE SUPER-LOW-BUDGET "BLAIR WITCH PROJECT." FROM WHAT WE'VE READ, IT'S THE SORT OF GROSS FILM WE'VE DREAMED OF MAKING OURSELVES.
I SAW IT LAST WEEK. IT WASN'T THAT GORY.
I MEANT GROSS IN THE $100 MILLION SENSE.
I'D ROLL MY EYES, BUT THOSE MUSCLES ARE TIRED.
"DAY ONE: NO SIGN OF THE PAIGE WITCH. PERHAPS SHE IS JUST A MYTH...
SHE MIGHT BE AT THE MALL.
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In 1999, two students went on a search for the fabled Paige Witch.

They were never heard from again.

This video tape is all that remains.

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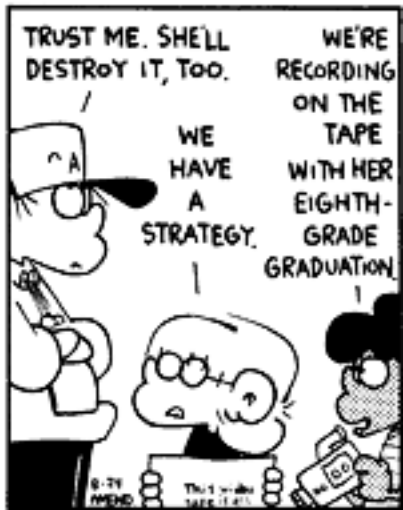

HERE'S A LOCAL. LET'S TALK TO HIM.
EXCUSE ME, SIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PAIGE WITCH.
FIRST, WAS SHE ALWAYS UGLY?
DAD, YOU CAN'T BE LATE FOR WORK — IT'S SATURDAY!
SOME WEIRD THINGS ARE DEFINITELY AFOOT.
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WE'RE ENTERING WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE LAIR OF THE PAIGE WITCH.
IF I SEEM A LITTLE FRIGHTENED, IT'S BECAUSE I AM. THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HORRORS AWAIT US IN HERE.
AAAA! AAAA! IT'S SCARIER THAN I THOUGHT!
... A BACKSTREET BOYS CD.
I HOPE THE AUTO-FOCUS WORKS, 'CAUSE I'M NOT LOOKING.

GET A SHOT OF THESE THINGS, MARCUS.
PILES OF LAUNDRY... STICK-LIKE DOLLS...
I FEAR THE PAIGE WITCH MUST BE NEAR.
ALTHOUGH, YOU'D THINK WE'D SMELL HER VILE STENCH. WHY ARE YOU BACKING INTO THE CORNER?
UM...
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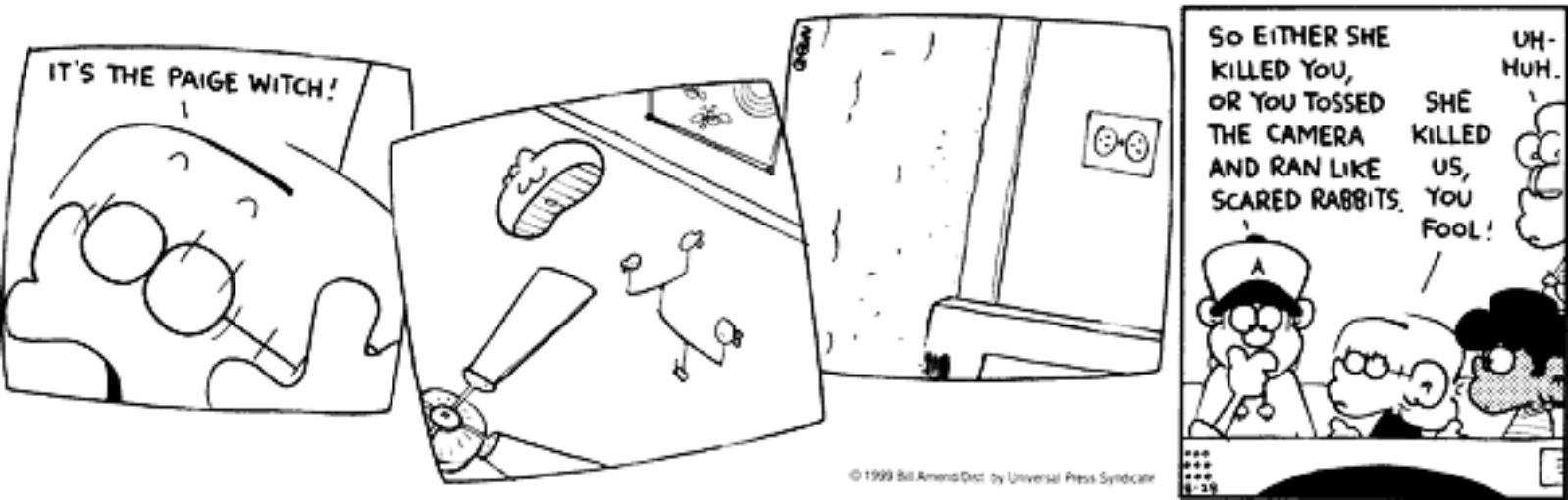
IT'S THE PAIGE WITCH!
SO EITHER SHE KILLED YOU, OR YOU TOSSED THE CAMERA AND RAN LIKE SCARED RABBITS.
SHE KILLED US, YOU FOOL!
UH-HUH.
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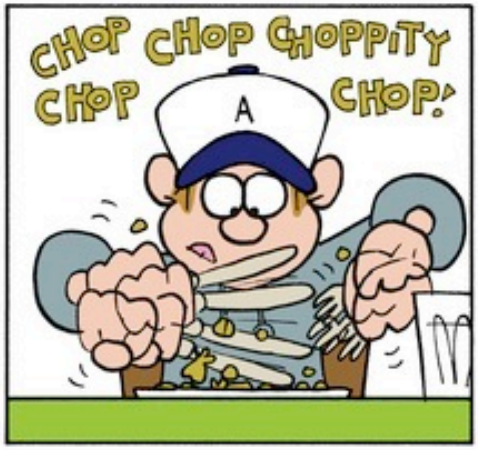

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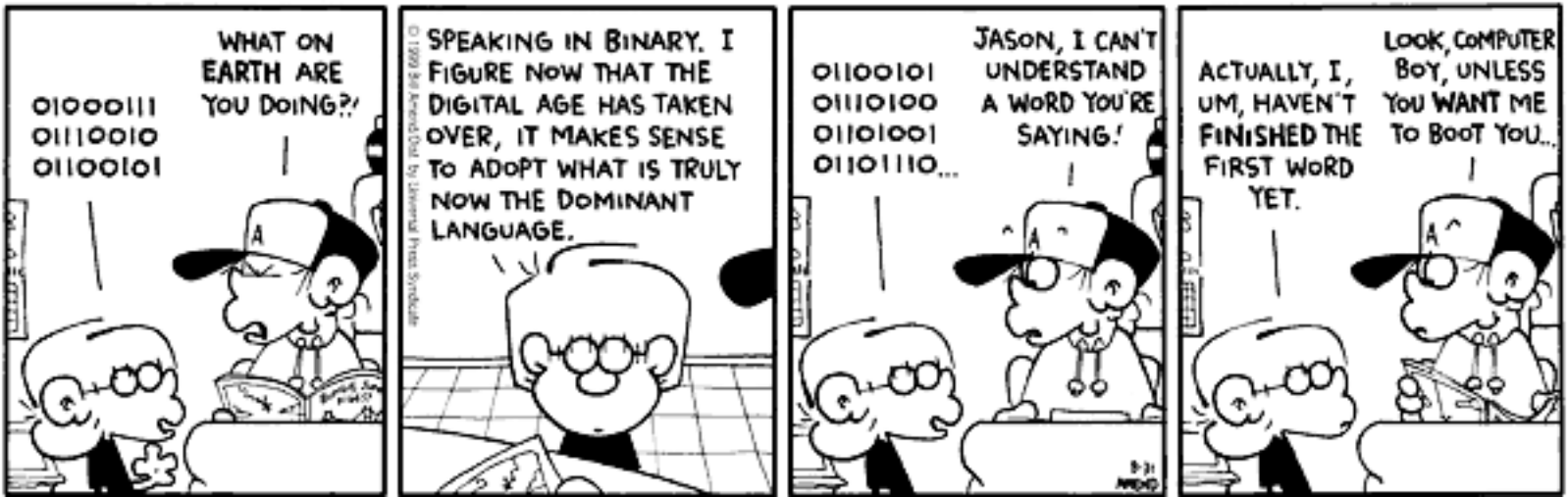
WHAT ARE YOU READING?
AN ARTICLE ABOUT THIS CARTOONIST WHO GOT IN ALL SORTS OF TROUBLE FOR BEING CHRONICALLY LATE WITH HIS STRIPS.
HIS SYNDICATE GOT SO FED UP THAT THEY STARTED CHARGING HIM HUGE LATE FEES UNTIL HE ESTABLISHED A LEAD TIME THAT WAS MORE TO THEIR LIKING.
SO HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO THEY WANT HIM TO WORK?
IT DOESN'T SAY.
HEY, DID YOU TWO HEAR ABOUT WATERGATE?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01110010
01100101
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?!
SPEAKING IN BINARY. I FIGURE NOW THAT THE DIGITAL AGE HAS TAKEN OVER, IT MAKES SENSE TO ADOPT WHAT IS TRULY NOW THE DOMINANT LANGUAGE.
01100101
01110100
01101001
01101110...
JASON, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD YOU'RE SAYING!
ACTUALLY, I, UM, HAVEN'T FINISHED THE FIRST WORD YET.
LOOK, COMPUTER BOY, UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO BOOT YOU...

"FUNERAL MARCH," CHOPIN.
"DEAD MAN WALKIN'," BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN.
"MISERY," THE BEATLES.
"SAD SAD SAD," THE ROLLING STONES.
UM... UM... OH, SHOOT!
WOO HOO! I WIN!
YOU DO REALIZE THEY'RE PLAYING "NAME THAT TUNE" WITH OUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL FACES.
THANKS A LOT, MOM AND DAD!
I'M "CELEBRATE," BY KOOL AND THE GANG.
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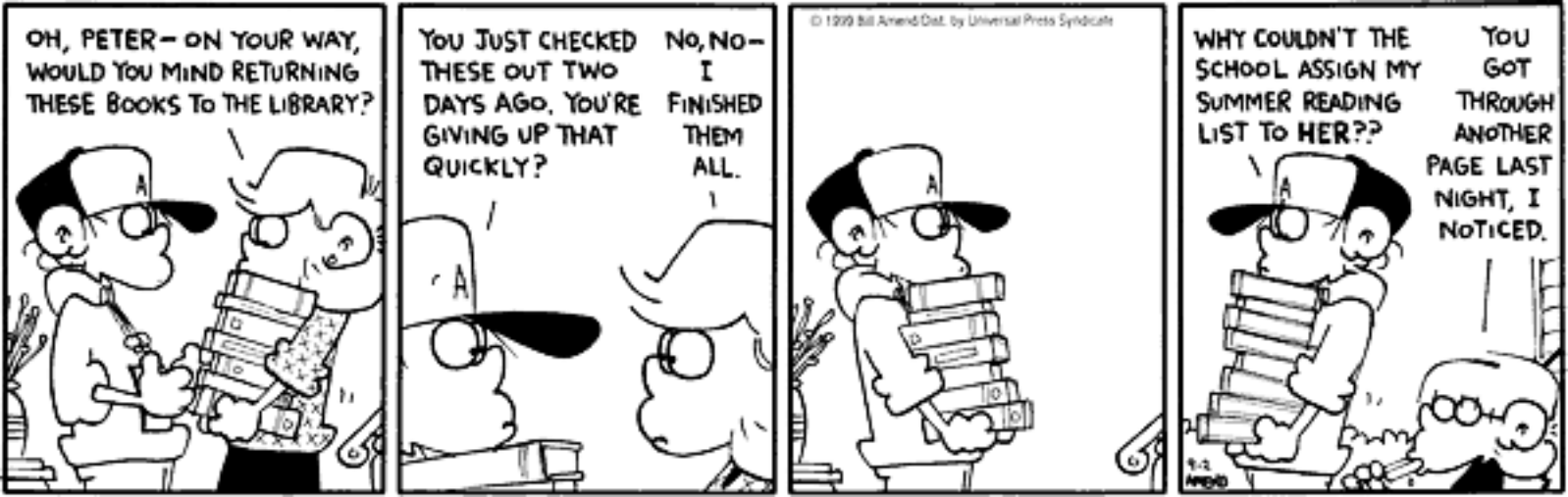
OH, PETER – ON YOUR WAY, WOULD YOU MIND RETURNING THESE BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY?
YOU JUST CHECKED THESE OUT TWO DAYS AGO. YOU'RE GIVING UP THAT QUICKLY?
NO, NO – I FINISHED THEM ALL.
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WHY COULDN'T THE SCHOOL ASSIGN MY SUMMER READING LIST TO HER??
YOU GOT THROUGH ANOTHER PAGE LAST NIGHT, I NOTICED.

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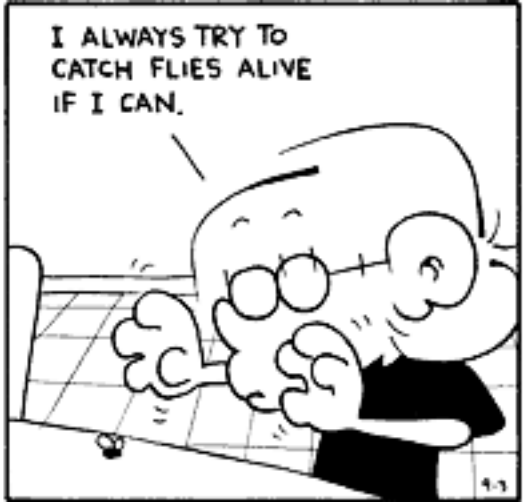

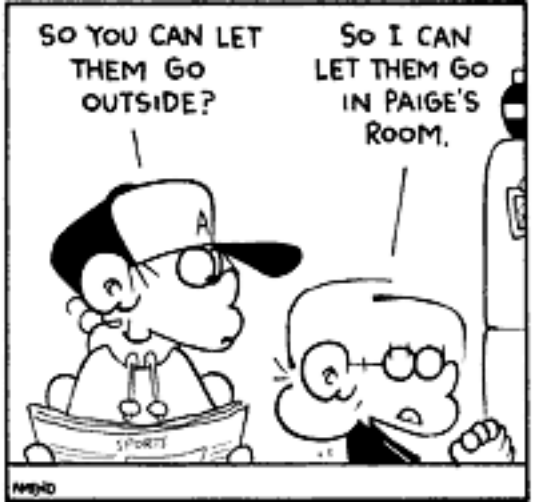

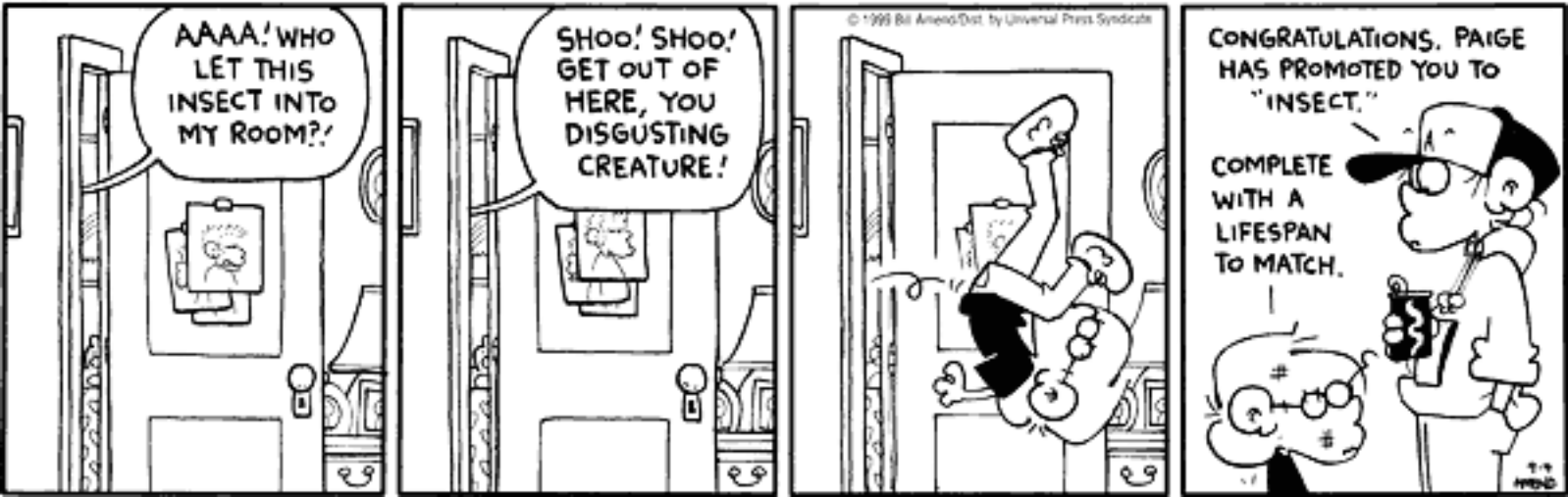
AAAA! WHO LET THIS INSECT INTO MY ROOM?!
SHOO! SHOO! GET OUT OF HERE, YOU DISGUSTING CREATURE!
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CONGRATULATIONS. PAIGE HAS PROMOTED YOU TO "INSECT."
COMPLETE WITH A LIFESPAN TO MATCH.

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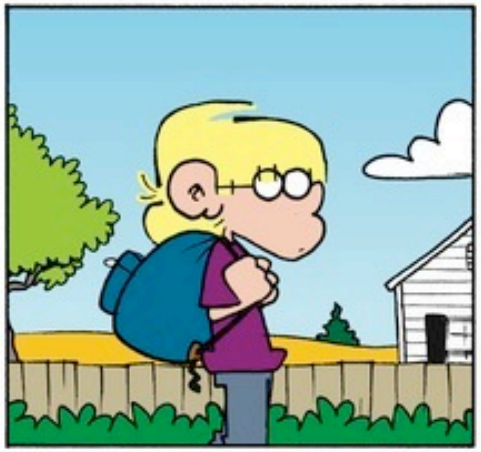

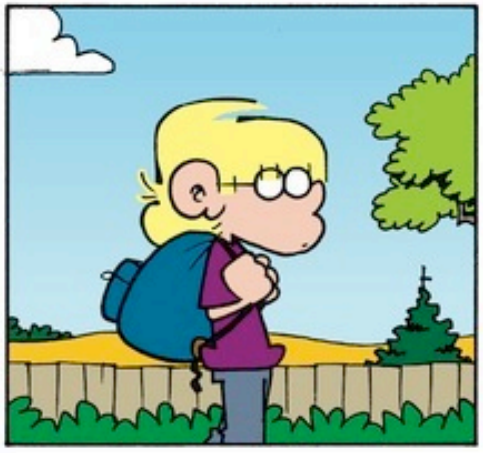

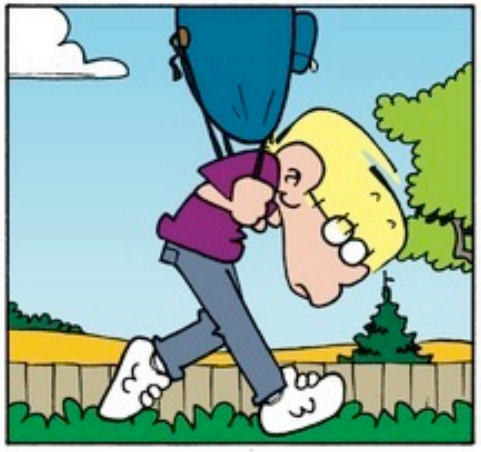

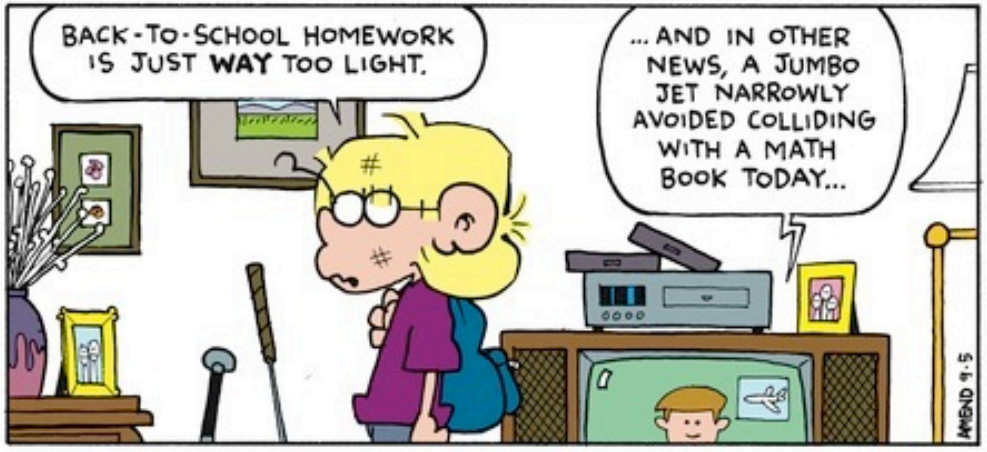

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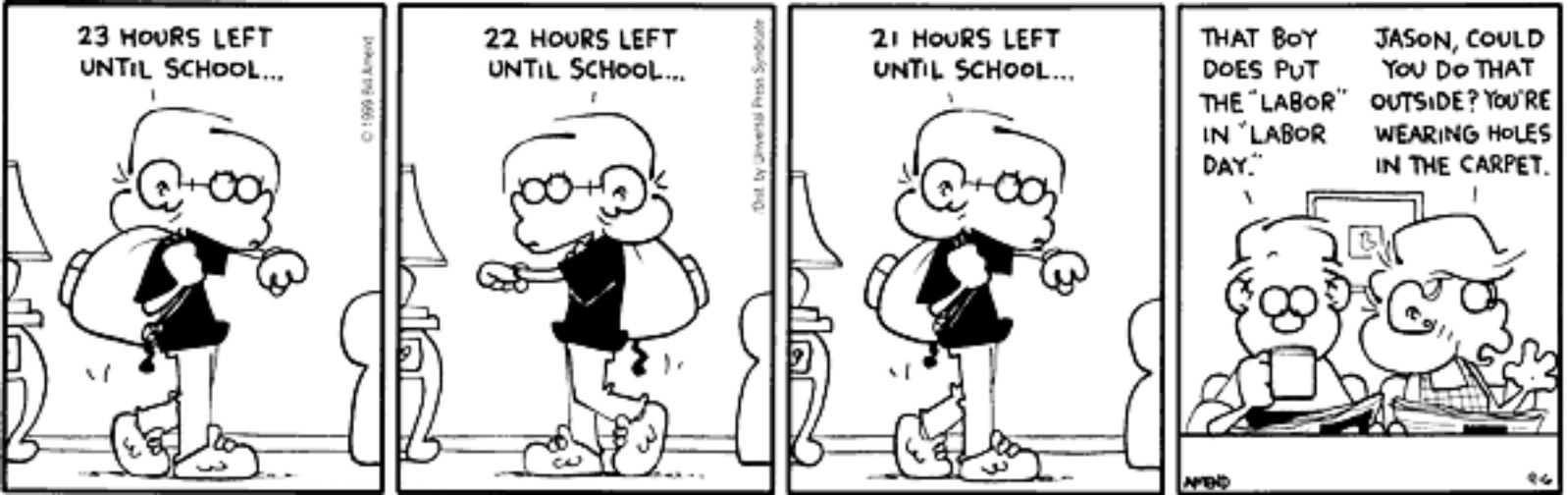
23 HOURS LEFT UNTIL SCHOOL...
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22 HOURS LEFT UNTIL SCHOOL...
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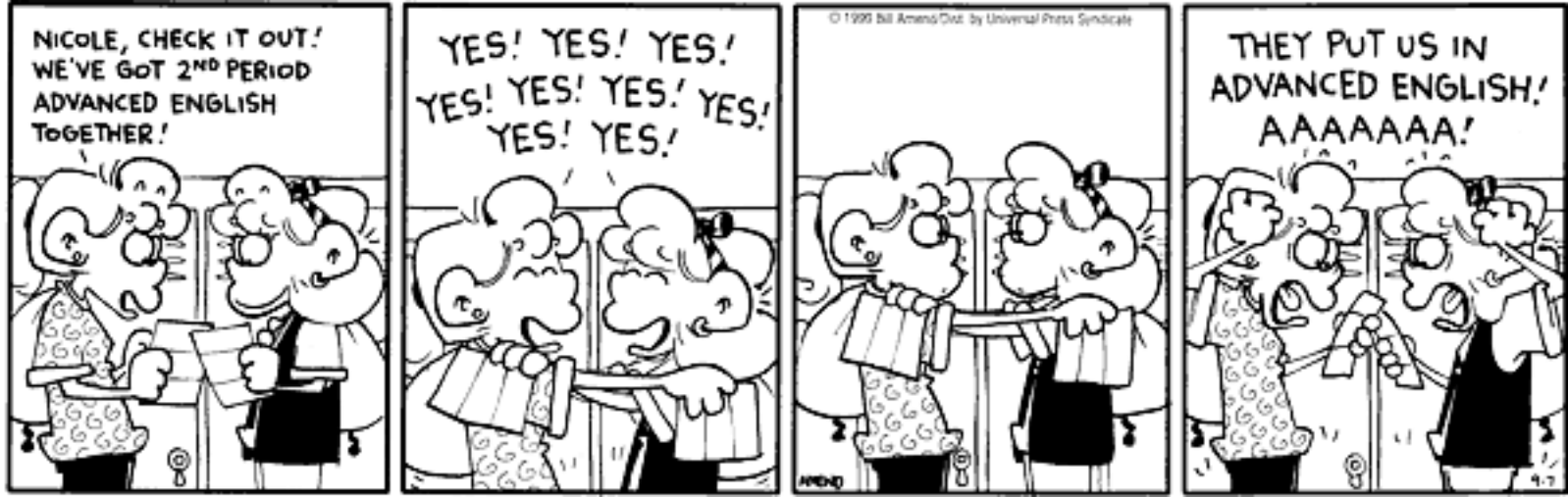
21 HOURS LEFT UNTIL SCHOOL...
THAT BOY DOES PUT THE "LABOR" IN "LABOR DAY."
JASON, COULD YOU DO THAT OUTSIDE? YOU'RE WEARING HOLES IN THE CARPET.


NICOLE, CHECK IT OUT! WE'VE GOT 2ND PERIOD ADVANCED ENGLISH TOGETHER!
YES! YES! YES! YES! YES! YES! YES! YES! YES!
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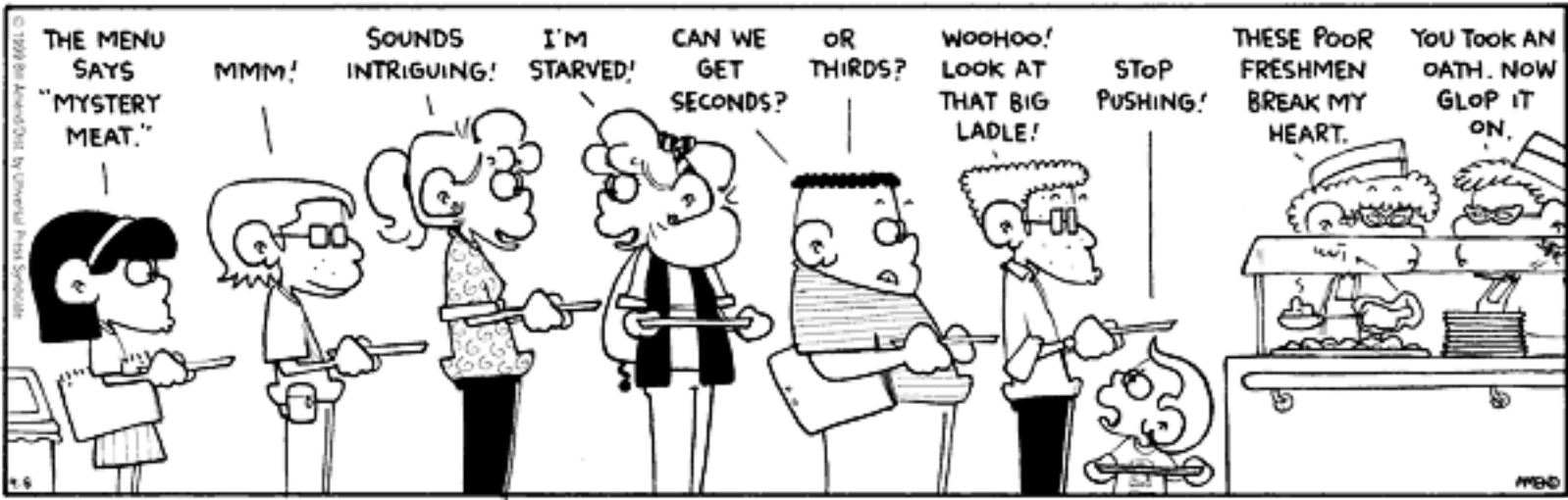
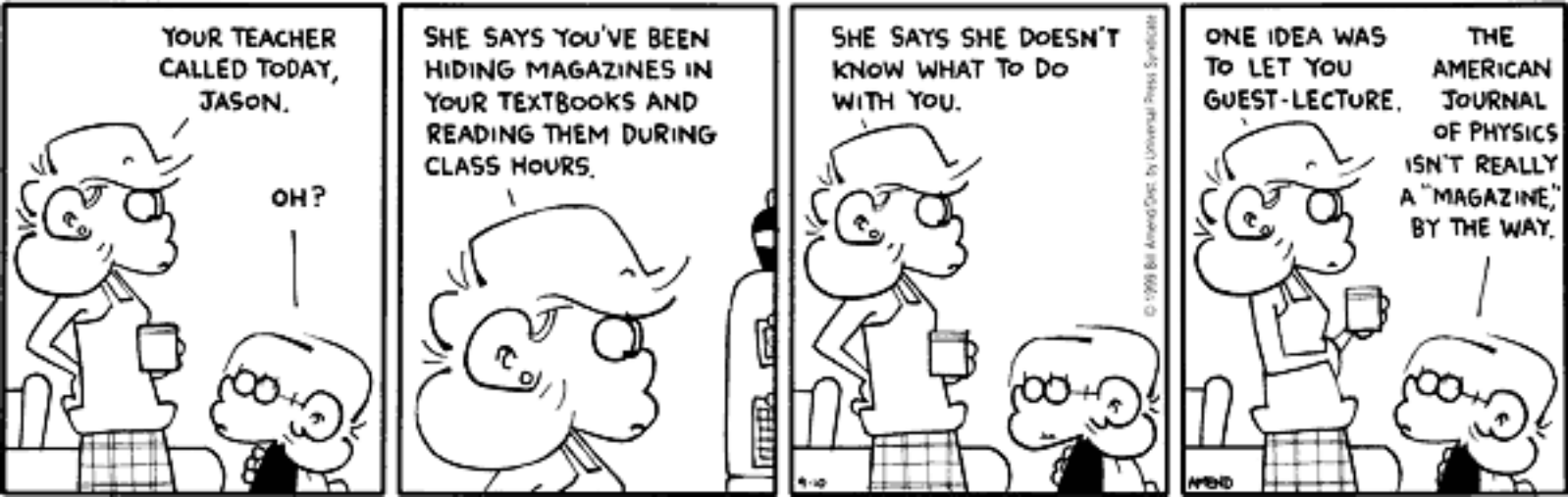
THEY PUT US IN ADVANCED ENGLISH! AAAAAAA!


THE MENU SAYS "MYSTERY MEAT."
MMM!
SOUNDS INTRIGUING!
I'M STARVED!
CAN WE GET SECONDS?
OR THIRDS?
WOOHOO! LOOK AT THAT BIG LADLE!
STOP PUSHING!
THESE POOR FRESHMEN BREAK MY HEART.
YOU TOOK AN OATH. NOW GLOP IT ON.
AMEND

HEY, ABBY — LOOKIN' GOOD.
MY NAME'S NOT ABBY, STEVE.

ADELLE?... ADRIENNE?... AGATHA?... ALEXIS?... ALLISON?... AMANDA?... ANASTASIA?... ANGELICA?... ANN?... ANNA?... ANNE?... ASHLEY?... AUDREY?... BARBARA?... BECKY?... BETH?... BETHANY?...
WEIRDO.

I DIDN'T WANT TO ASK WHY YOU HAD A "BABY NAMES" BOOK IN YOUR BACKPACK.
SUMMER VACATION WREAKS HAVOC WITH MY MEMORY.


YOUR TEACHER CALLED TODAY, JASON.
OH?
SHE SAYS YOU'VE BEEN HIDING MAGAZINES IN YOUR TEXTBOOKS AND READING THEM DURING CLASS HOURS.
SHE SAYS SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOU.
ONE IDEA WAS TO LET YOU GUEST-LECTURE.
THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSICS ISN'T REALLY A "MAGAZINE," BY THE WAY.

OK, CLASS, THIS WEEKEND I WANT YOU TO DO CHAPTER ONE, PROBLEMS 8-12, 15, 17, 19, 24, 25, 30-40 AND 42.
PETER, YOU HAVE A QUESTION?
COULDN'T YOU JUST E-MAIL US THIS, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER WRITING IT ALL DOWN?
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WHAT WAS THAT, SIR?
WELL, HE CERTAINLY SIMPLIFIED THINGS FOR YOU, MR. E-MAIL.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DO EVERY PROBLEM IN THE BOOK?!

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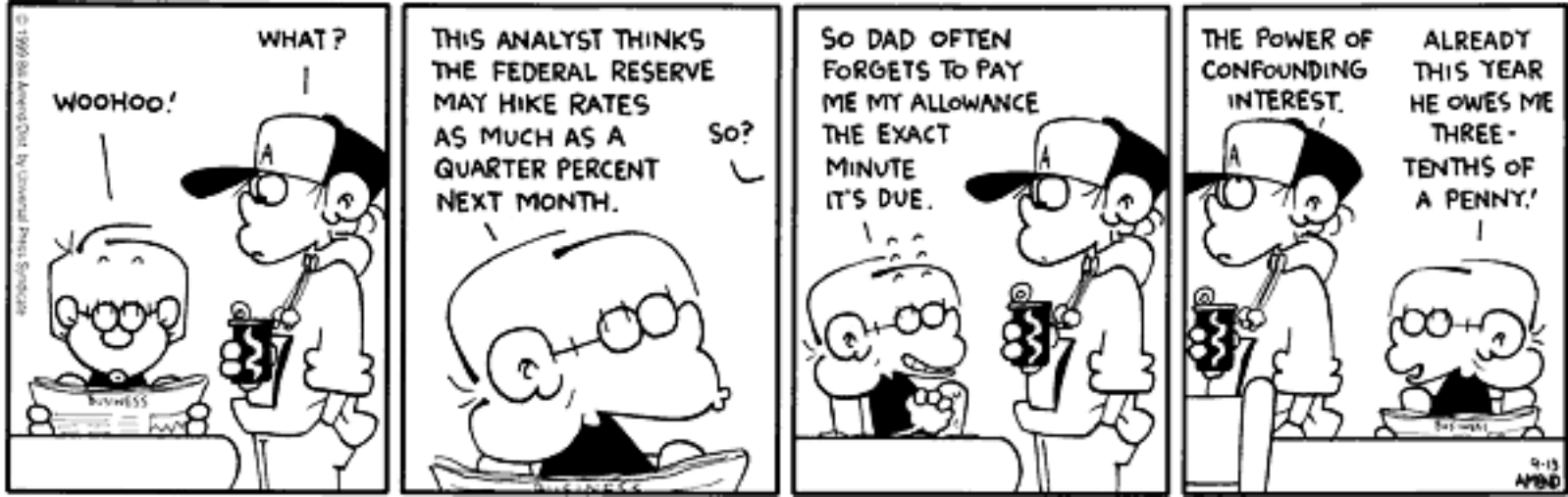

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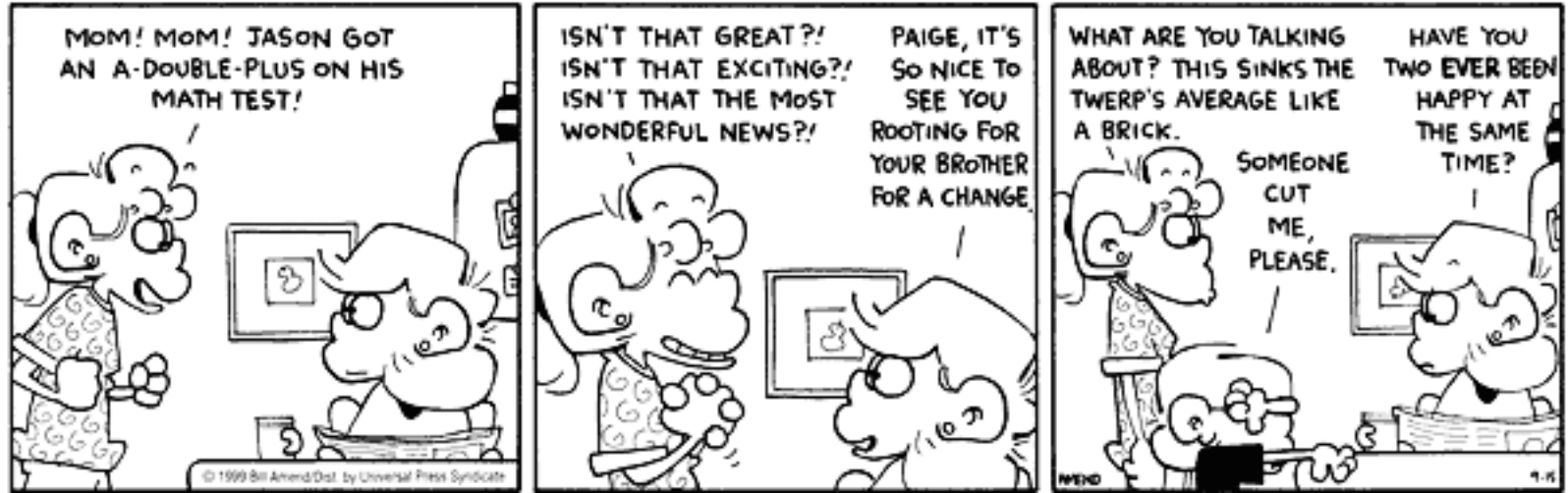
MOM! MOM! JASON GOT AN A-DOUBLE-PLUS ON HIS MATH TEST!
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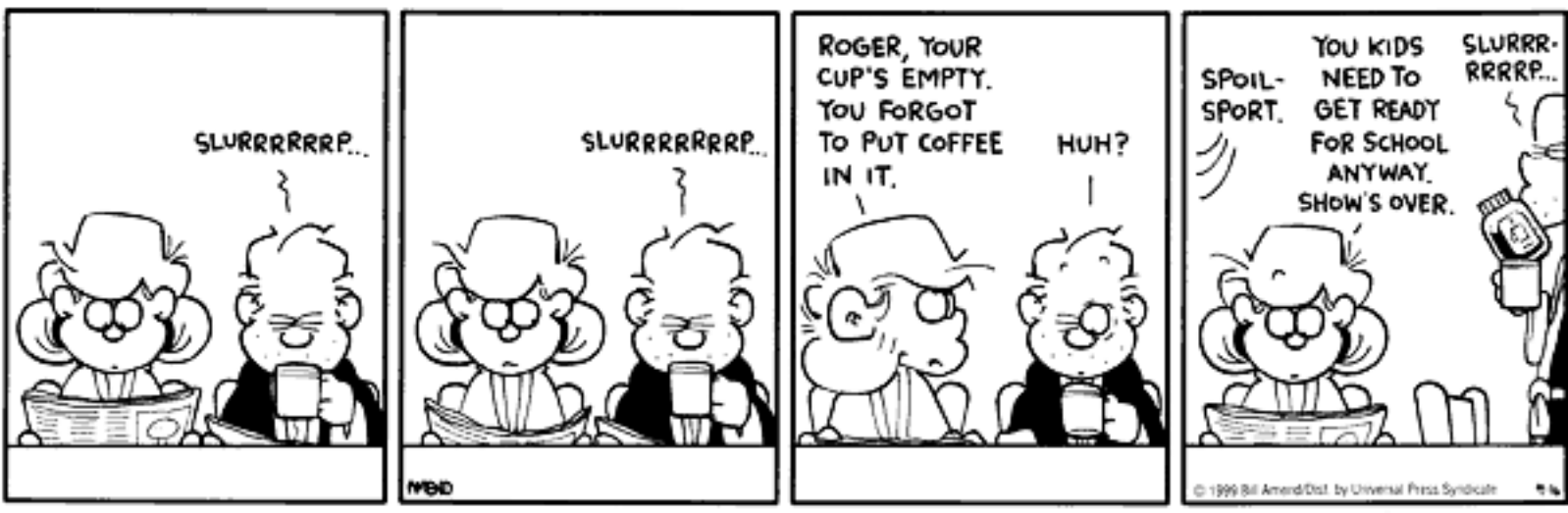
ISN'T THAT GREAT?! ISN'T THAT EXCITING?! ISN'T THAT THE MOST WONDERFUL NEWS?!
PAIGE, IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU ROOTING FOR YOUR BROTHER FOR A CHANGE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS SINKS THE TWERP'S AVERAGE LIKE A BRICK.
SOMEONE CUT ME, PLEASE.
HAVE YOU TWO EVER BEEN HAPPY AT THE SAME TIME?
AMEND


SLURRRRRRP...
SLURRRRRRRP...
ROGER, YOUR CUP'S EMPTY. YOU FORGOT TO PUT COFFEE IN IT.
HUH?
SPOIL-SPORT.
YOU KIDS NEED TO GET READY FOR SCHOOL ANYWAY. SHOW'S OVER.
SLURRR-RRRRP...
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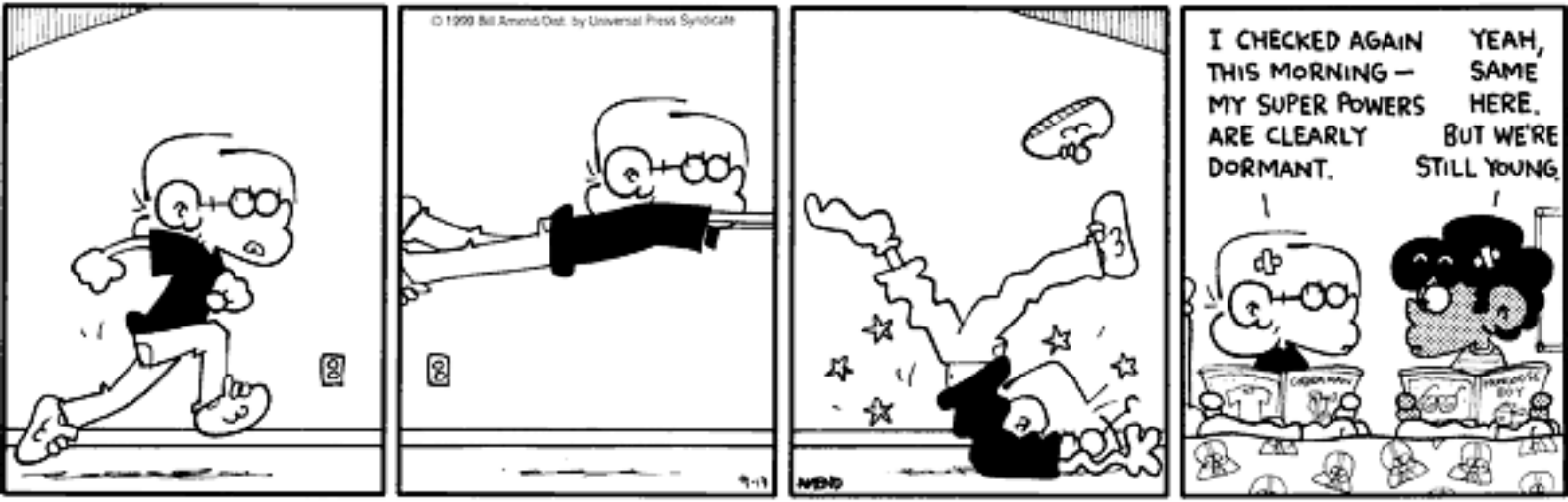
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I CHECKED AGAIN THIS MORNING — MY SUPER POWERS ARE CLEARLY DORMANT.
YEAH, SAME HERE. BUT WE'RE STILL YOUNG.

BLOOP!
STILL NO E-MAIL?? THAT'S THREE STRAIGHT DAYS WITHOUT A SINGLE, SOLITARY MESSAGE!
I... I THINK I'M GOING TO CRY...
...HALLELUJAH!
THAT TRUCK STOP MUST'VE FINALLY PAINTED ITS BATHROOM.
THEN JAZORRO SHALL RIDE AGAIN.
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A SINGLE CHUNK OF CARROT...
BONK!
A LONE LIMA BEAN...
BONK!
FINALLY, A FISTFUL OF M&M'S...
PLOP! PLOP! PLOP! PLOP! PLOP!
SEE??
PAIGE, I'M TELLING YOU, YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOCOLATE MAGNET IN YOUR MOUTH.
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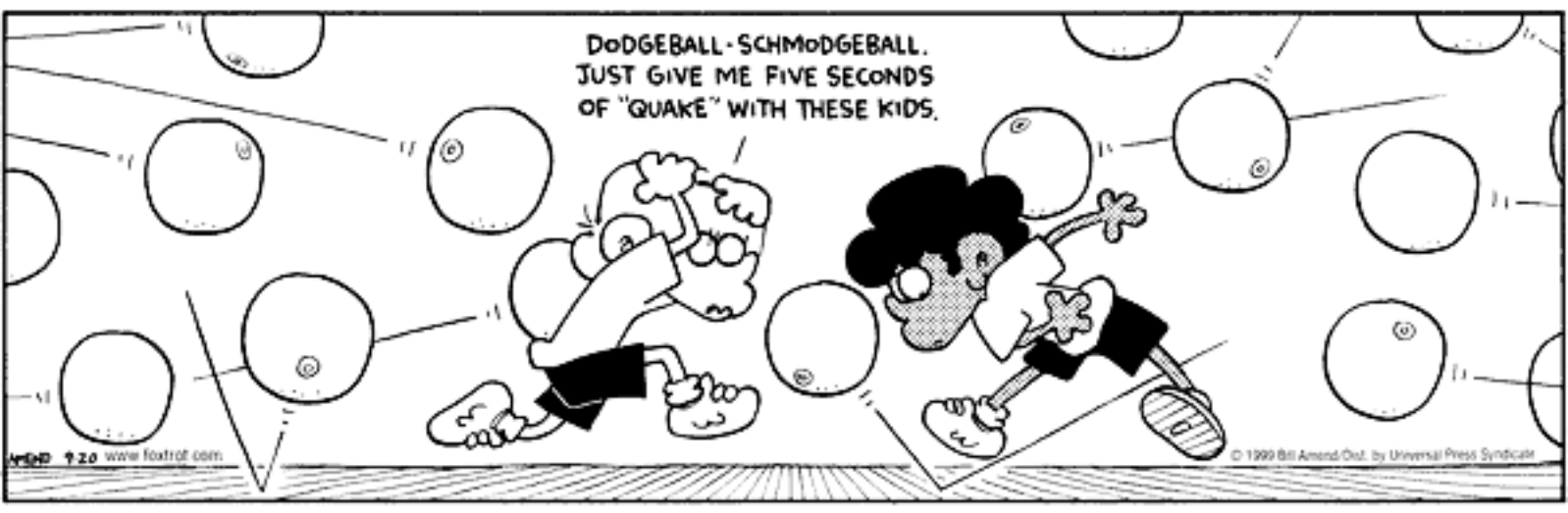
DODGEBALL · SCHMODGEBALL.
JUST GIVE ME FIVE SECONDS
OF "QUAKE" WITH THESE KIDS.
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THE LITTLE LEONARDO DICAPRIO AT THE BOTTOM IS A NICE TOUCH.
I THINK I ENJOY PAIGE'S FISH TANK MORE THAN SHE DOES.
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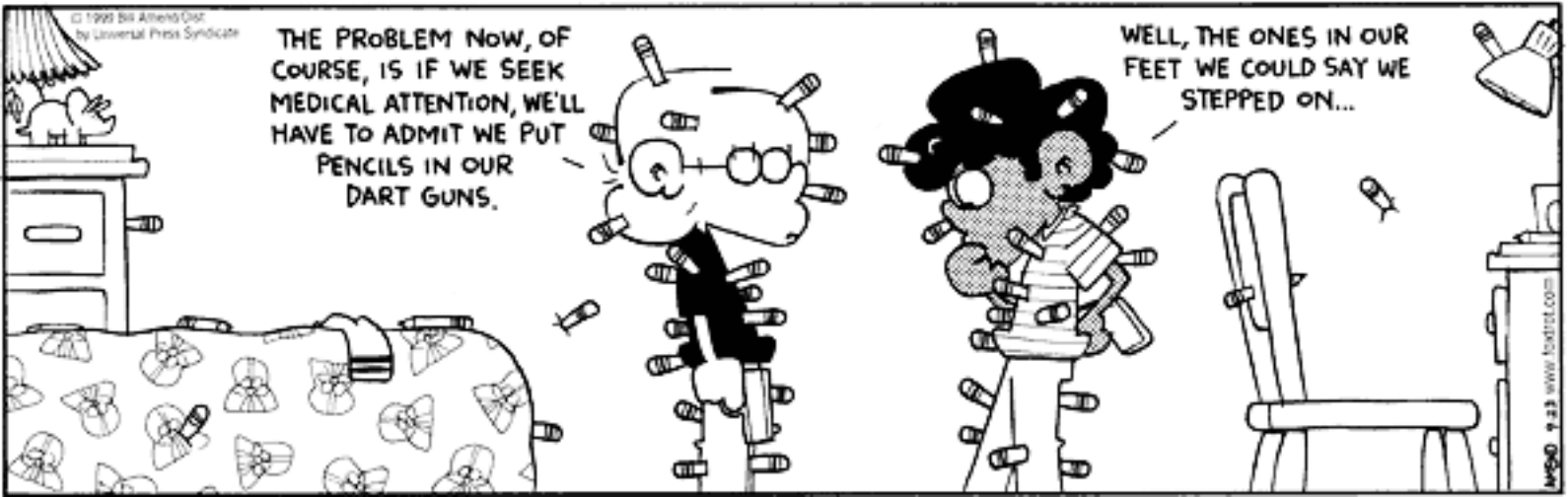
Jason the great Jason the super-great

Jason the wonderful

Jason the amazing Jason the great and amazing

Jason the super-wonderful, super-great and super-amazing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THE PROBLEM NOW, OF COURSE, IS IF WE SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION, WE'LL HAVE TO ADMIT WE PUT PENCILS IN OUR DART GUNS.
WELL, THE ONES IN OUR FEET WE COULD SAY WE STEPPED ON...
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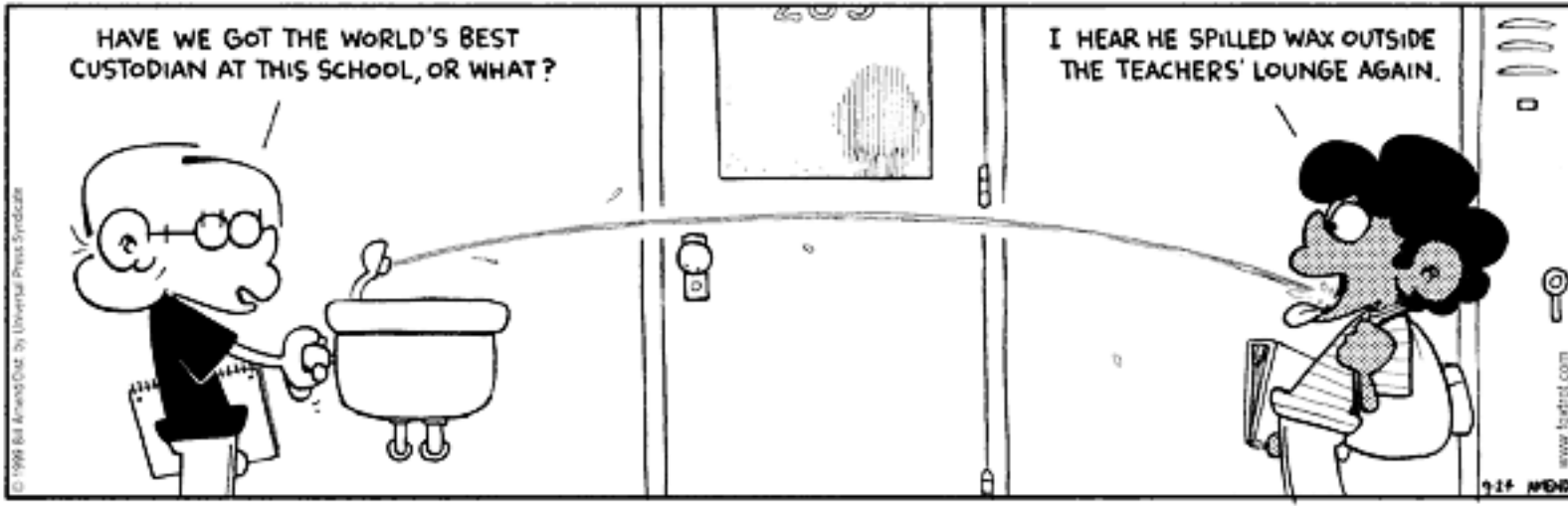
HAVE WE GOT THE WORLD'S BEST CUSTODIAN AT THIS SCHOOL, OR WHAT?
I HEAR HE SPILLED WAX OUTSIDE THE TEACHERS' LOUNGE AGAIN.
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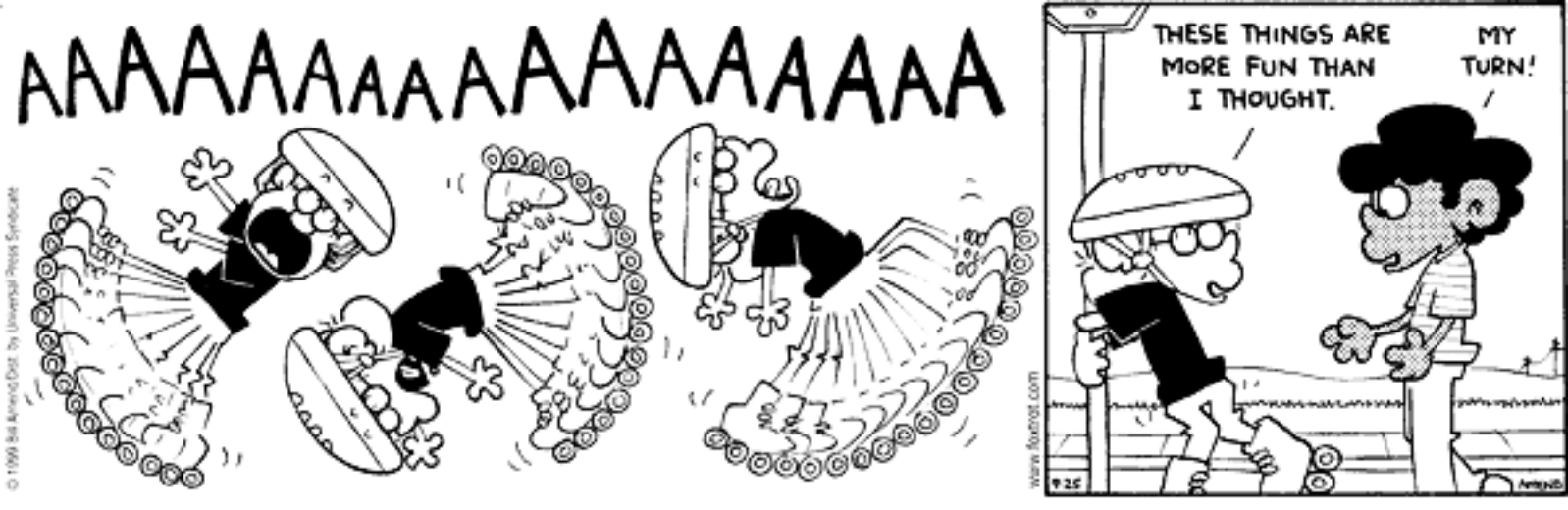
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
THESE THINGS ARE MORE FUN THAN I THOUGHT.
MY TURN!
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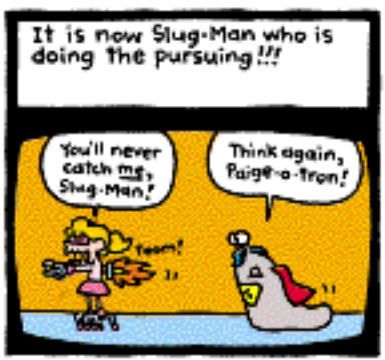

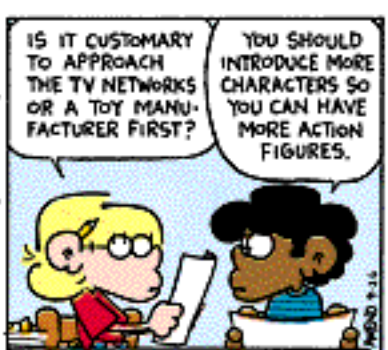

MOM! MOM! GREAT NEWS!
HALF THE FOOTBALL TEAM GOT CAUGHT CHEATING ON THEIR HISTORY TESTS! THE COACH IS KICKING THEM ALL OFF THE SQUAD!
BOTH QUARTER-BACKS, EVEN! GONE! ADIOS! THIS IS GREAT!
IT'S SAD AND DE-PRESSING, PETER. I WOULDN'T CALL IT GREAT.
ARE YOU KIDDING? NOW I'VE GOT A CHANCE TO ACTUALLY MAKE THE TEAM.
MAKE THAT SAD, DE-PRESSING AND HORRIFYING.
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MOM, YOU HAVE TO LET ME TRY OUT FOR FOOTBALL!
PETER, SWEETIE, YOU'LL GET KILLED.
I WILL NOT!
YOU'RE A TWIG! THOSE OTHER KIDS ARE GORILLAS! THEY'LL MAIM YOU BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN SAY "HELP"!
MOM, TRUST ME. WHAT I MIGHT LACK IN SHEER BULK, I MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR IN AGILITY.
OOPS. INCOMING!
I LIVE WITH JASON, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD.
YOU HAVE A POINT.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, SON?
FOX. PETER FOX, SIR.
FOX, HOW'D YOU LIKE TO PLAY QUARTER-BACK TODAY?
QUARTERBACK? I'D LOVE IT, SIR! FRANKLY, THAT'S MY DREAM POSITION.
GOOD. HERE'S A BALL. GO STAND OVER THERE.
YEEHA!
UM, COACH? SHOULDN'T THERE BE SOME BLOCK-ERS AND HALFBACKS?
OK, DEFENSE, LISTEN UP. TODAY'S DRILL IS CALLED "PURSUE AND SACK." ANY QUESTIONS?
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SO YOU WANT TO PLAY QUARTERBACK, EH, FOX?
YESSIR. WITH ALL MY HEART AND SOUL, SIR.
HOW FAR CAN YOU THROW?
NOT VERY.
HOW FAST CAN YOU RUN?
NOT VERY.
HOW ARE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS?
NOT SO GOOD.
BUT I'LL ALWAYS GIVE YOU MY BEST, SIR! 110 PERCENT! AND THAT'S WHAT REALLY COUNTS, RIGHT?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE BOUGHT INTO THAT BUNK.
IT'S ALL I'VE GOT, SIR.
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JOHNSON! RUN A POST PATTERN!
OK, FOX – LET'S SEE YOU HIT JOHNSON WITH A PASS.
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YOU DID HIT HIM IN THE FEET, I'LL GRANT YOU THAT.
I'M REALLY A LOT BETTER WHEN THE RECEIVER IS STANDING STILL.
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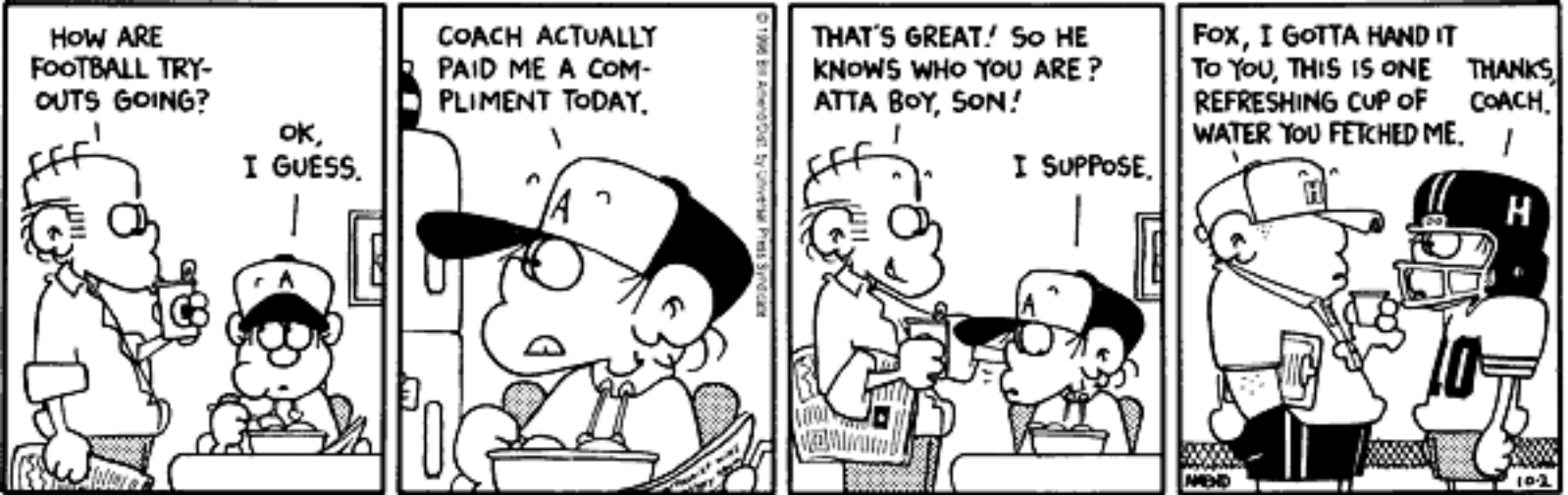
HOW ARE FOOTBALL TRY-OUTS GOING?
OK, I GUESS.
COACH ACTUALLY PAID ME A COMPLIMENT TODAY.
THAT'S GREAT! SO HE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE? ATTA BOY, SON!
I SUPPOSE.
FOX, I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, THIS IS ONE REFRESHING CUP OF WATER YOU FETCHED ME.
THANKS, COACH.

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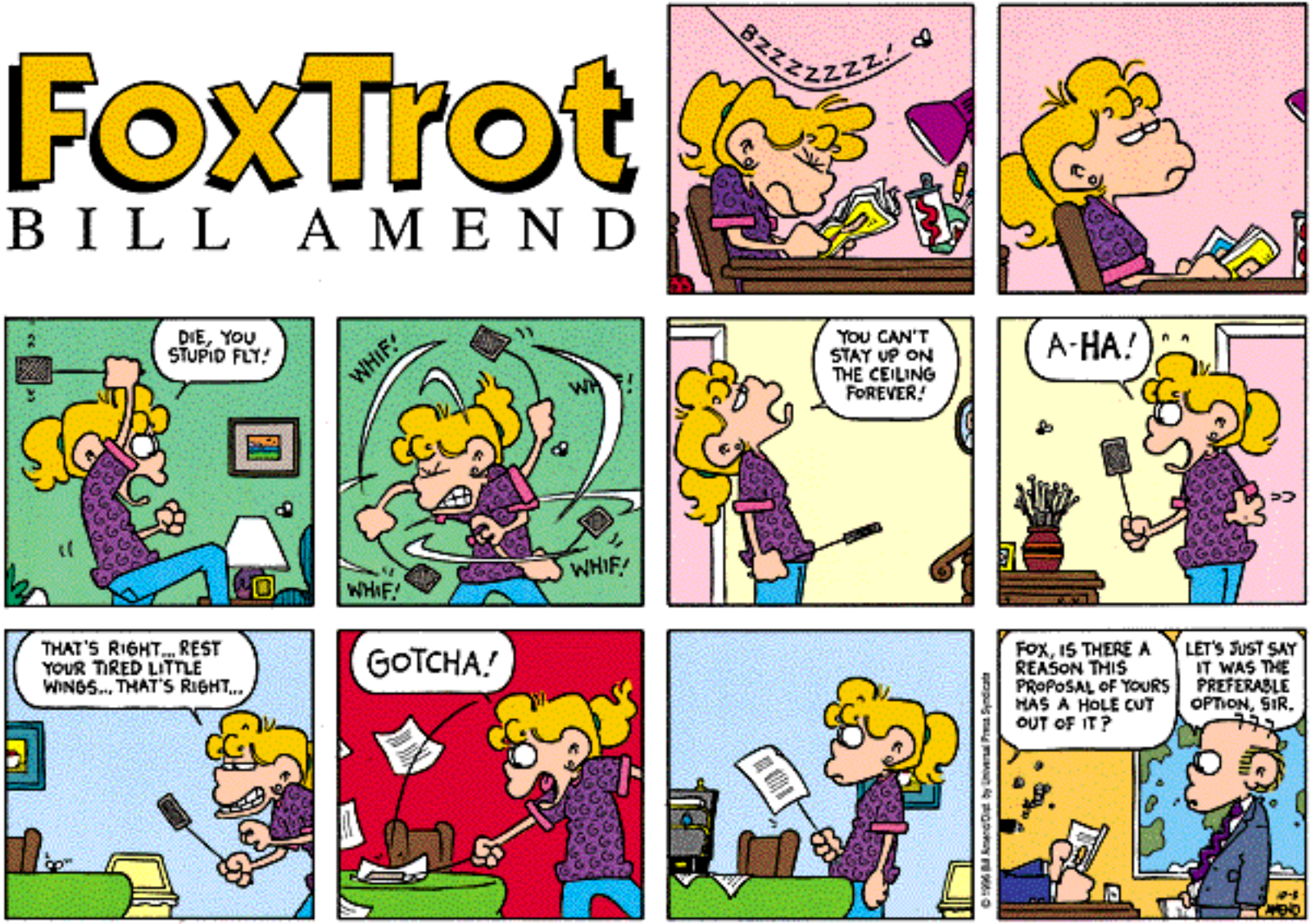

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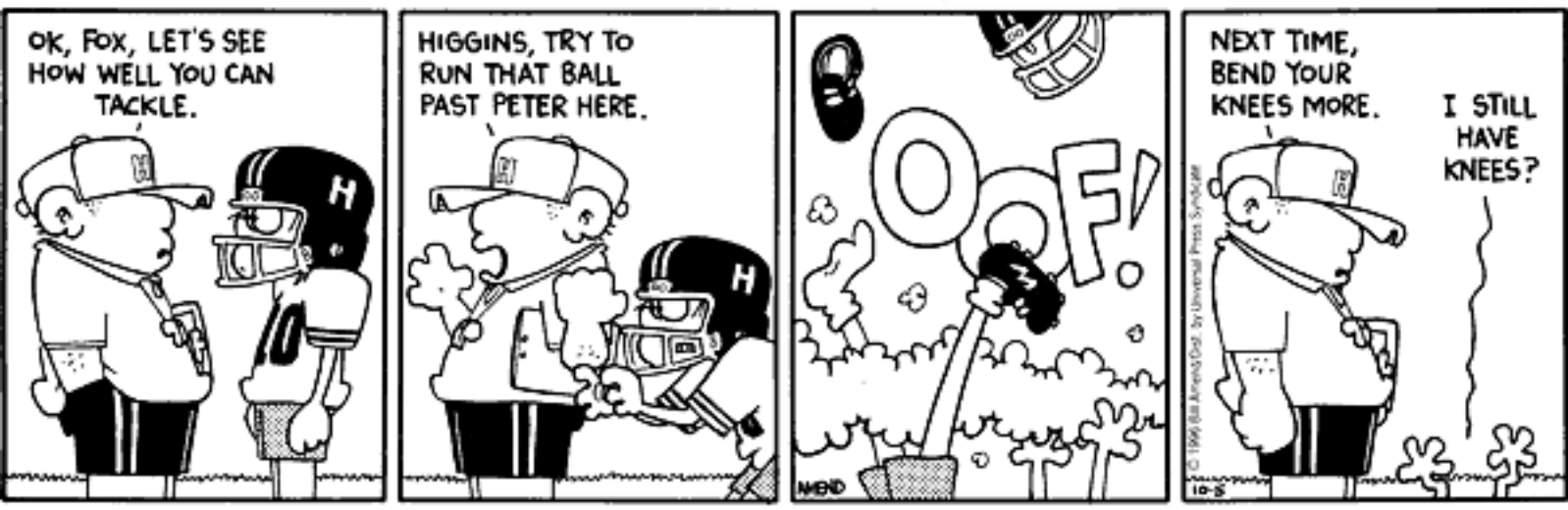
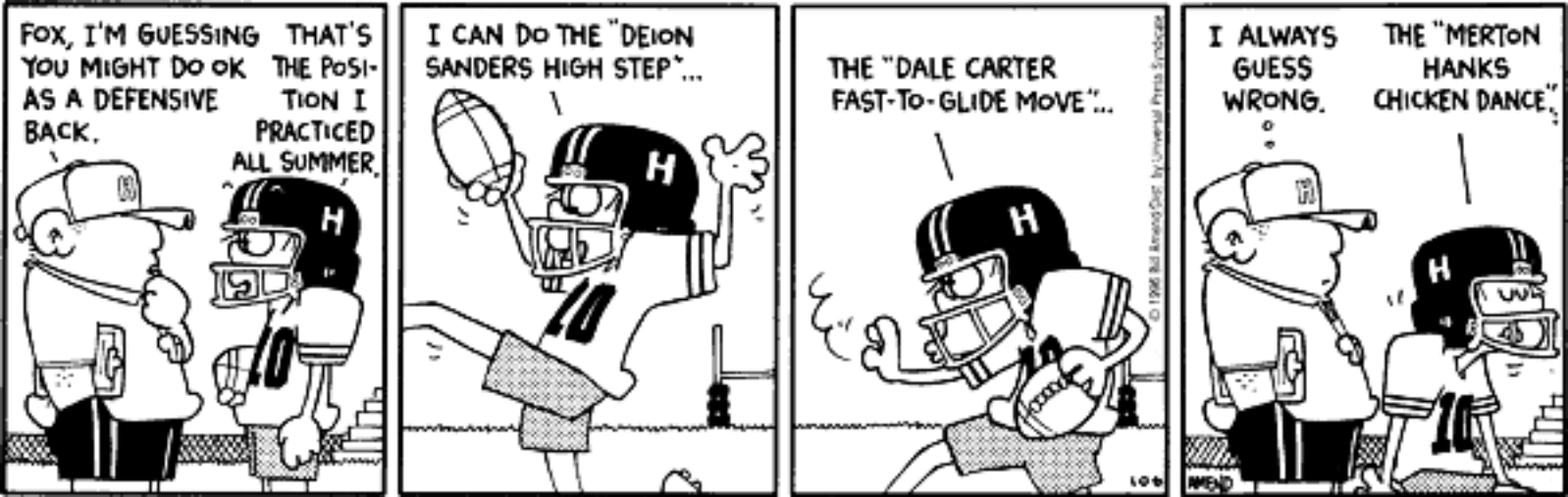
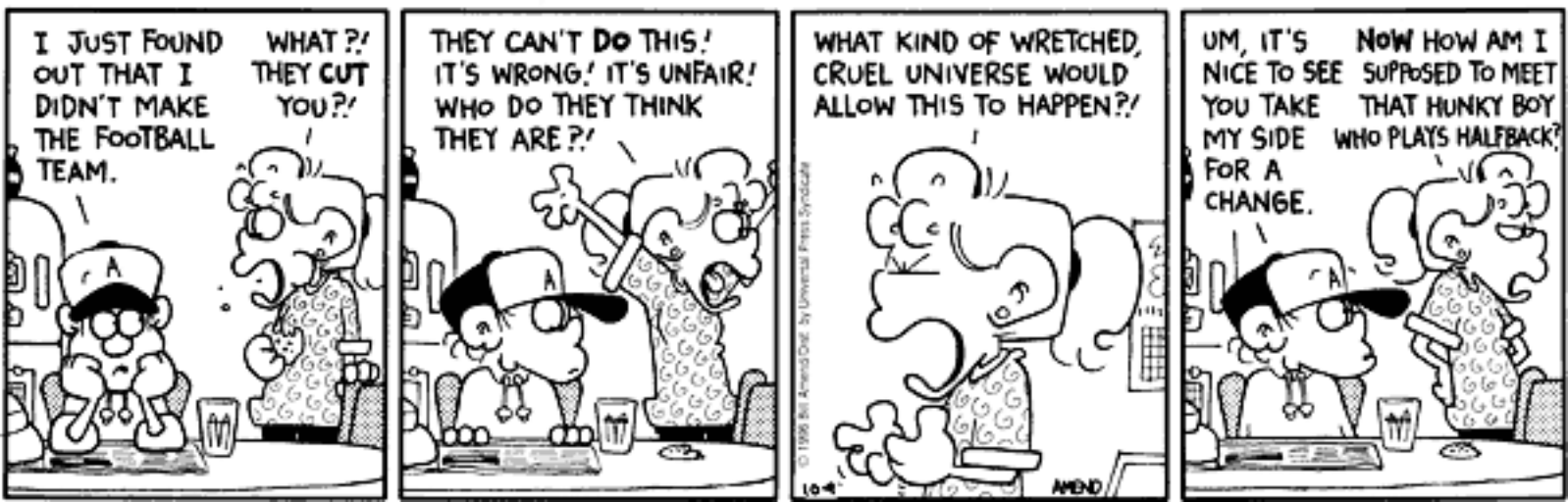
FOX, MAYBE WE OUGHTA TRY YOU OUT ON DEFENSE FOR A WHILE.
BECAUSE I LOOK LIKE A GUY WHO CAN REALLY STICK A TACKLE?
NO...
BECAUSE I LOOK LIKE A GUY WHO CAN RUN BACK AN INTERCEPTION?
NO...
FLUSH OUT THE QUARTERBACK?
NO...
STRIP THE BALL?
THAT WASN'T WHAT I WAS THINKING.
WHY TRY ME AT DEFENSE, THEN?
BECAUSE YOU'RE REALLY LOUSY AT OFFENSE.
SAY, DID THEY EVER FIND OUT WHOSE CAR I HIT WITH THAT PASS?


OK, FOX, LET'S SEE HOW WELL YOU CAN TACKLE.
HIGGINS, TRY TO RUN THAT BALL PAST PETER HERE.
OOF!
NEXT TIME, BEND YOUR KNEES MORE.
I STILL HAVE KNEES?


FOX, I'M GUESSING YOU MIGHT DO OK AS A DEFENSIVE BACK.
THAT'S THE POSITION I PRACTICED ALL SUMMER.
I CAN DO THE "DEION SANDERS HIGH STEP"...
THE "DALE CARTER FAST-TO-GLIDE MOVE"...
I ALWAYS GUESS WRONG.
THE "MERTON HANKS CHICKEN DANCE."

NOW, FOX, IF YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY DEFENSE, YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO WORK ON YOUR INTIMIDATION SKILLS.
GET DOWN IN A THREE-POINT STANCE. PRETEND I'M THE QUARTERBACK.
NOW SAY A FEW CHOICE WORDS TO PUT THE FEAR OF GOD IN MY HEART.
THOSE DARK SPOTS ON YOUR ARM LOOK LIKE SKIN CANCER.
MAYBE I SHOULD EXPLAIN WHAT I MEAN A LITTLE BETTER...
SAY, ISN'T THAT A SOUTH AMERICAN PIT VIPER?

FOX, I'VE TRIED YOU ON OFFENSE, I'VE TRIED YOU ON DEFENSE...
AND I'VE COME TO A DEFINITE CONCLUSION AS TO WHERE I WANT YOU TO PLAY.
QUARTERBACK?? NOSE TACKLE?? WHERE? WHERE? WHERE?
FOR THE OPPOSING TEAM.
HA HA. NO, SERIOUSLY. IS IT LINEBACKER? Grrr.


I JUST FOUND OUT THAT I DIDN'T MAKE THE FOOTBALL TEAM.
WHAT?! THEY CUT YOU?!
THEY CAN'T DO THIS! IT'S WRONG! IT'S UNFAIR! WHO DO THEY THINK THEY ARE?!
WHAT KIND OF WRETCHED, CRUEL UNIVERSE WOULD ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN?!
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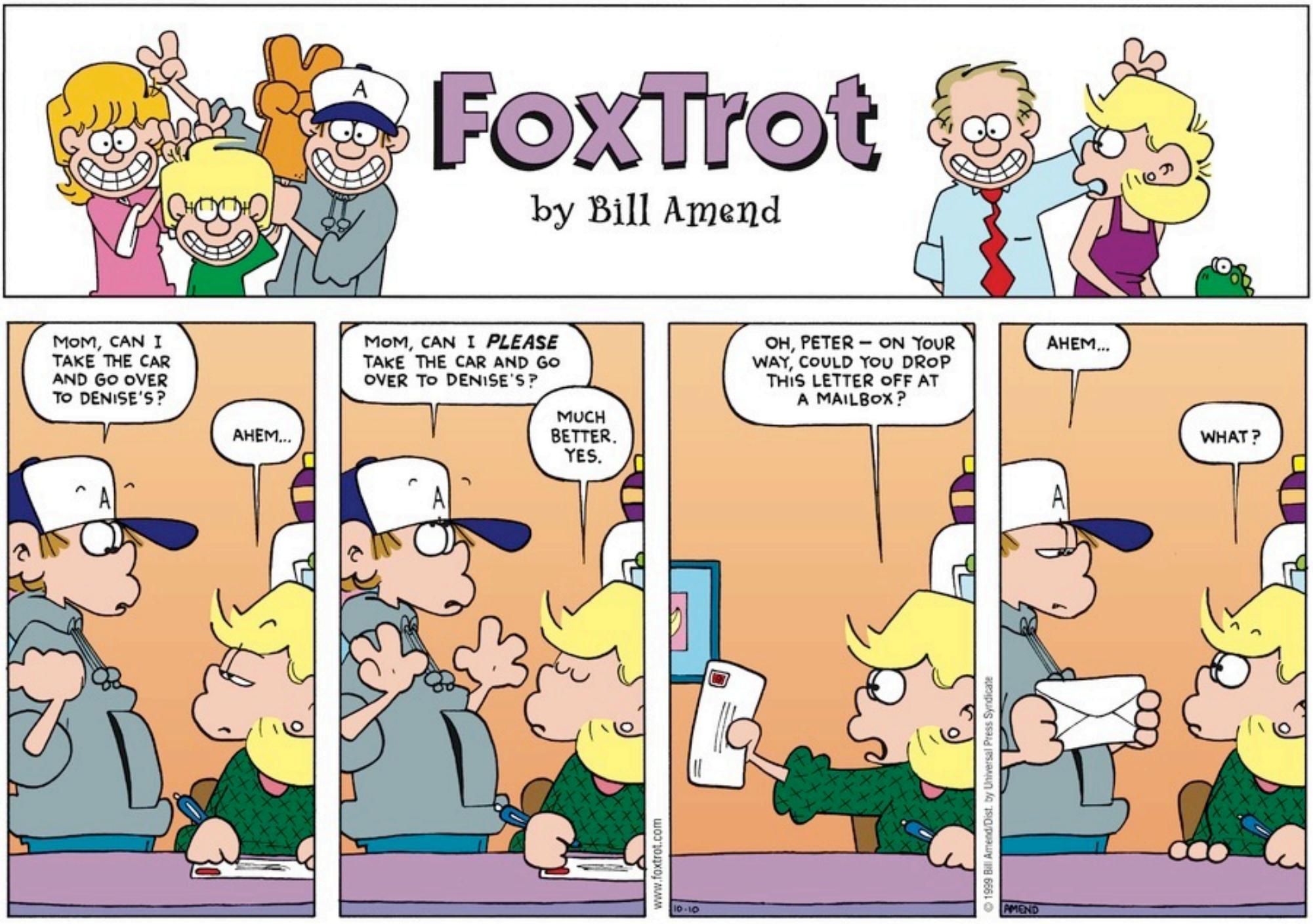
UM, IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU TAKE MY SIDE FOR A CHANGE.
NOW HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO MEET THAT HUNKY BOY WHO PLAYS HALFBACK?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MOM, CAN I TAKE THE CAR AND GO OVER TO DENISE'S?
AHEM...
MOM, CAN I PLEASE TAKE THE CAR AND GO OVER TO DENISE'S?
MUCH BETTER. YES.
OH, PETER – ON YOUR WAY, COULD YOU DROP THIS LETTER OFF AT A MAILBOX?
AHEM...
WHAT?
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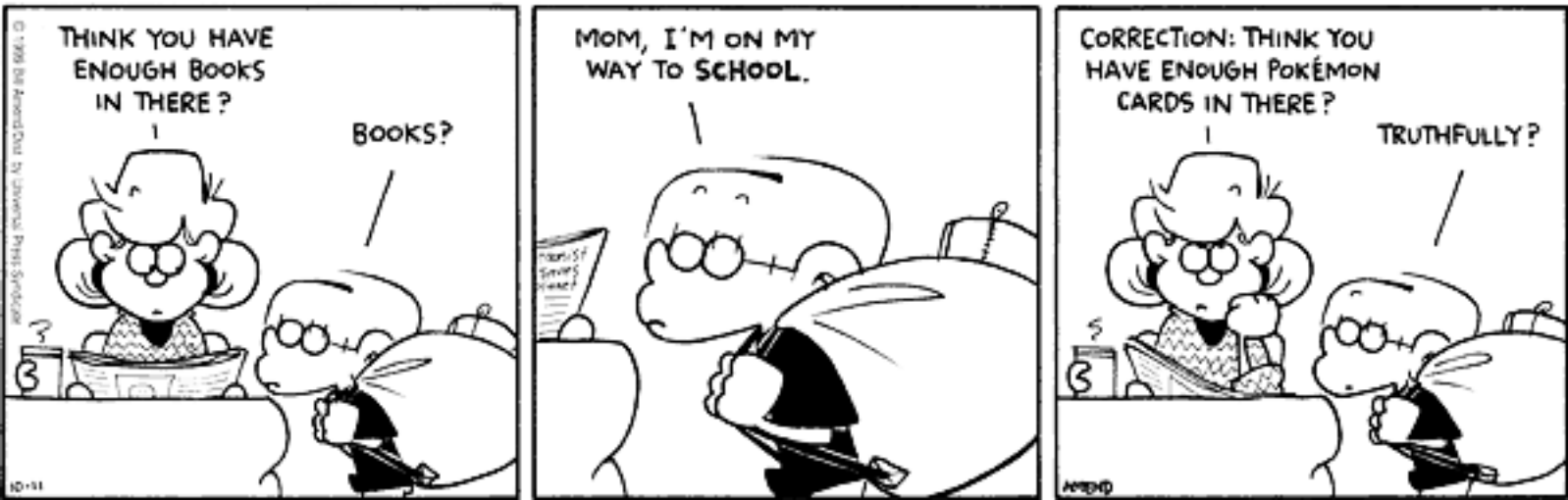
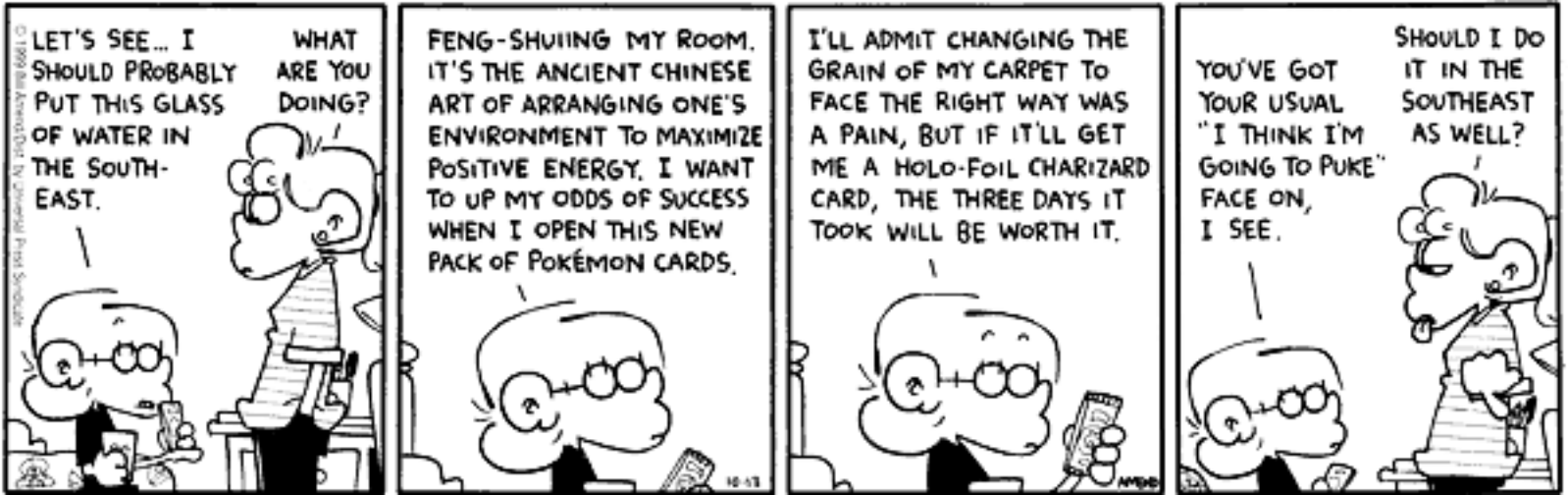
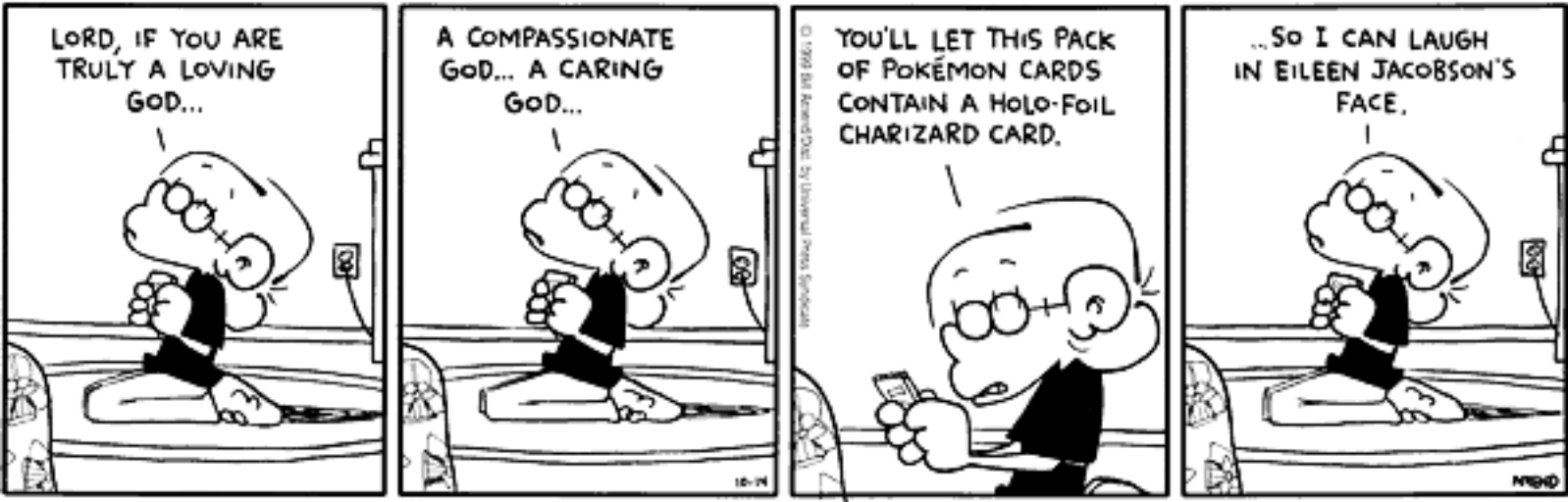

THINK YOU HAVE ENOUGH BOOKS IN THERE?
BOOKS?
MOM, I'M ON MY WAY TO SCHOOL.
CORRECTION: THINK YOU HAVE ENOUGH POKÉMON CARDS IN THERE?
TRUTHFULLY?

HAVE YOU SEEN ALL THESE TRADING CARDS OUR SON IS AMASSING?
IT'S THE POKÉMON GAME. ALL THE KIDS AT HIS SCHOOL ARE PLAYING IT.
APPARENTLY, JASON'S GOT EVERY CARD EXCEPT ONE, AND HE'S BEEN BUYING PACKS LIKE CRAZY TRYING TO GET IT.
HE'S BORROWED HIS NEXT 37 ALLOWANCES. IT'S LIKE A SICKNESS.
SO HE DOESN'T HAVE ONE CARD! WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?!
DID I MENTION I HAVE THE CHARIZARD CARD AND YOU DON'T?
ONLY 814 TIMES TODAY, EILEEN.


LET'S SEE... I SHOULD PROBABLY PUT THIS GLASS OF WATER IN THE SOUTH-EAST.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FENG-SHUIING MY ROOM. IT'S THE ANCIENT CHINESE ART OF ARRANGING ONE'S ENVIRONMENT TO MAXIMIZE POSITIVE ENERGY. I WANT TO UP MY ODDS OF SUCCESS WHEN I OPEN THIS NEW PACK OF POKÉMON CARDS.
I'LL ADMIT CHANGING THE GRAIN OF MY CARPET TO FACE THE RIGHT WAY WAS A PAIN, BUT IF IT'LL GET ME A HOLO-FOIL CHARIZARD CARD, THE THREE DAYS IT TOOK WILL BE WORTH IT.
YOU'VE GOT YOUR USUAL "I THINK I'M GOING TO PUKE" FACE ON, I SEE.
SHOULD I DO IT IN THE SOUTHEAST AS WELL?


LORD, IF YOU ARE TRULY A LOVING GOD...
A COMPASSIONATE GOD... A CARING GOD...
YOU'LL LET THIS PACK OF POKÉMON CARDS CONTAIN A HOLO-FOIL CHARIZARD CARD.
...SO I CAN LAUGH IN EILEEN JACOBSON'S FACE.

I HEAR YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A CHARIZARD POKÉMON CARD.
IT MUST JUST KILL YOU THAT I'VE GOT ONE AND YOU DON'T.
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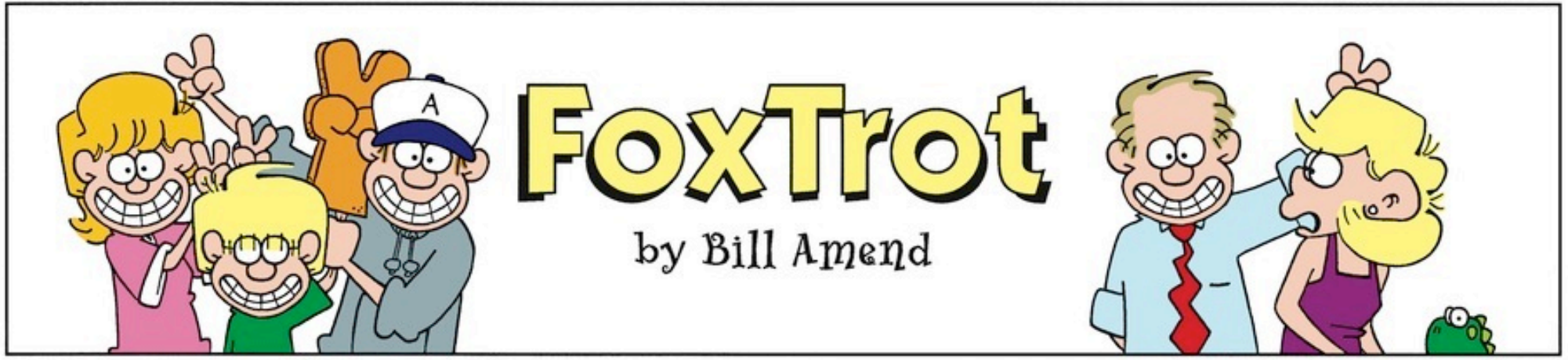
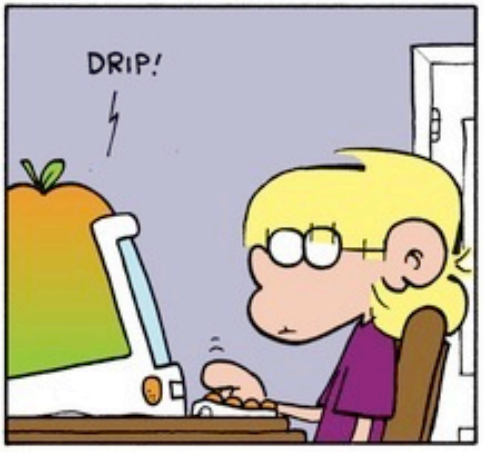
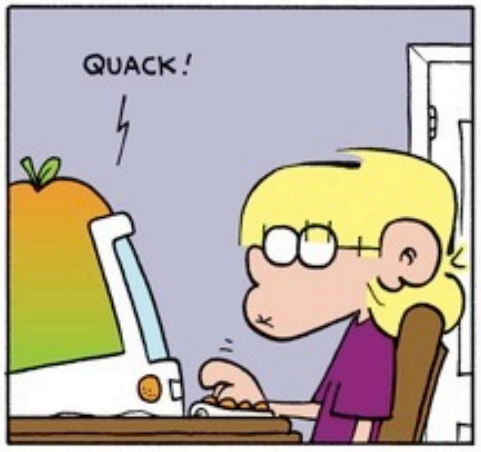
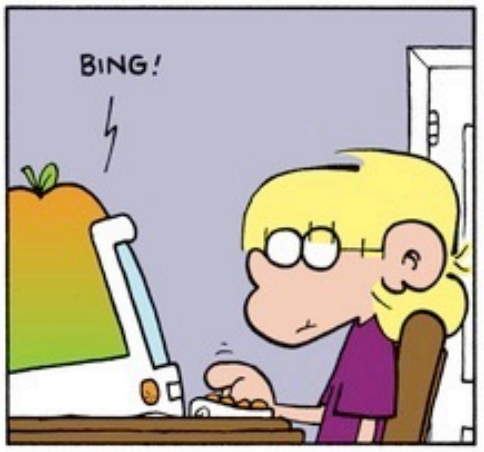
WANT TO TOUCH IT?
HA HA.
SUIT YOURSELF.
OK, OK, IF YOU INSIST.

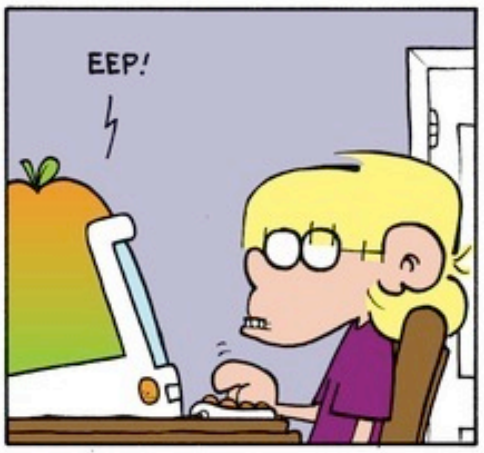
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, EILEEN — I'D SELL MY SOUL FOR THAT CARD AND YOU'RE WAVING IT AROUND LIKE IT'S NOTHING!
THAT'S NOT TRUE. I KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH YOU WANT IT.
WHICH IS WHY I'M SUGGESTING A LITTLE TRADE.
TRADE?
PSST PSSSSST PSSSST PSSPSSST
YOU WOULDN'T RATHER HAVE MY SOUL?
SEE YOU ON MONDAY.











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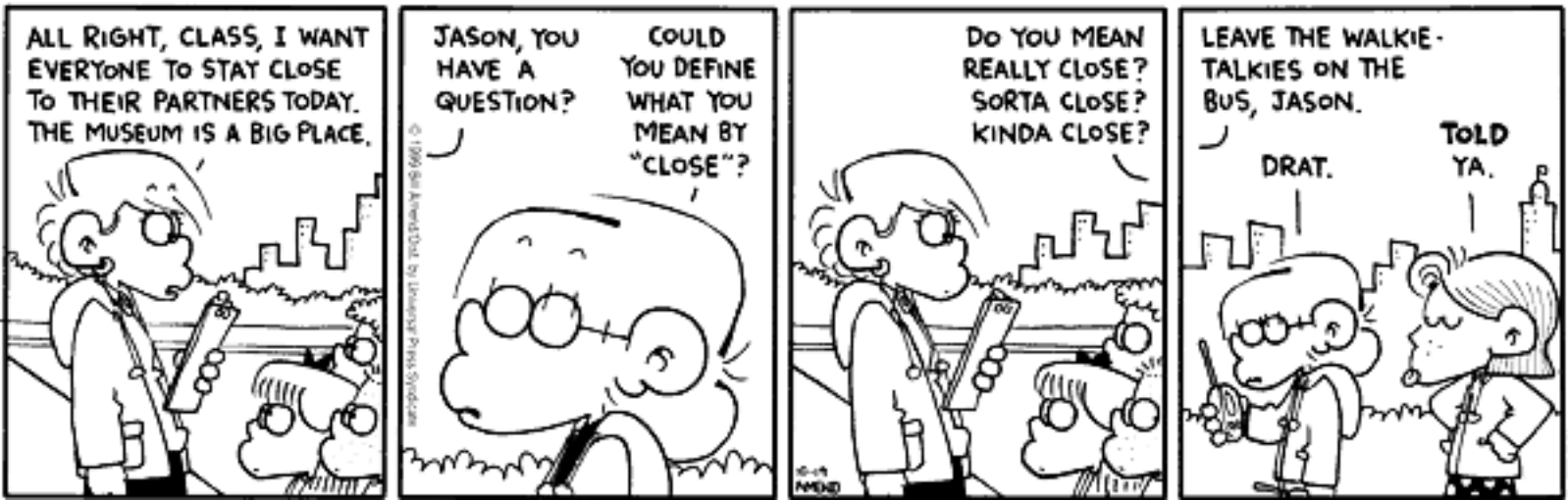
SCIENCE MUSEUM, HERE WE COME!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I AGREED TO BE YOUR PARTNER ON THIS FIELD TRIP!
WHAT WAS I THINKING?! WHAT SYNAPTIC MALFUNCTION LED TO THIS?!
I'M GOING TO SPEND AN ENTIRE DAY WITH A GIRL! I'LL BE SCARRED FOR LIFE! ALL FOR A SINGLE HARD-TO-FIND POKÉMON CARD!
KEEP IT UP, PAL, AND IT'S GOING TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND.
NO! NO! NOT OUT THE WINDOW! I'LL SUFFER IN SILENCE, I PROMISE!


ALL RIGHT, CLASS, I WANT EVERYONE TO STAY CLOSE TO THEIR PARTNERS TODAY. THE MUSEUM IS A BIG PLACE.
JASON, YOU HAVE A QUESTION?
COULD YOU DEFINE WHAT YOU MEAN BY "CLOSE"?
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DO YOU MEAN REALLY CLOSE? SORTA CLOSE? KINDA CLOSE?
LEAVE THE WALKIE-TALKIES ON THE BUS, JASON.
DRAT.
TOLD YA.

COOL! AN ACTUAL VACUUM TUBE FROM THE ORIGINAL ENIAC COMPUTER!
BE STILL, MY HEART.
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH BEAUTY... SUCH ELEGANCE... SUCH PERFECTION UP CLOSE LIKE THIS.
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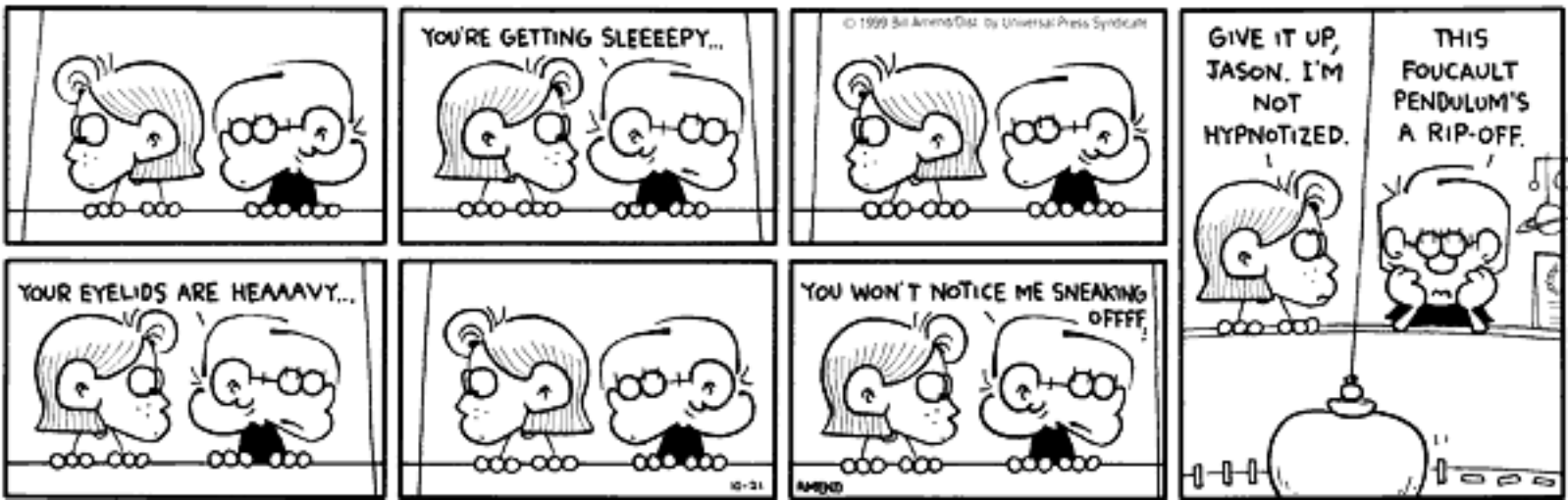
AW, YOU'RE SO SWEET!
ER...
NEXT EXHIBIT, YOU'RE STANDING BEHIND ME.
AND YOU SAID THIS WOULDN'T BE FUN.


YOU'RE GETTING SLEEEEPY...
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GIVE IT UP, JASON. I'M NOT HYPNOTIZED.
THIS FOUCAULT PENDULUM'S A RIP-OFF.
YOUR EYELIDS ARE HEAAAVY...
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YOU WON'T NOTICE ME SNEAKING OFFFF.
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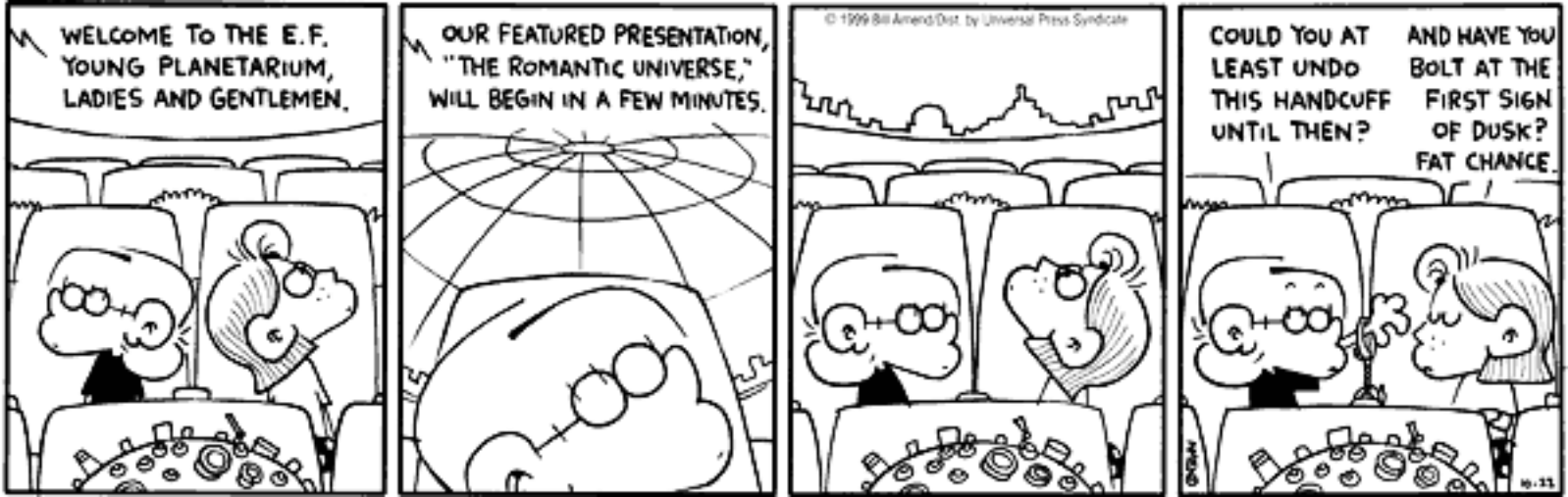
WELCOME TO THE E.F. YOUNG PLANETARIUM, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
OUR FEATURED PRESENTATION, "THE ROMANTIC UNIVERSE," WILL BEGIN IN A FEW MINUTES.
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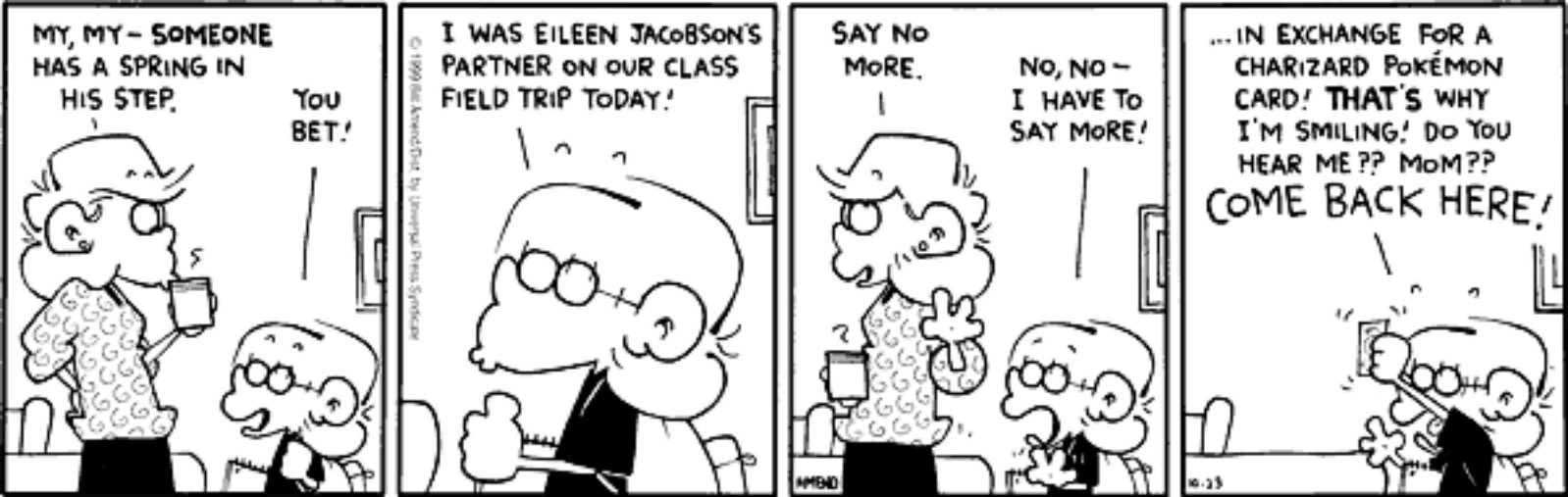
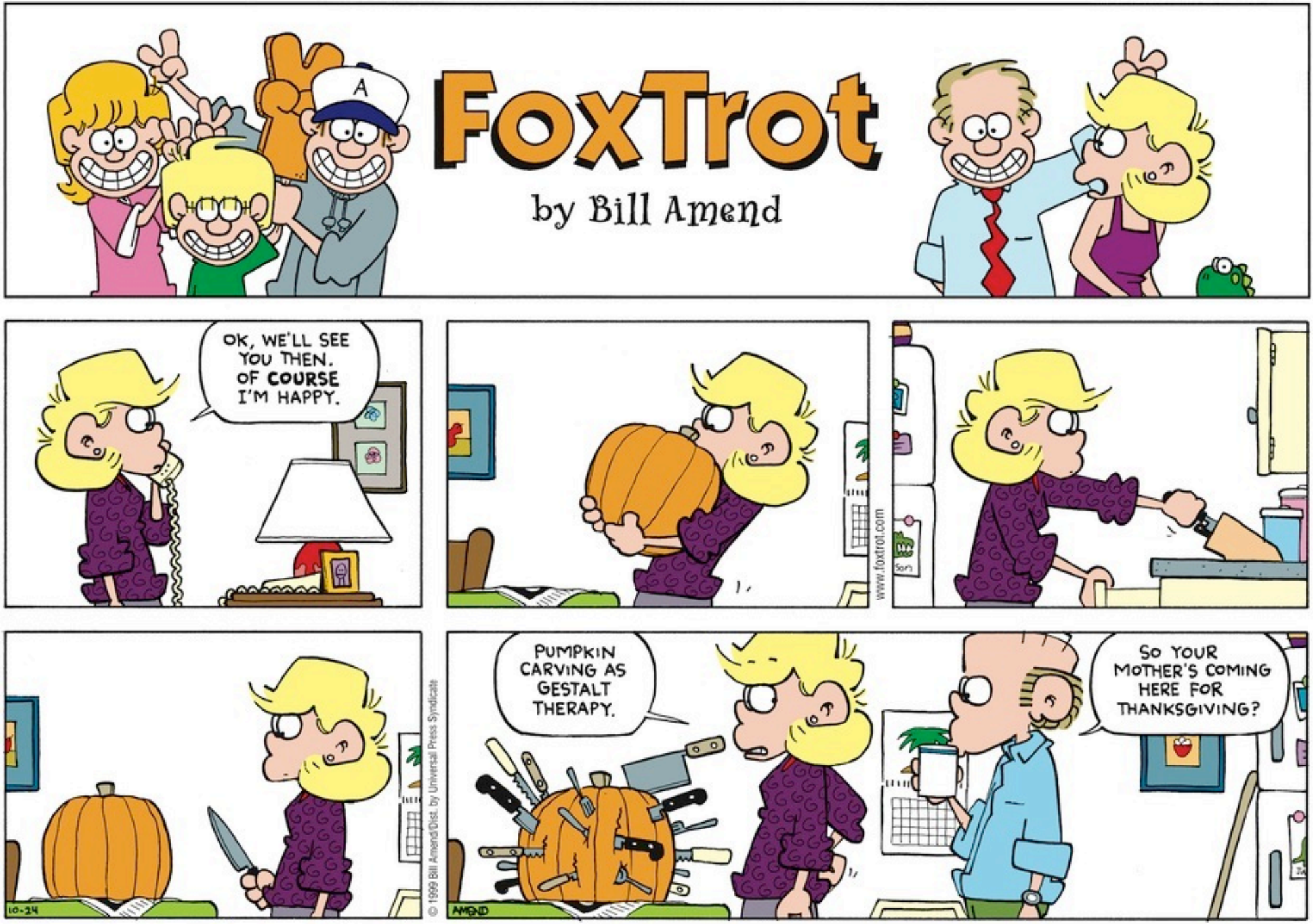
COULD YOU AT LEAST UNDO THIS HANDCUFF UNTIL THEN?
AND HAVE YOU BOLT AT THE FIRST SIGN OF DUSK? FAT CHANCE.


MY, MY – SOMEONE HAS A SPRING IN HIS STEP.
YOU BET!
I WAS EILEEN JACOBSON'S PARTNER ON OUR CLASS FIELD TRIP TODAY!
SAY NO MORE.
NO, NO – I HAVE TO SAY MORE!
...IN EXCHANGE FOR A CHARIZARD POKÉMON CARD! THAT'S WHY I'M SMILING! DO YOU HEAR ME?? MOM??
COME BACK HERE!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OK, WE'LL SEE YOU THEN. OF COURSE I'M HAPPY.
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PUMPKIN CARVING AS GESTALT THERAPY.
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SO YOUR MOTHER'S COMING HERE FOR THANKSGIVING?

OK, I HID THOSE BIG BAGS OF CANDY I BOUGHT FOR HALLOWEEN.
HOW COME?
EVERY YEAR THEY ALWAYS GET BROKEN INTO AND EATEN BEFORE THE BIG NIGHT.
THIS YEAR THEY'LL BE SAFE.
COULDN'T YOU JUST TELL THE KIDS NOT TO TOUCH THEM?
IT'S NOT THE KIDS I'M HIDING THEM FROM.
HEH-HEH.
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OH, MAN — WHERE'D YOU GET THAT?!
GET WHAT?
THAT FAKE ZIT ON YOUR CHIN! IT'S SO BIG... SO WHITE... SO PERFECTLY DISGUSTING...
I'VE BEEN TO EVERY HALLOWEEN STORE IN TOWN LOOKING FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR MY DECAYING CORPSE COSTUME!
OR IS THAT A REAL ZIT?
ABOUT YOUR DESIRE TO BE A CORPSE...
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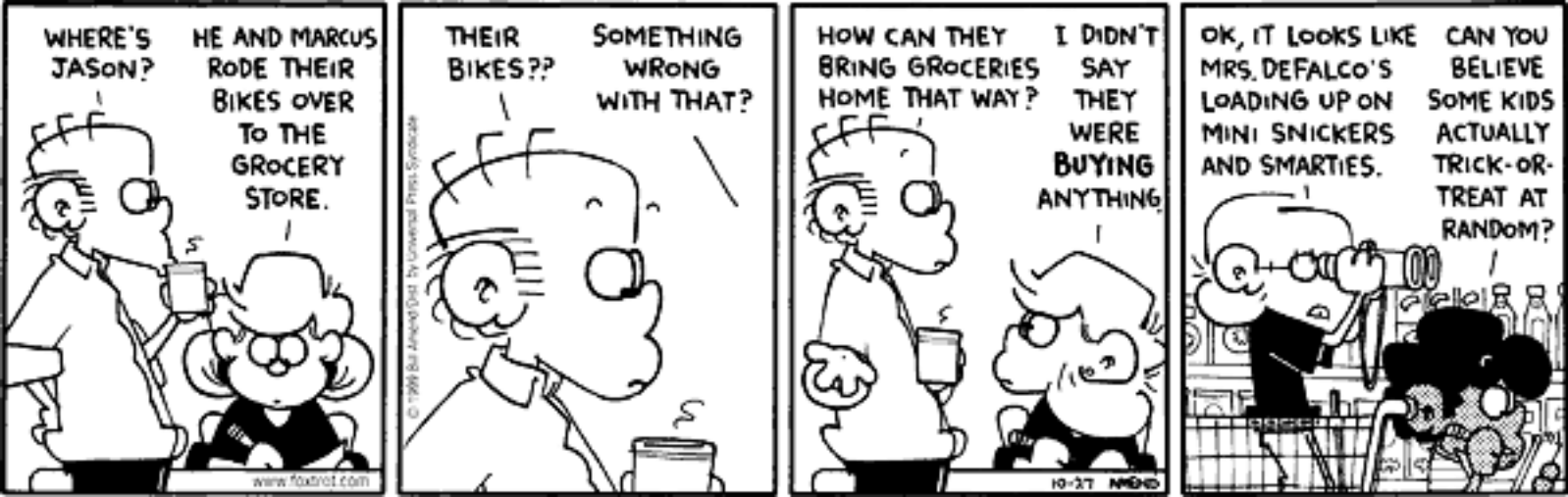
WHERE'S JASON?
HE AND MARCUS RODE THEIR BIKES OVER TO THE GROCERY STORE.
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THEIR BIKES??
SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT?
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HOW CAN THEY BRING GROCERIES HOME THAT WAY?
I DIDN'T SAY THEY WERE BUYING ANYTHING.
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OK, IT LOOKS LIKE MRS. DEFALCO'S LOADING UP ON MINI SNICKERS AND SMARTIES.
CAN YOU BELIEVE SOME KIDS ACTUALLY TRICK-OR-TREAT AT RANDOM?

BOO!
AAAAA!
AAAAA!
AAAAA!
WOW. THIS MUST BE SCARIER THAN I THOUGHT.
YOU CUT HOLES IN MY NEW RALPH LAUREN SHEETS!
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MY BROTHER, THE HALLOWEENIE.
NOTE HOW I USED THE PUMPKIN GOOP FOR BRAINS.
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HEY, PETER – CHECK OUT THIS COSTUME IDEA.
WHAT ARE YOU?
I'M A BEANIE BABY.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE PLANNING TO GO TRICK-OR-TREATING AS DARTH MAUL.
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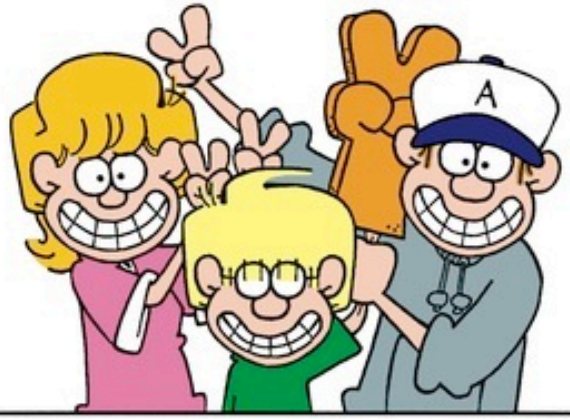
I WAS, BUT I'VE HAD A LAST-MINUTE REVELATION.
WHICH IS?
AAAA! YOU'RE SO CUTE! HERE, TAKE ALL MY CANDY!
WELL, IF OUR MOTHER IS ANY SORT OF BAROMETER...
GOOD CALL, I



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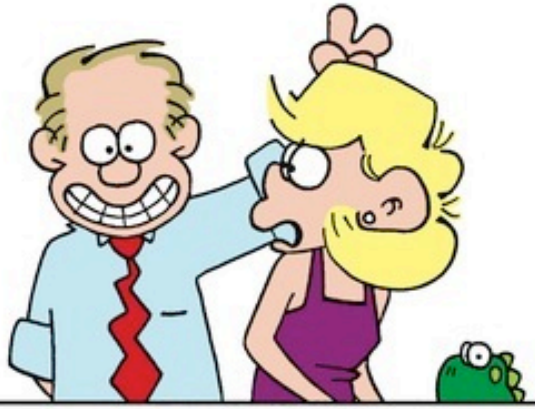

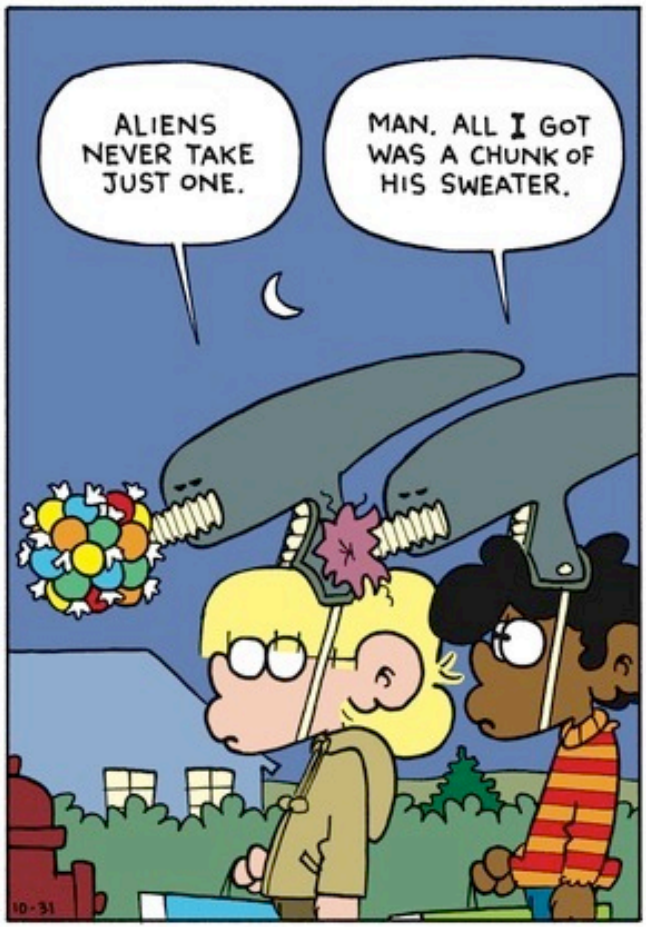

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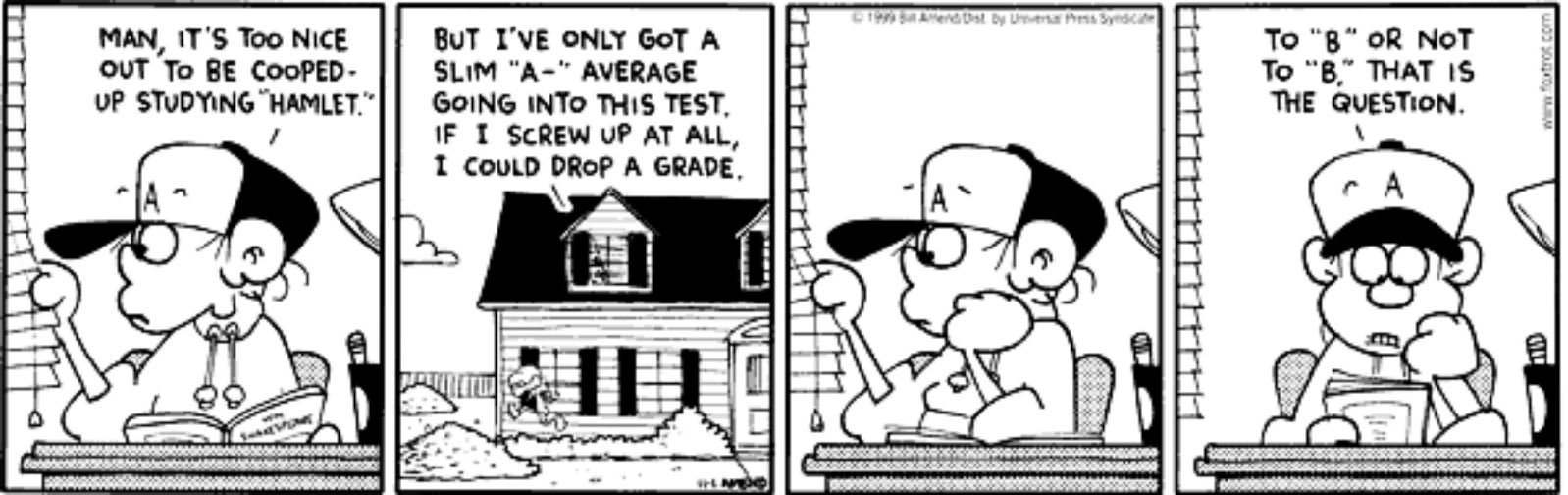
MAN, IT'S TOO NICE OUT TO BE COOPED-UP STUDYING "HAMLET."
BUT I'VE ONLY GOT A SLIM "A-" AVERAGE GOING INTO THIS TEST. IF I SCREW UP AT ALL, I COULD DROP A GRADE.
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TO "B" OR NOT TO "B," THAT IS THE QUESTION.
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WOO-HOO!
SPLOOSH!
AAAA! WHAT KIND OF SICKO WOULD BOOBY-TRAP A LEAF PILE WITH WATER BALLOONS?!
OH, WAIT. THAT WAS ME.

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SODJA HEAR ABOUT GREG AND MICHELLE HOOKING UP?!
I KNOW! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!
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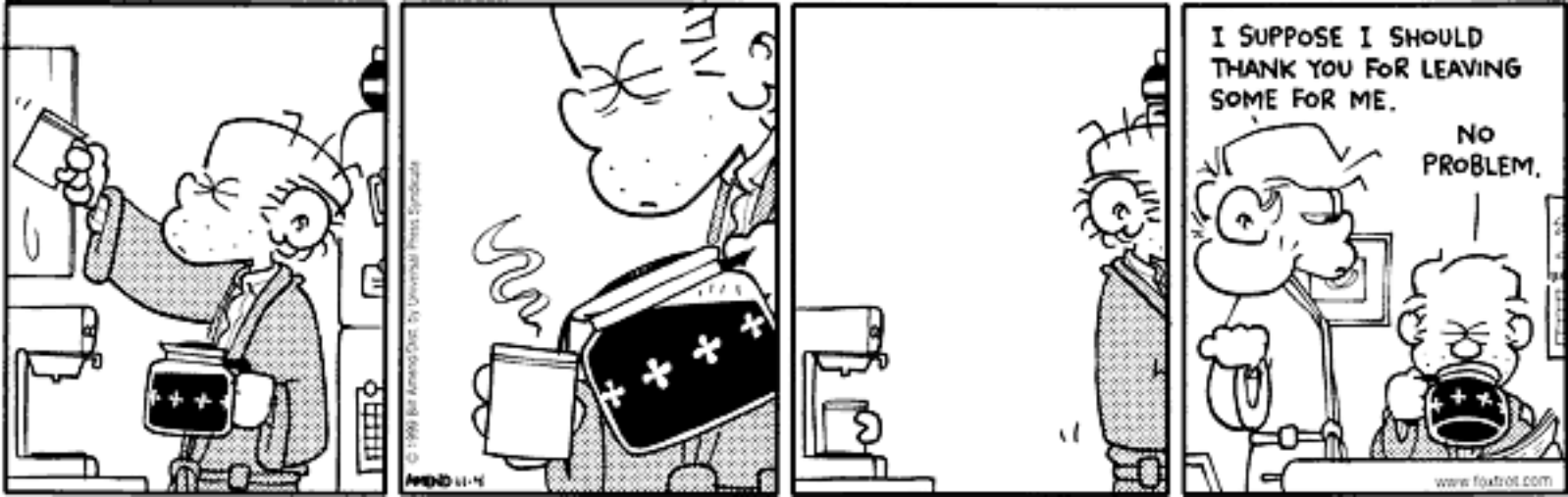
HMMPH. THE NERVE OF THAT LIBRARIAN TO KICK US OUT!
WE TOTALLY WERE AVERAGING A WHISPER!


I SUPPOSE I SHOULD THANK YOU FOR LEAVING SOME FOR ME.
NO PROBLEM.
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WRITING A PROGRAM TO HAVE THE COMPUTER DIAL A PARTICULAR PHONE NUMBER EVERY 30 SECONDS.
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INTERESTING.
I GUESS YOU HEARD I WANTED TO GET A PAGER.
TRY TO FIND ONE THAT BEEPS REALLY LOUD.
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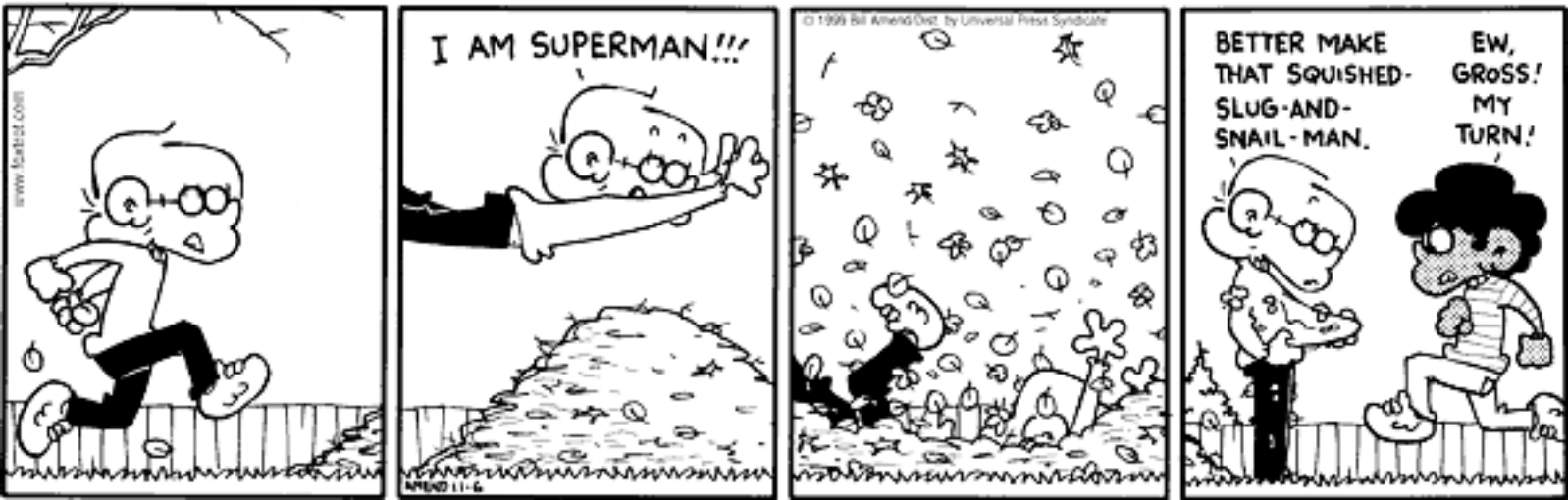
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I AM SUPERMAN!!!
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BETTER MAKE THAT SQUISHED-SLUG-AND-SNAIL-MAN.
EW, GROSS! MY TURN!

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ISN'T AUTUMN WONDERFUL?! JUST LOOK AT THESE TREES!
OW!
WHAT?
A STUPID, CRUNCHY, DRIED-UP LEAF BLEW RIGHT INTO MY EYE! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
MY FAULT??
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO LOOK UP RIGHT AT THAT MOMENT!
HOW WOULD I KNOW THAT WOULD HAPPEN??
YOU KNOW ALL THAT PHYSICS STUFF! YOU PROBABLY CALCULATED THE AERODYNAMICS OF THAT LEAF IN YOUR HEAD THE MOMENT YOU SAW IT COMING!
PAIGE, WHOA! CAN YOU SAY, "EXTREME PARANOIA"?!
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ER...
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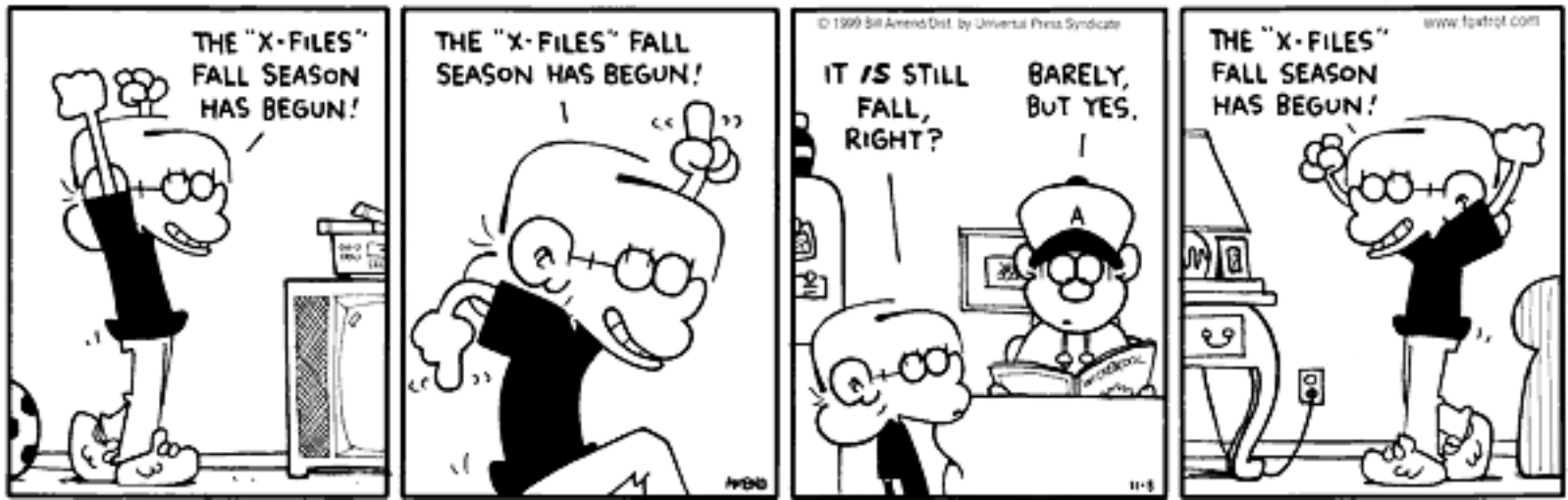
I'VE GOT TO STOP WRITING DRAG COEFFICIENTS OUT ON MY HANDS.


THE "X-FILES" FALL SEASON HAS BEGUN!
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IT IS STILL FALL, RIGHT?
BARELY, BUT YES.
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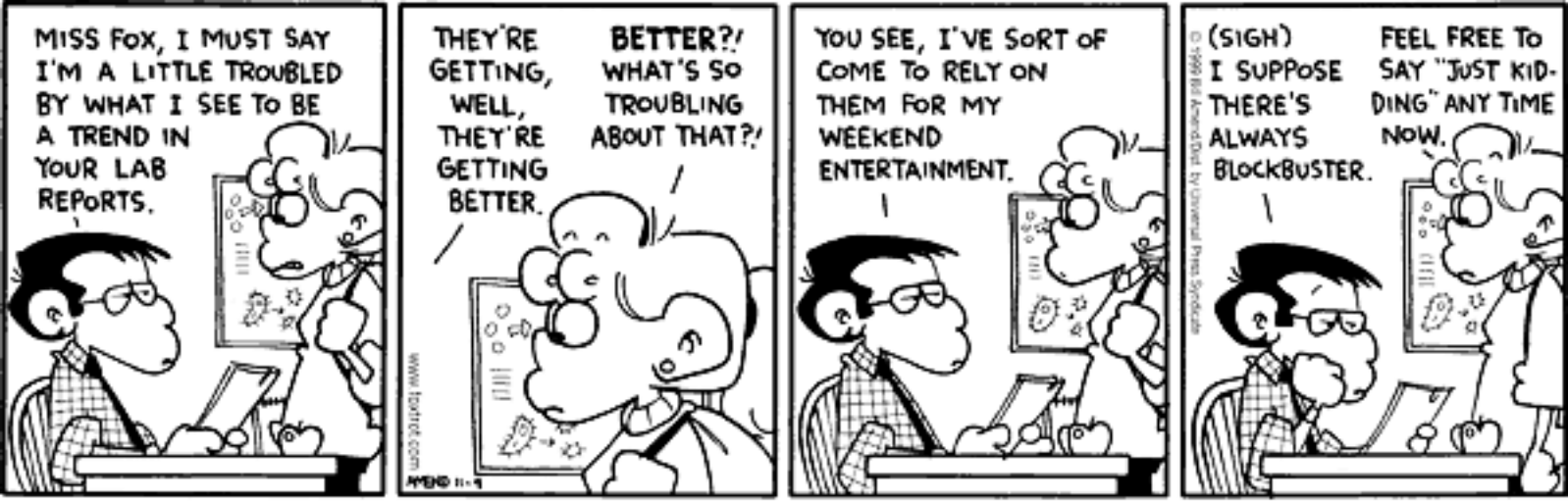
MISS FOX, I MUST SAY I'M A LITTLE TROUBLED BY WHAT I SEE TO BE A TREND IN YOUR LAB REPORTS.
THEY'RE GETTING, WELL, THEY'RE GETTING BETTER.
BETTER?! WHAT'S SO TROUBLING ABOUT THAT?!
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YOU SEE, I'VE SORT OF COME TO RELY ON THEM FOR MY WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT.
(SIGH) I SUPPOSE THERE'S ALWAYS BLOCKBUSTER.
FEEL FREE TO SAY "JUST KIDDING" ANY TIME NOW.
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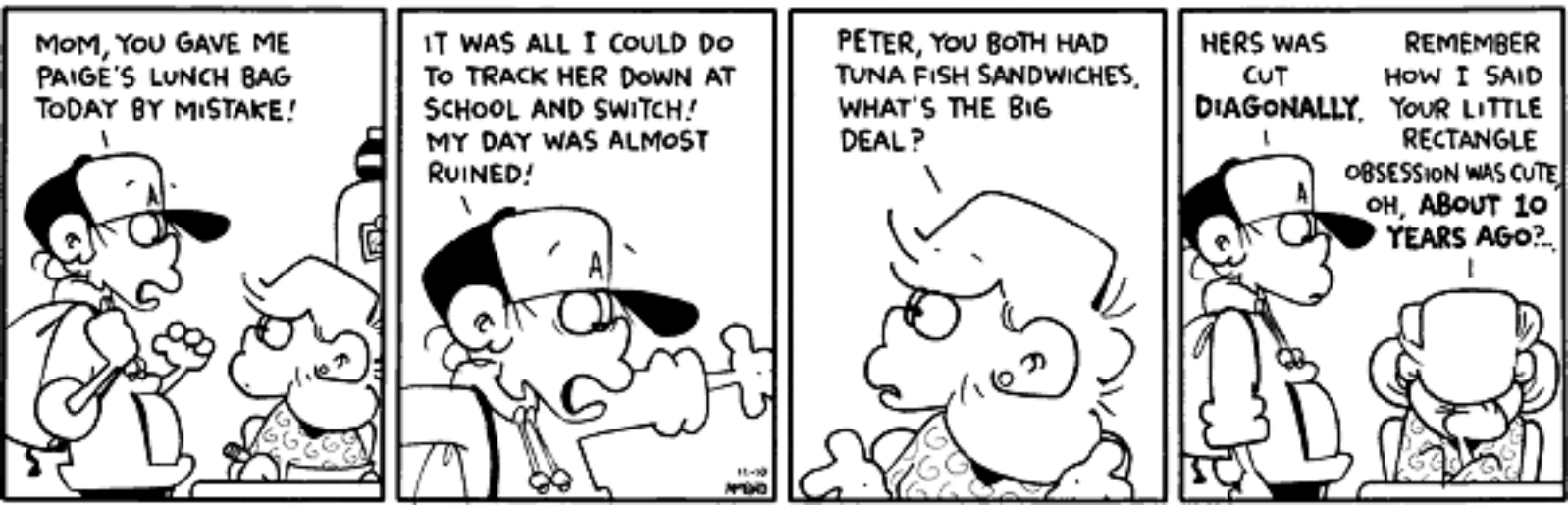
MOM, YOU GAVE ME PAIGE'S LUNCH BAG TODAY BY MISTAKE!
IT WAS ALL I COULD DO TO TRACK HER DOWN AT SCHOOL AND SWITCH! MY DAY WAS ALMOST RUINED!
PETER, YOU BOTH HAD TUNA FISH SANDWICHES. WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
HERS WAS CUT DIAGONALLY.
REMEMBER HOW I SAID YOUR LITTLE RECTANGLE OBSESSION WAS CUTE, OH, ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO?...

I will not throw paper airplanes in class. I will not throw paper airplanes in class.
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I will not booby-trap the hall water fountain. I will not booby-trap the hall water fountain.
I will not put spiders in the girls' bathroom. I will not put spiders in the girls' bathroom.
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WHAT'S THIS ABOUT SPIDERS?
SHOOT. I KNEW THERE WAS ONE I'D GOTTEN AWAY WITH.

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MOM? JUST HOW FRESH IS THIS LETTUCE??

YOU'D THINK MORE OF THESE CHRISTMAS CATALOGS WOULD HAVE MAILBOXES FOR SALE.
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JASON, WHAT PATTERN DID I TELL YOU TO RUN?
YOU SAID TO GO 10 YARDS OUT, THEN 10 YARDS TO THE RIGHT.
AND WHAT PATTERN DID YOU RUN?
I WENT $10\sqrt{2}$ YARDS AT A 45-DEGREE ANGLE.
AND ARE THEY THE SAME THING??
IF YOU ADD THE VECTORS, SURE.
THIS IS FOOTBALL, NOT MATH CLASS!
WHY DO YOU THINK I ROUNDED TO TWO DECIMAL PLACES?
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GRANDMA'S COMING FOR THANKSGIVING...
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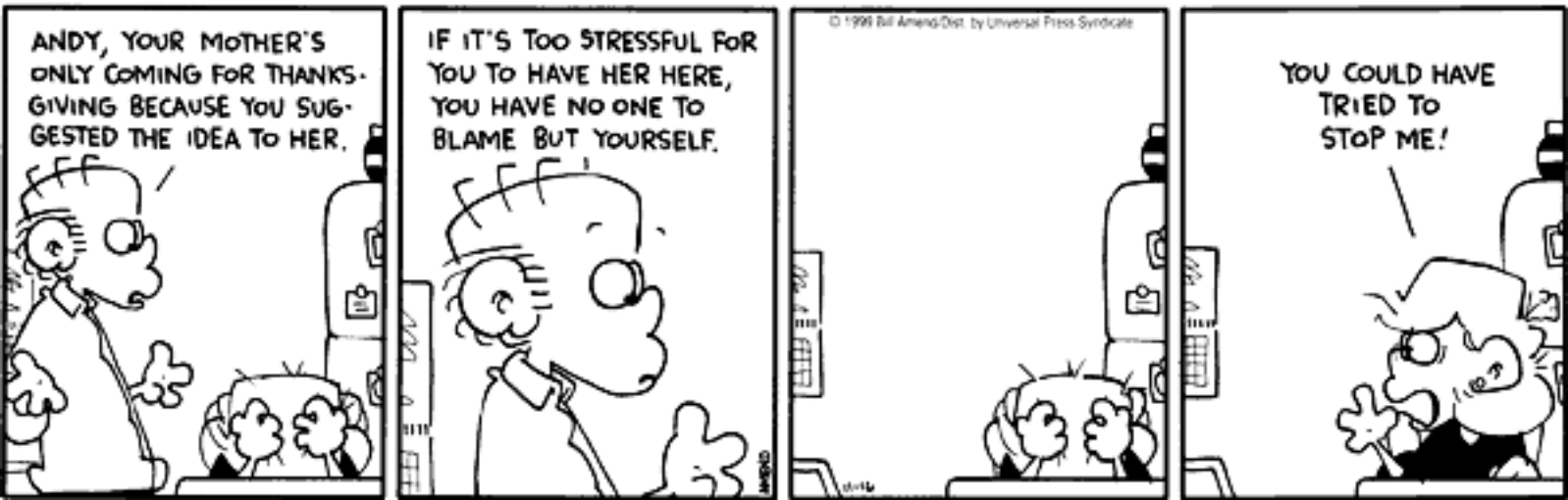
GRANDMA'S COM—
KIDS, DO YOU WANT TO SEE MY HEAD EXPLODE?!?
GOSH, WHEN SHE PUTS IT THAT WAY.
I'LL GO MAKE US SOME MEGA-PHONES.


ANDY, YOUR MOTHER'S ONLY COMING FOR THANKS-GIVING BECAUSE YOU SUG-GESTED THE IDEA TO HER.
IF IT'S TOO STRESSFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE HER HERE, YOU HAVE NO ONE TO BLAME BUT YOURSELF.
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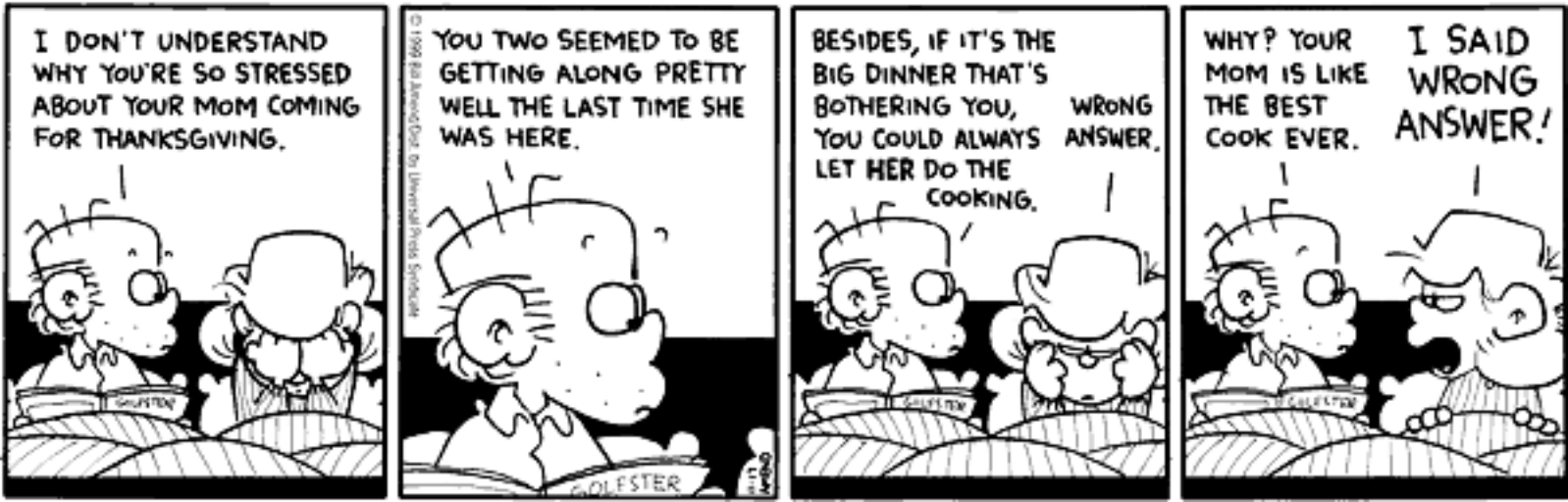
YOU COULD HAVE TRIED TO STOP ME!


I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SO STRESSED ABOUT YOUR MOM COMING FOR THANKSGIVING.
YOU TWO SEEMED TO BE GETTING ALONG PRETTY WELL THE LAST TIME SHE WAS HERE.
BESIDES, IF IT'S THE BIG DINNER THAT'S BOTHERING YOU, YOU COULD ALWAYS LET HER DO THE COOKING.
WRONG ANSWER.
WHY? YOUR MOM IS LIKE THE BEST COOK EVER.
I SAID WRONG ANSWER!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PLANNING OUT OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER.
WITH MY MOTHER COMING, EVERYTHING HAS TO BE ABSOLUTELY PERFECT AND TASTEFUL, BECAUSE THAT'S HOW SHE'D DO IT. I HAVE TO MEASURE UP TO HER.
SHE CARES ABOUT THAT?
I CARE ABOUT THAT.
FUNNY YOU SHOULD STRESS THE NEED FOR GOOD TASTE.
TURKEY IN A CURRY-YOGURT-RICE-PASTE CRUST. TRY AND TOP THAT.

KIDS, I REALLY NEED YOU TO HELP CLEAN UP THE HOUSE THIS WEEK.
WHY?
BECAUSE YOUR GRAND-MOTHER'S COMING AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT IT'S SPOTLESS WHEN SHE GETS HERE.
WHY?
WELL, BECAUSE OTHERWISE SHE'LL TAKE IT UPON HERSELF TO CLEAN THE WHOLE HOUSE FOR US, AND WE DON'T WANT THAT.
SPEAK FOR YOUR-SELF.
I SAID, WE DON'T WANT THAT!
LOOK, JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE "ISSUES"...
I'VE LET MY ROOM GET EXTRA MESSY ON PURPOSE.

OK, I THINK I'VE GOT EVERYTHING I NEED FOR THANKSGIVING.
TURKEY... STUFFING... CRANBERRIES... POTATOES... BABY ONIONS... GREEN BEANS... SWEET POTATOES... PIE FILLING... NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT WAIT FOR MY MOTHER TO ARRIVE.
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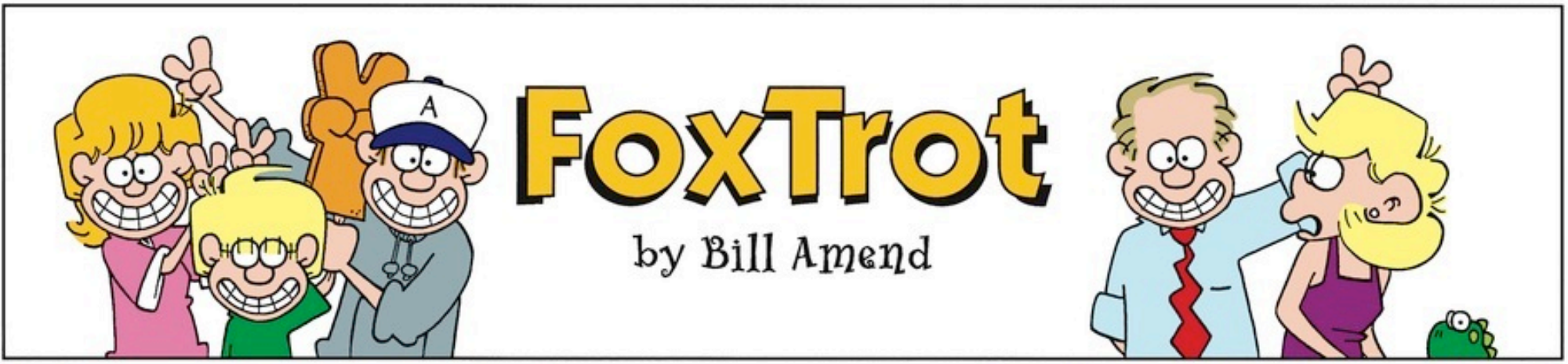
ANTACIDS! ANTACIDS! I KNEW I FORGOT SOMETHING!



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ARE YOU SURE I CAN'T BE OF SOME HELP HERE?
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MY MASHED POTATOES USUALLY GET STANDING OVATIONS... MY TURKEY STUFFING WAS FEATURED IN FOUR COOK-BOOKS... MARTHA STEWART KEEPS WRITING TO GET MY PUMPKIN PIE SECRET...
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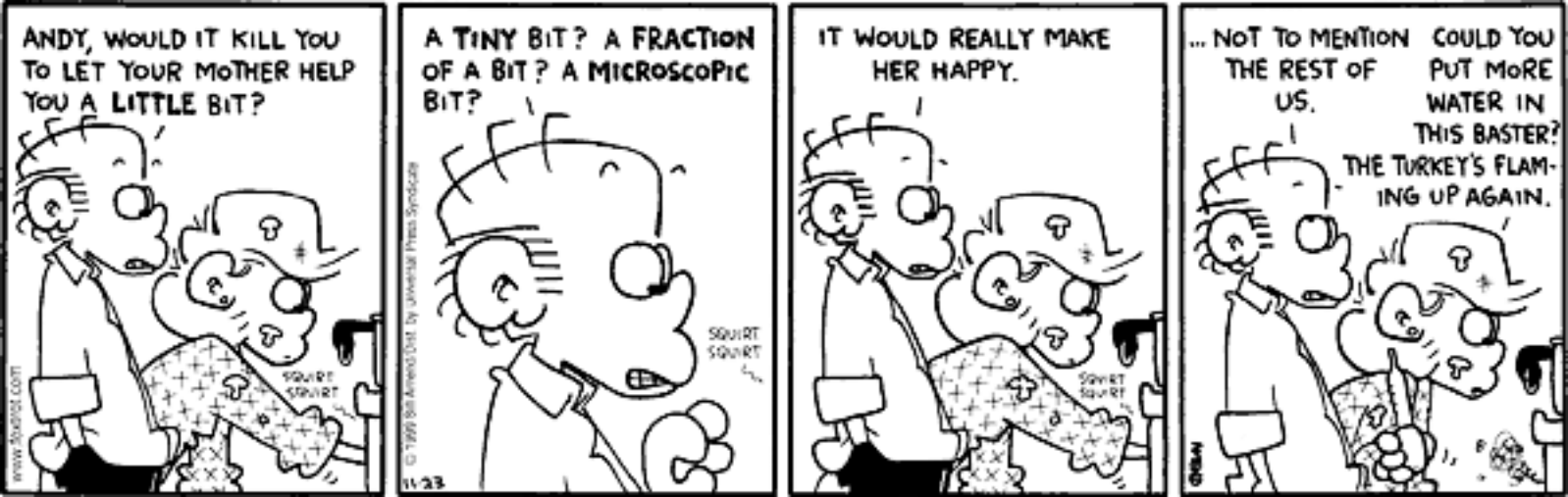
ACTUALLY, YOU COULD DO SOMETHING TO MAKE THIS EASIER FOR ME, MOTHER.
JUST NAME IT.
SWEETHEART, HOW CAN I HELP YOU COOK IF I'M SITTING OUT HERE ON THE SOFA?
WANT TO SEE MY TRICK TO GET PAST THE RED ORB GUARDIAN?


ANDY, WOULD IT KILL YOU TO LET YOUR MOTHER HELP YOU A LITTLE BIT?
SQUIRT SQUIRT
A TINY BIT? A FRACTION OF A BIT? A MICROSCOPIC BIT?
SQUIRT SQUIRT
IT WOULD REALLY MAKE HER HAPPY.
SQUIRT SQUIRT
... NOT TO MENTION THE REST OF US.
COULD YOU PUT MORE WATER IN THIS BASTER? THE TURKEY'S FLAMING UP AGAIN.
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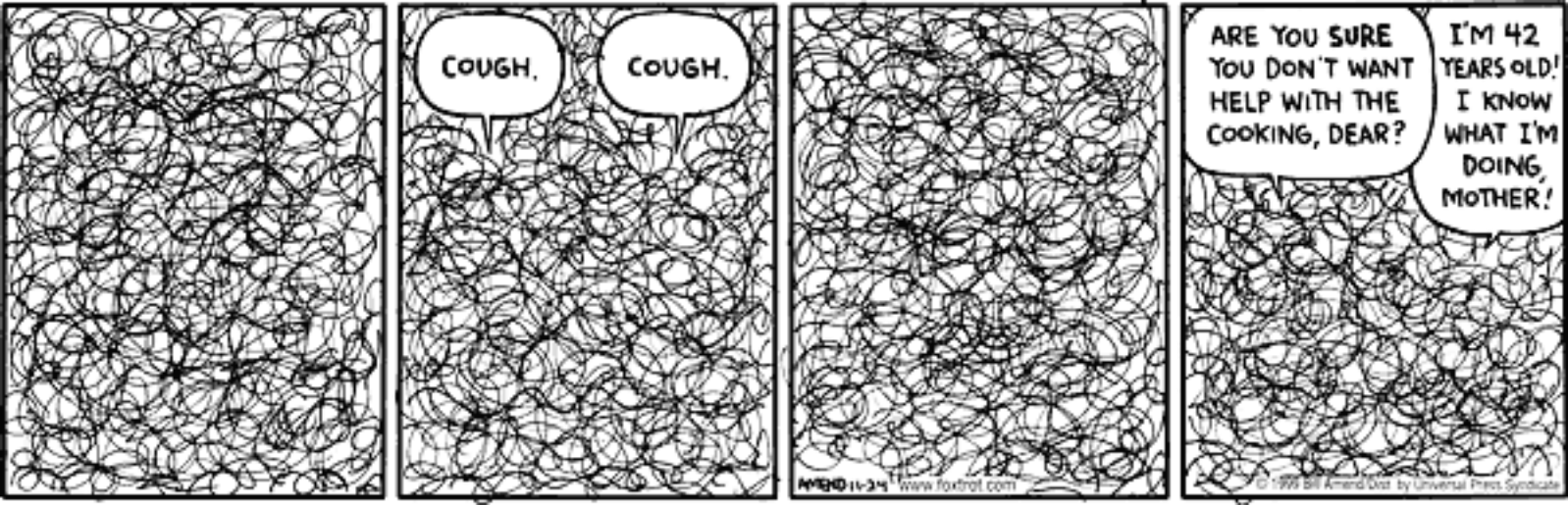
COUGH.
COUGH.
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ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT HELP WITH THE COOKING, DEAR?
I'M 42 YEARS OLD! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, MOTHER!
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I'VE RUINED THANKSGIVING DINNER.
WHAT HAP-PENED?
I TRIED TOO HARD. I TRIED TO COOK TOO MANY THINGS WITH ALL SORTS OF FANCY RECIPES AND ENDED UP BURNING IT ALL. ALL BECAUSE I WANTED TO PROVE I'M EQUAL TO MY MOTHER.
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NOW WHAT'S SHE GOING TO THINK OF ME?!
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THAT YOU'RE A CHIP OFF THE OL' BLOCK?
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SPEAKING OF CHIPS, PETER WANTS TO KNOW IF HE CAN HAVE DORITOS FOR DINNER.

ANDREA, I WENT THROUGH THIS SAME THING WITH MY MOTHER.
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I ALWAYS FELT A NEED TO PROVE I COULD DO THINGS AS WELL AS SHE, AND USUALLY ALL THAT WOULD HAPPEN IS I WOULD MAKE A ROYAL MESS OF IT ALL. SOMETHING ABOUT TRYING TOO HARD.
HOW COULD YOU GOOF SOMETHING UP? YOU'RE PERFECT!
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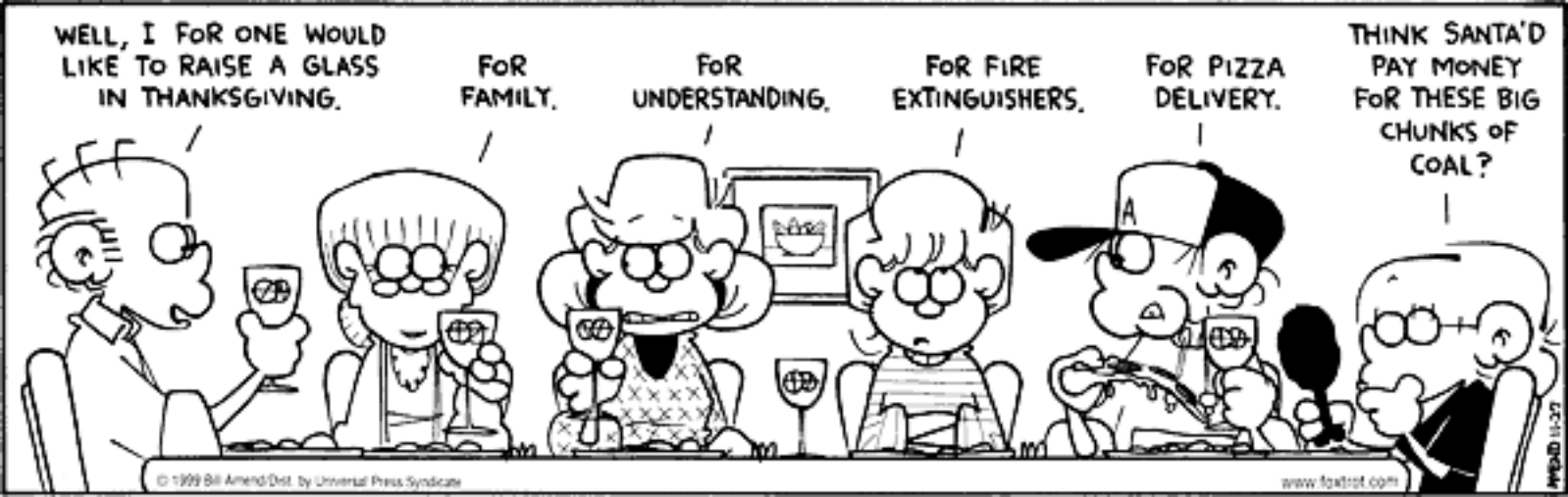
BUT DON'T YOU SEE? YOU ONLY THINK THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE MY DAUGHTER.
NO, I'M QUOTING THAT NEW YORK TIMES STORY ABOUT YOU.
OK, BUT IT'S ALSO A DAUGHTER'S PERSPECTIVE.
NOT ANY DAUGHTER I KNOW.
WAY TO BOTCH DINNER, MOM.


WELL, I FOR ONE WOULD LIKE TO RAISE A GLASS IN THANKSGIVING.
FOR FAMILY.
FOR UNDERSTANDING.
FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.
FOR PIZZA DELIVERY.
THINK SANTA'D PAY MONEY FOR THESE BIG CHUNKS OF COAL?
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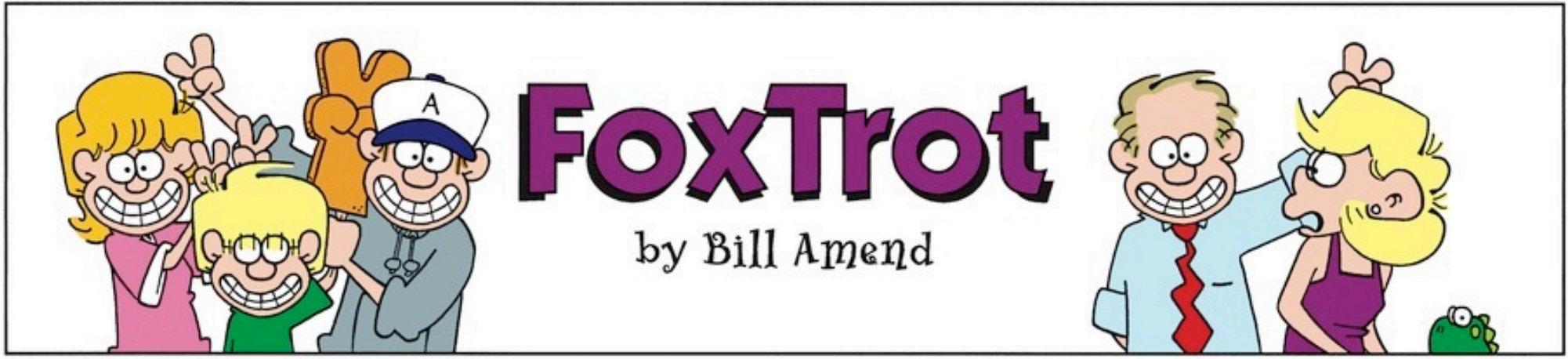
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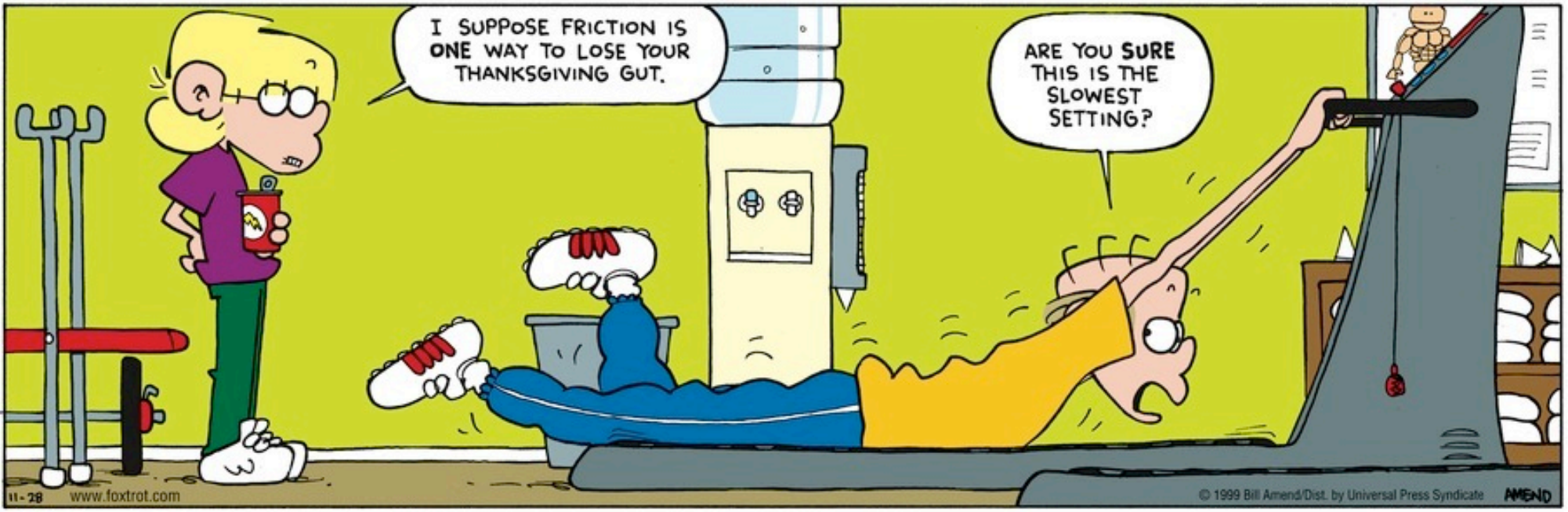
I SUPPOSE FRICTION IS ONE WAY TO LOSE YOUR THANKSGIVING GUT.
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE SLOWEST SETTING?
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WOOHOO! IT'S THE WEEK AFTER THANKSGIVING!
TIME TO PUT ON A SCARF... HAT... MITTENS...
...AND LET THE SLEDDING SEASON BEGIN!
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SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
SON, LOOK OUT– I'M PRACTICING MY CHIPPING.
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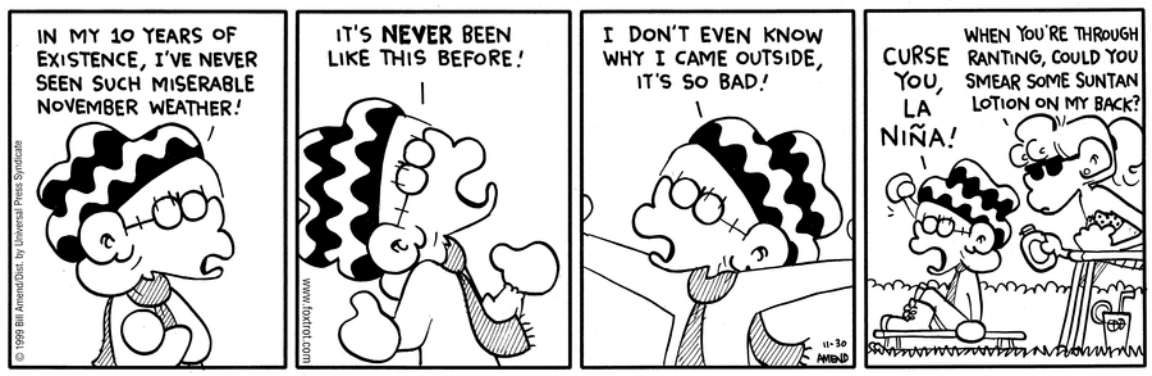
IN MY 10 YEARS OF EXISTENCE, I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH MISERABLE NOVEMBER WEATHER!
IT'S NEVER BEEN LIKE THIS BEFORE!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I CAME OUTSIDE, IT'S SO BAD!
CURSE YOU, LA NIÑA!
WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH RANTING, COULD YOU SMEAR SOME SUNTAN LOTION ON MY BACK?
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SNOW, DARN IT!
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I COMMAND YOU CLOUDS TO SNOW!
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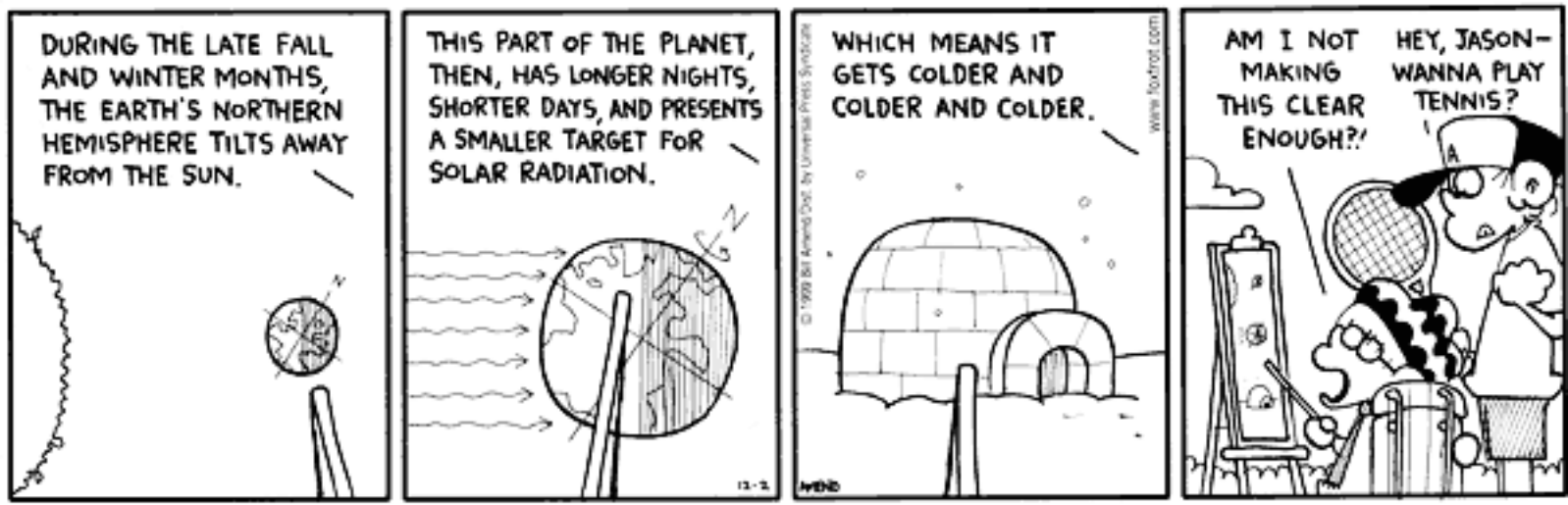
I COMMAND YOU CLOUDS TO LISTEN TO ME!


DURING THE LATE FALL AND WINTER MONTHS, THE EARTH'S NORTHERN HEMISPHERE TILTS AWAY FROM THE SUN.
N
THIS PART OF THE PLANET, THEN, HAS LONGER NIGHTS, SHORTER DAYS, AND PRESENTS A SMALLER TARGET FOR SOLAR RADIATION.
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WHICH MEANS IT GETS COLDER AND COLDER AND COLDER.
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AM I NOT MAKING THIS CLEAR ENOUGH?!
HEY, JASON— WANNA PLAY TENNIS?

UM, JASON, YOU MIGHT WANT TO MOVE.
THIS IS DECEMBER! SLEDS HAVE PRIORITY OVER FRISBEES!
MAYBE YOU CAN SLED OVER HERE, JASON — I DRIBBLED SOME ICE CREAM.

IT'S SNOWING! IT'S SNOWING! IT'S ACTUALLY SNOWING!
I KNEW IF I SAT OUT HERE LONG ENOUGH, MOTHER NATURE WOULD COME THROUGH! I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT!
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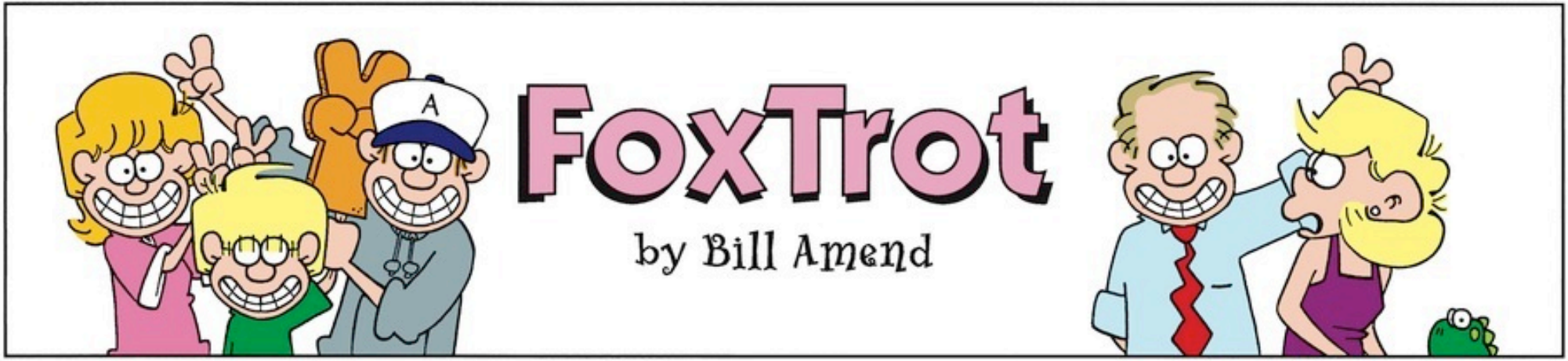
PETER, WILL YOU CLOSE THE BATHROOM WINDOW WHEN YOU BLOW-DRY YOUR HAIR?!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SO TELL ME, PRINCESS, IF I WERE TO PLACE A FROZEN PEA ON TOP, WOULD YOU FEEL IT?
HA HA. I WISH YOU'D JUST LET ME RAISE THE THERMOSTAT.
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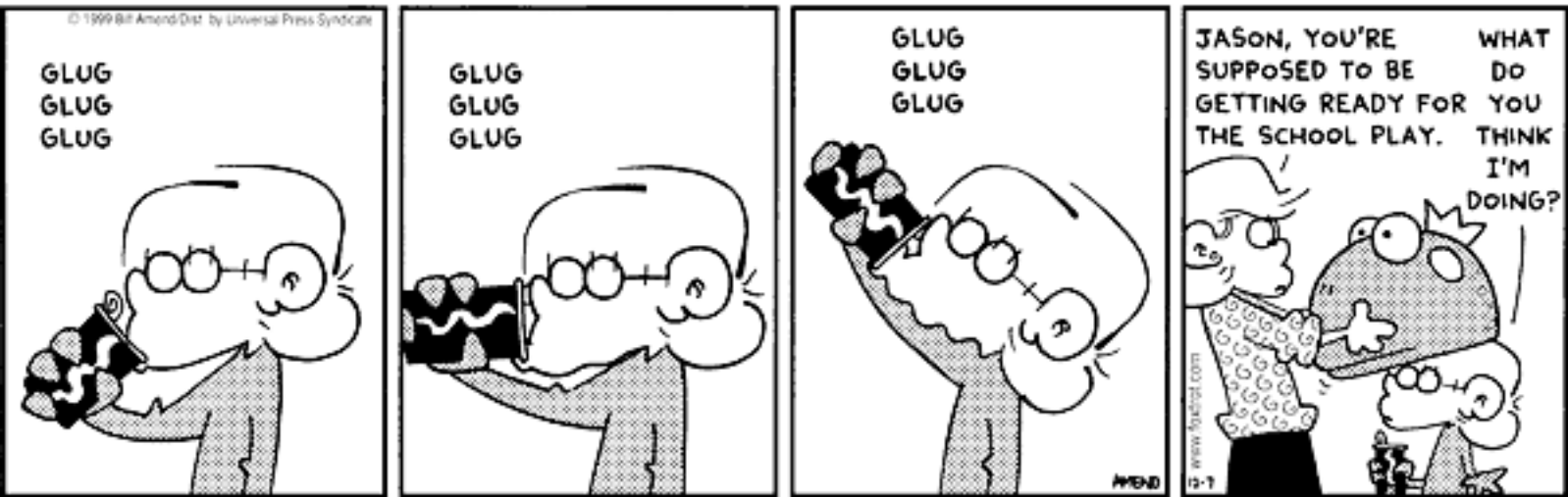
WE HAD A MARINE CORPS RECRUITER TALK TO OUR CLASS TODAY.
HE TOLD US ALL ABOUT THE RIGORS OF BOOT CAMP: THE 4 A.M. WAKE-UP CALLS...THE TWENTY-MILE RUNS IN FULL COMBAT GEAR...THE OBSTACLE COURSES WITH BARBED WIRE AND LIVE AMMO...
THAT DOESN'T SOUND TOO APPEALING.
THEN HE HELD UP FOR COMPARISON A COLLEGE CALCULUS TEXTBOOK.
SMART MAN.
HE COULDN'T HAND OUT APPLICATIONS FAST ENOUGH.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JASON, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GETTING READY FOR THE SCHOOL PLAY.
WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M DOING?
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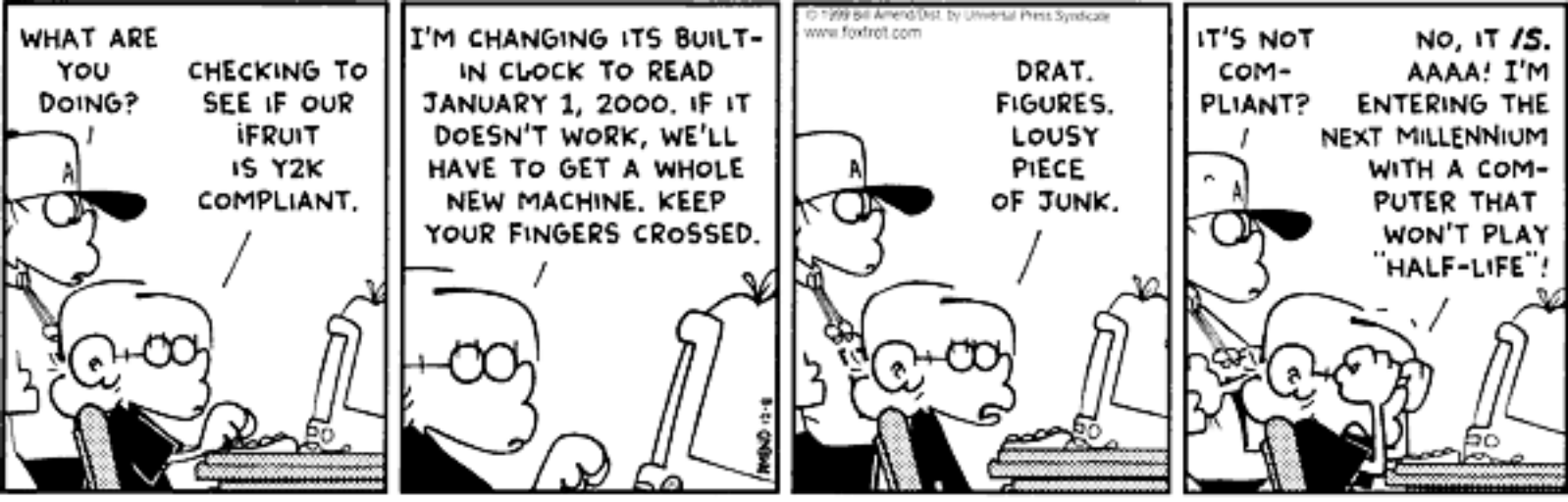
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CHECKING TO SEE IF OUR IFRUIT IS Y2K COMPLIANT.
I'M CHANGING ITS BUILT-IN CLOCK TO READ JANUARY 1, 2000. IF IT DOESN'T WORK, WE'LL HAVE TO GET A WHOLE NEW MACHINE. KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED.
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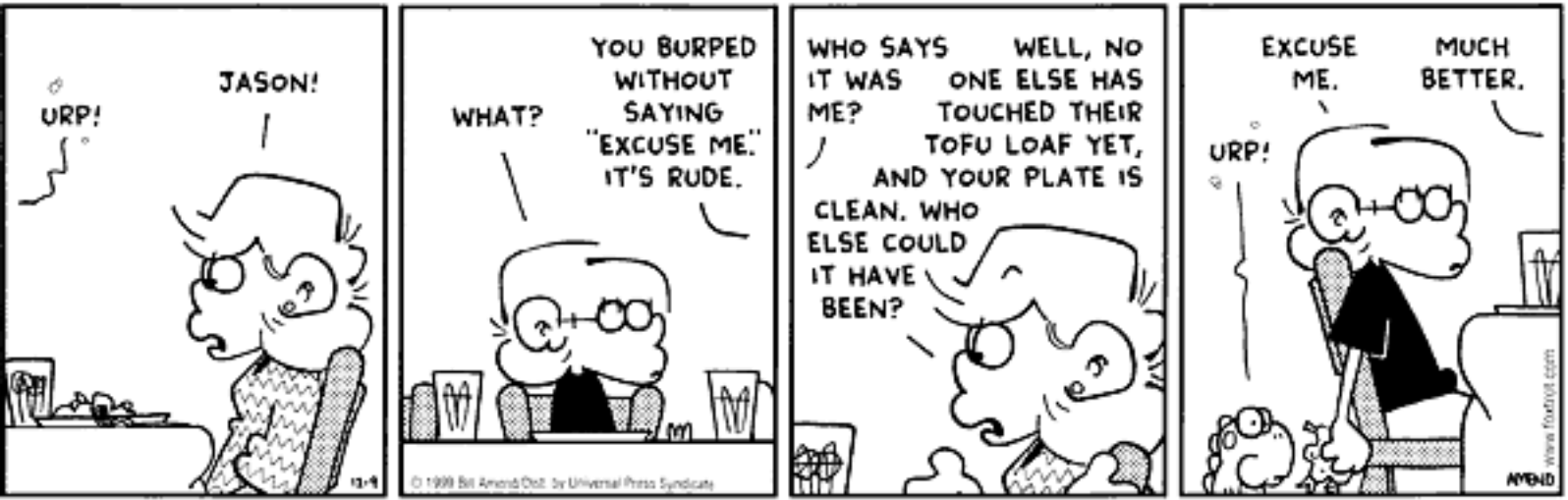
DRAT. FIGURES. LOUSY PIECE OF JUNK.
IT'S NOT COM-PLIANT?
NO, IT IS. AAAA! I'M ENTERING THE NEXT MILLENNIUM WITH A COM-PUTER THAT WON'T PLAY "HALF-LIFE"!


URP!
JASON!
WHAT?
YOU BURPED WITHOUT SAYING "EXCUSE ME." IT'S RUDE.
WHO SAYS IT WAS ME?
WELL, NO ONE ELSE HAS TOUCHED THEIR TOFU LOAF YET, AND YOUR PLATE IS CLEAN. WHO ELSE COULD IT HAVE BEEN?
URP!
EXCUSE ME.
MUCH BETTER.
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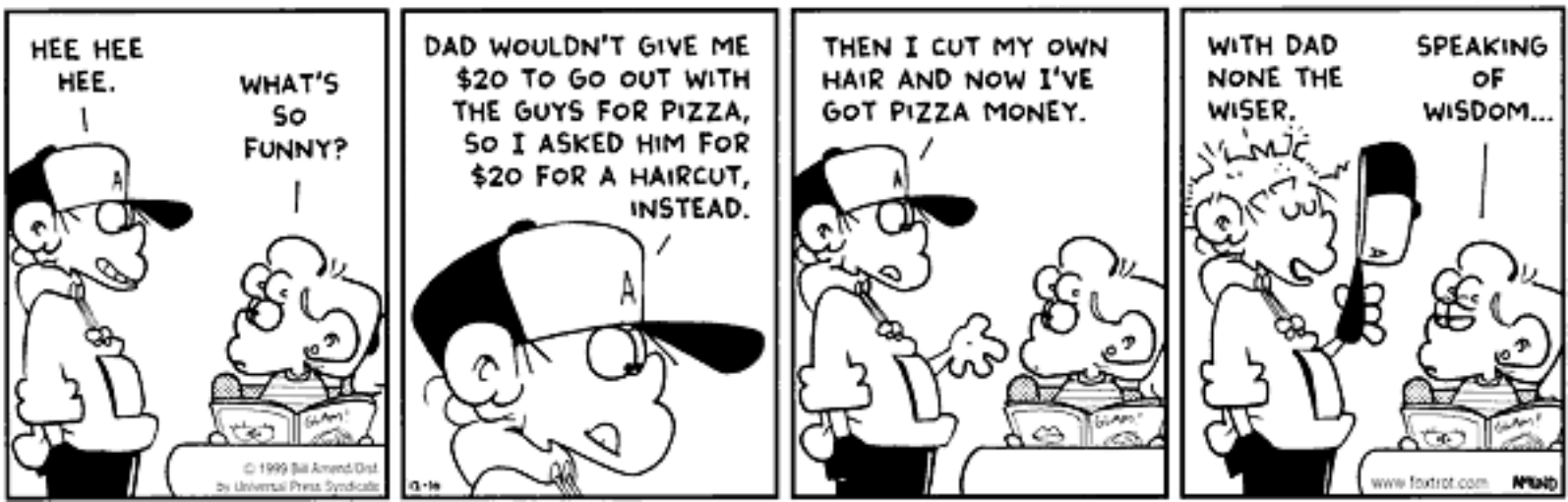
HEE HEE HEE.
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
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DAD WOULDN'T GIVE ME $20 TO GO OUT WITH THE GUYS FOR PIZZA, SO I ASKED HIM FOR $20 FOR A HAIRCUT, INSTEAD.
THEN I CUT MY OWN HAIR AND NOW I'VE GOT PIZZA MONEY.
WITH DAD NONE THE WISER.
SPEAKING OF WISDOM...
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CHIPPERS
Mr. Chips
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GLUG GLUG
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HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED HOW DIFFERENT OUR METABOLISMS ARE?
IN WHAT WAY?
Mr. Chips
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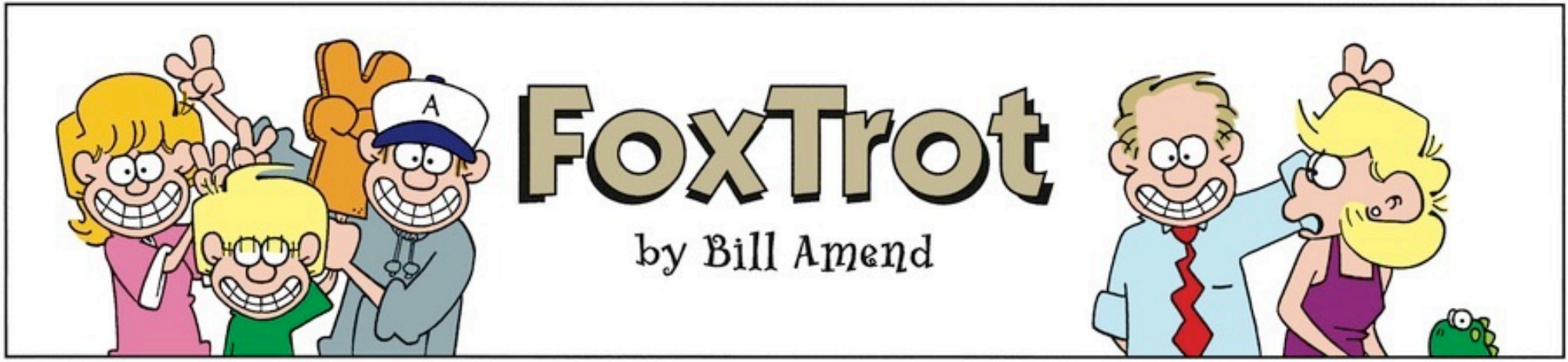

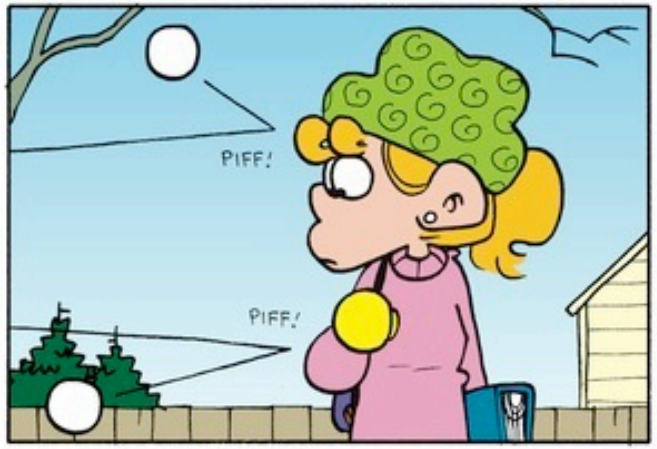

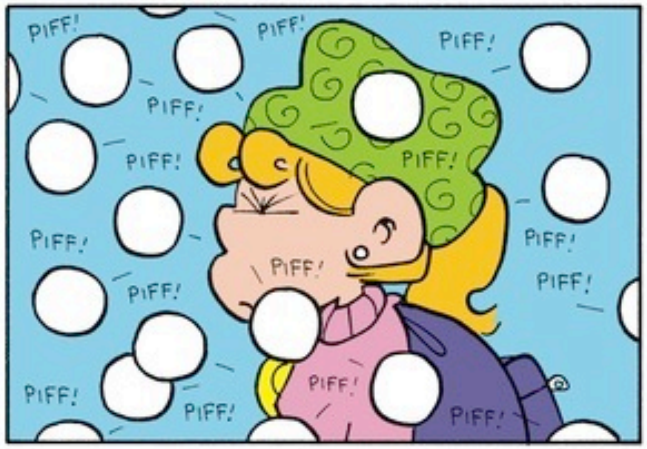

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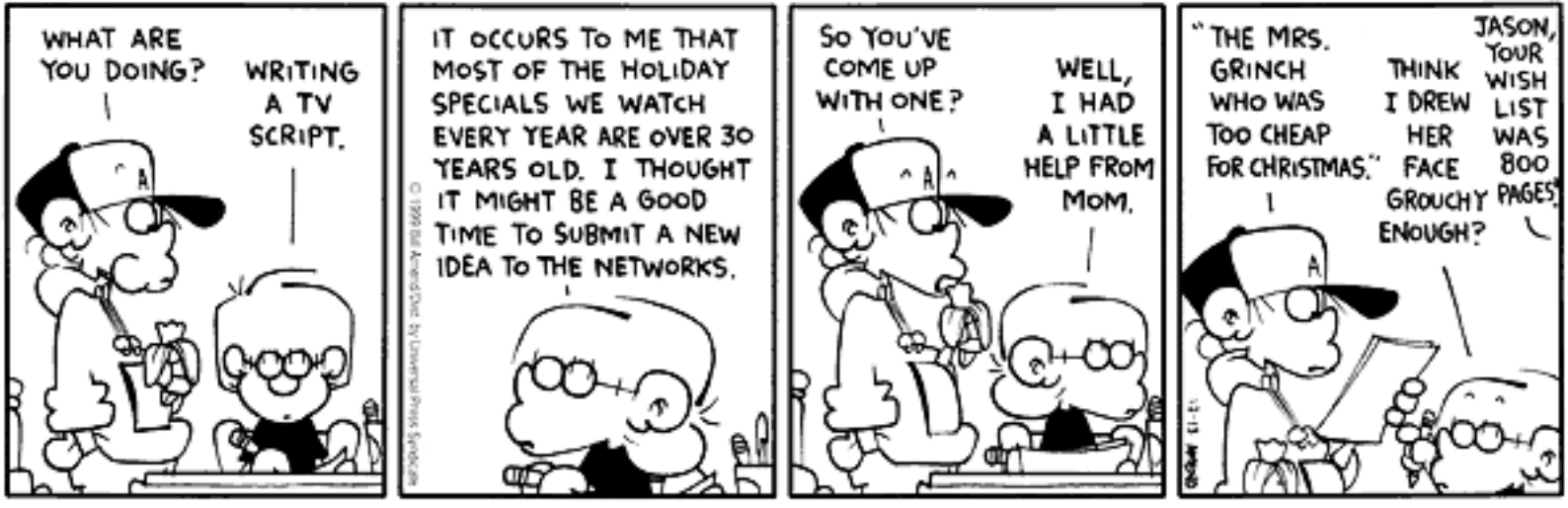
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WRITING A TV SCRIPT.
IT OCCURS TO ME THAT MOST OF THE HOLIDAY SPECIALS WE WATCH EVERY YEAR ARE OVER 30 YEARS OLD. I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME TO SUBMIT A NEW IDEA TO THE NETWORKS.
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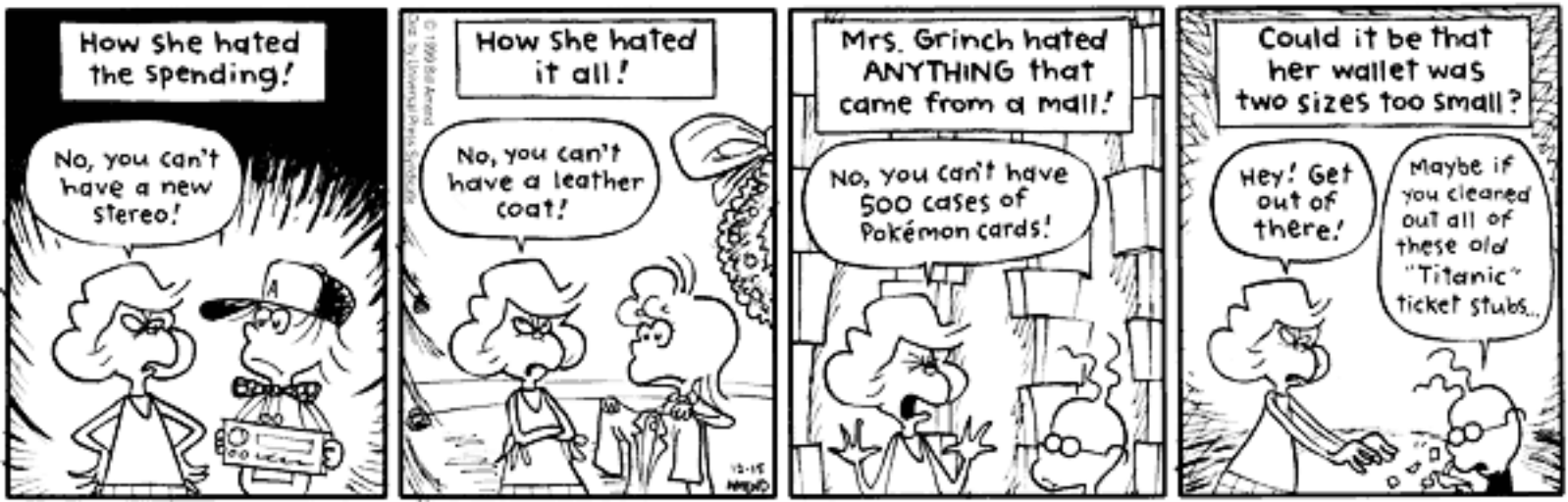
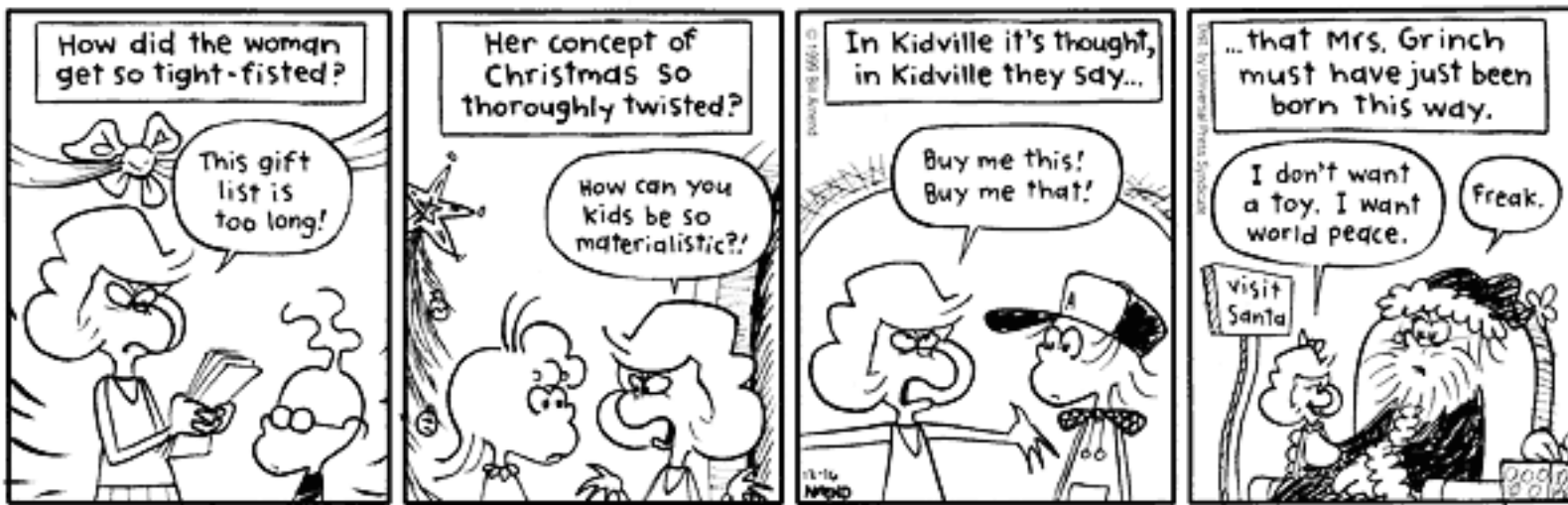
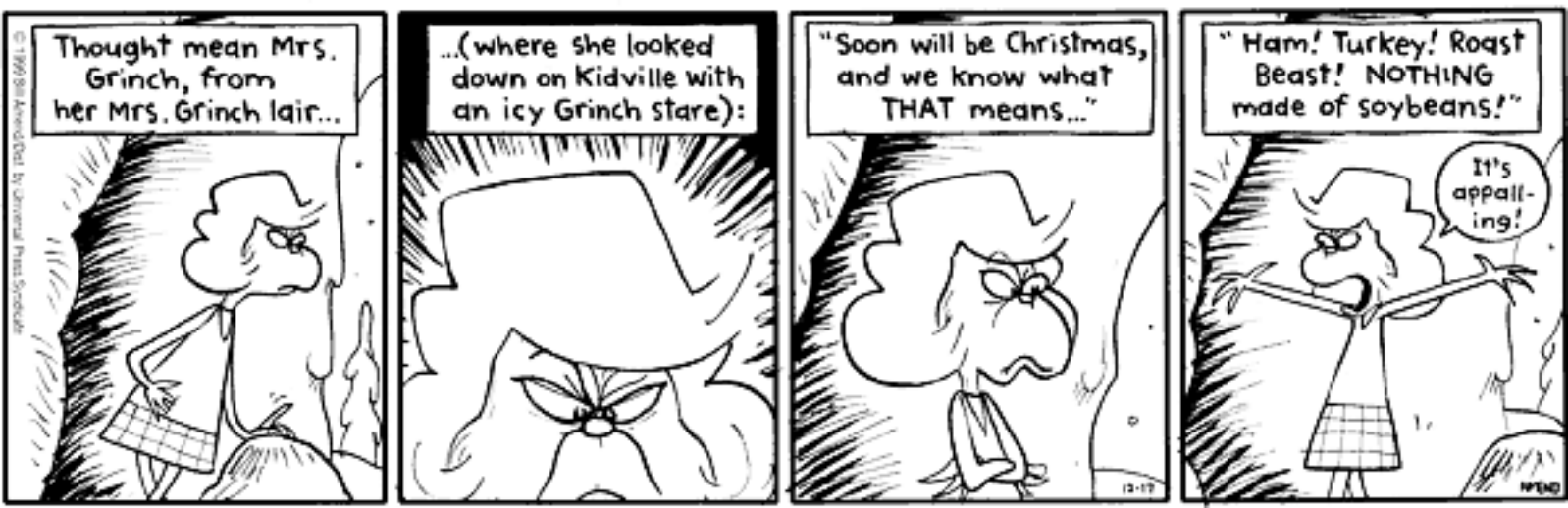
SO YOU'VE COME UP WITH ONE?
WELL, I HAD A LITTLE HELP FROM MOM.
"THE MRS. GRINCH WHO WAS TOO CHEAP FOR CHRISTMAS."
THINK I DREW HER FACE GROUCHY ENOUGH?
JASON, YOUR WISH LIST WAS 800 PAGES.

Every kid down in Kidville liked Christmas a lot.
But Mrs. Grinch, who looked down on Kidville, did NOT.
Mrs. Grinch HATED Christmas! The gifts and the presents!
She wanted those kids to live like poor PEASANTS!
A $5,000 computer?!? Are you mad?!?
Cheap-skate.


How she hated the spending!
No, you can't have a new stereo!
How she hated it all!
No, you can't have a leather coat!
Mrs. Grinch hated ANYTHING that came from a mall!
No, you can't have 500 cases of Pokémon cards!
Could it be that her wallet was two sizes too small?
Hey! Get out of there!
Maybe if you cleaned out all of these old "Titanic" ticket stubs...


How did the woman get so tight-fisted?
This gift list is too long!
Her concept of Christmas so thoroughly twisted?
How can you kids be so materialistic?!
In Kidville it's thought, in Kidville they say...
Buy me this! Buy me that!
...that Mrs. Grinch must have just been born this way.
I don't want a toy. I want world peace.
Freak.
visit Santa


Thought mean Mrs. Grinch, from her Mrs. Grinch lair...
...(where she looked down on Kidville with an icy Grinch stare):
"Soon will be Christmas, and we know what THAT means..."
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" Ham! Turkey! Roast Beast! NOTHING made of soybeans!"
It's appall-ing!
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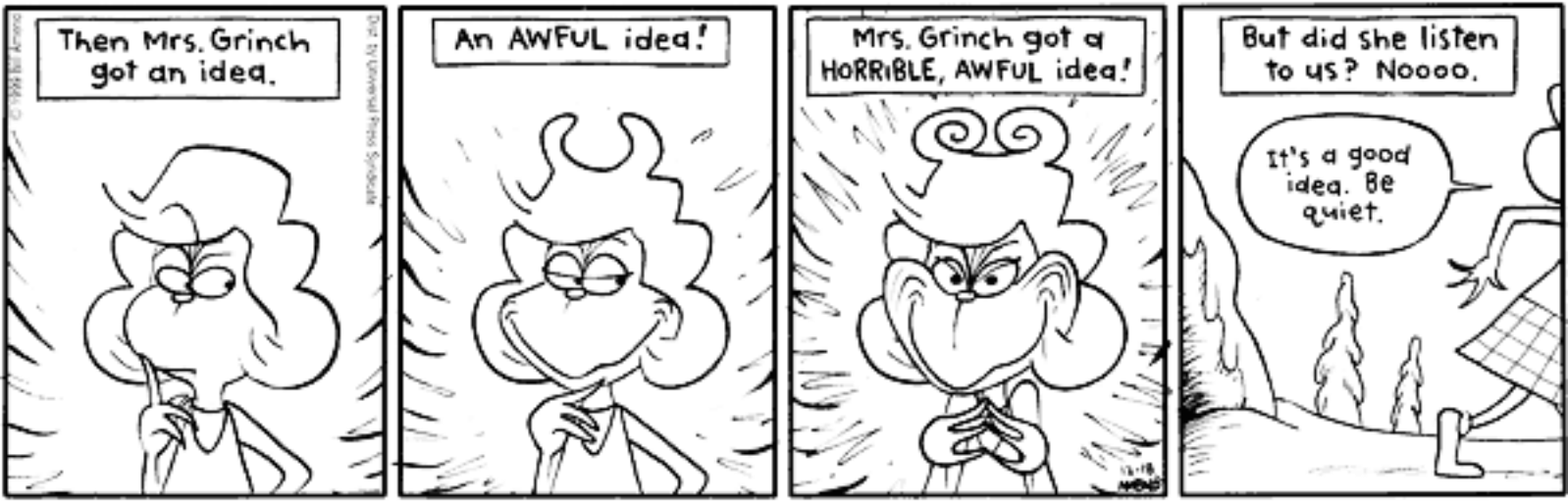
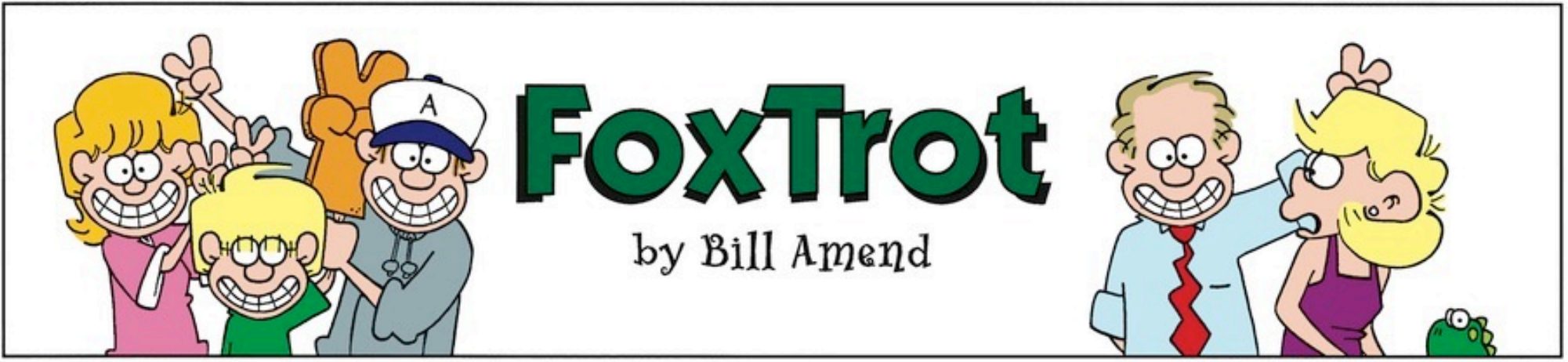

Then Mrs. Grinch got an idea.
An AWFUL idea!
Mrs. Grinch got a HORRIBLE, AWFUL idea!
But did she listen to us? Noooo.
It's a good idea. Be quiet.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QUINCY, YOU HAVE GOT TO STOP CHEWING ON THESE WIRES!
STILL, IT'S A NICE EFFECT.
JUST DON'T DOUSE HIM IN THE EGGNOG THIS YEAR, PLEASE.
NEW!
DUDE
SACKS
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"I know JUST what to do!" Mrs. Grinch laughed to herself...
...as she grabbed her Grinch keychain from off of her shelf.
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And while Kidville was sleeping, Mrs. Grinch did speed...
... to buy cheap WHOLESOME presents! What a wretched Grinch deed!
Give me all your flash cards!

She replaced the kids' toys with tofu and tomes!

Video games scrapped for old books of old poems!
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Mrs. Grinch took the Jet Skis! The rockets! The cars!
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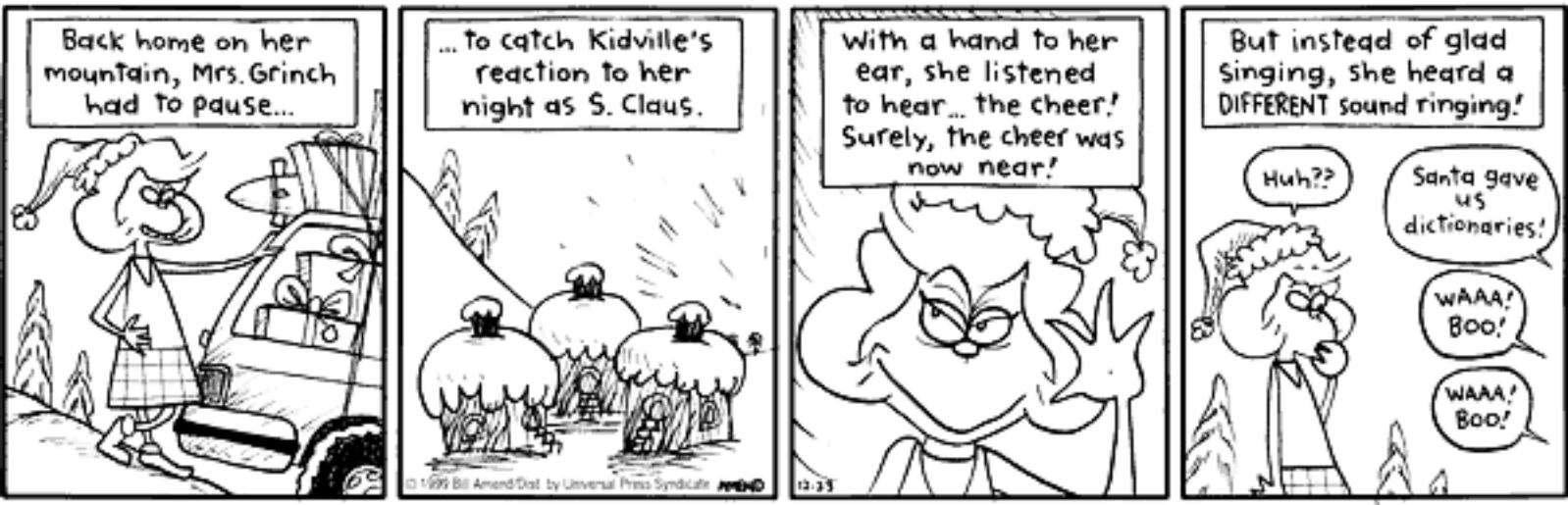
In their stead she left packets of granola fruit bars!
I'm so good to them!

Just at that moment a little kid boy, saw Mrs. Grinch swap practical clothes for his toy.
Um...
"Why, Santy Claus, why?" asked the sweet little tyke. "Why are you trading these socks for my bike?"
"My dear little lad," the mean Mrs. Grinch lied, "these socks are much better than some bike you can ride."
"These socks are unbleached! This wool is undyed! The yarn in these socks was organically farmed with pride!"
Oh joy.


Back home on her mountain, Mrs. Grinch had to pause...
... to catch Kidville's reaction to her night as S. Claus.
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With a hand to her ear, she listened to hear... the cheer! Surely, the cheer was now near!
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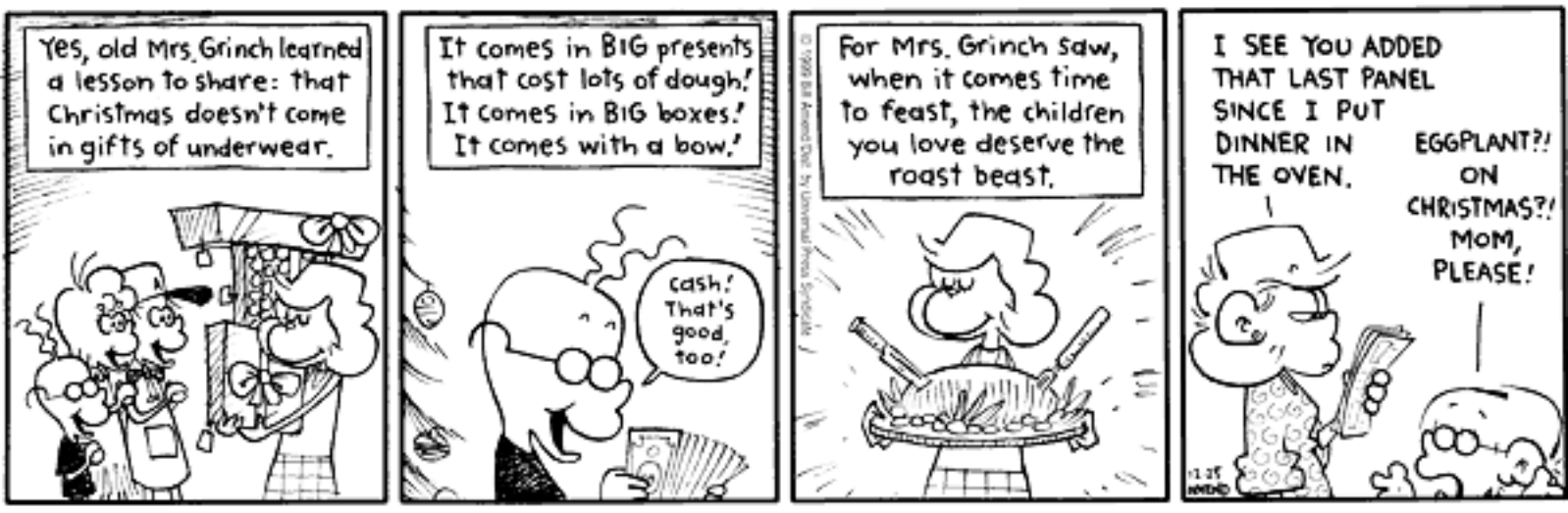
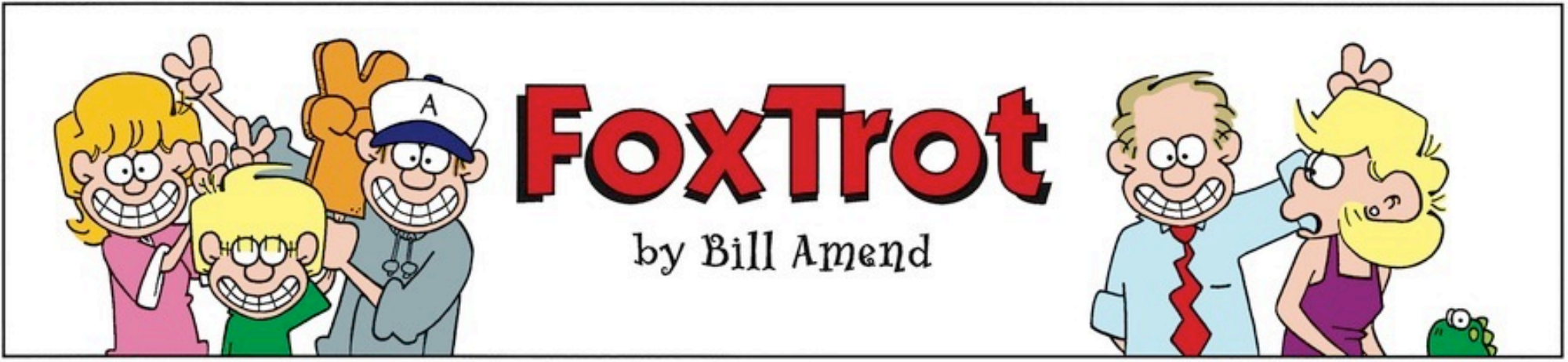
But instead of glad singing, she heard a DIFFERENT sound ringing!
Huh??
Santa gave us dictionaries!
WAAA! BOO!
WAAA! BOO!

From Kidville came cries! How the tears filled their eyes!
Handkerchief Tee
Toothpaste
Binder paper
The screams and the sobs took Mrs. Grinch by surprise!
But those presents were USE-FUL!
"Make these kids stop! Make their whines go away!"
WAAA! BOO! WAAA! BOO!
It's said that her eardrums swelled three sizes that day!
OK! OK! You win!


Yes, old Mrs. Grinch learned a lesson to share: that Christmas doesn't come in gifts of underwear.
It comes in BIG presents that cost lots of dough! It comes in BIG boxes! It comes with a bow!
cash! That's good, too!
For Mrs. Grinch saw, when it comes time to feast, the children you love deserve the roast beast.
I SEE YOU ADDED THAT LAST PANEL SINCE I PUT DINNER IN THE OVEN.
EGGPLANT?! ON CHRISTMAS?! MOM, PLEASE!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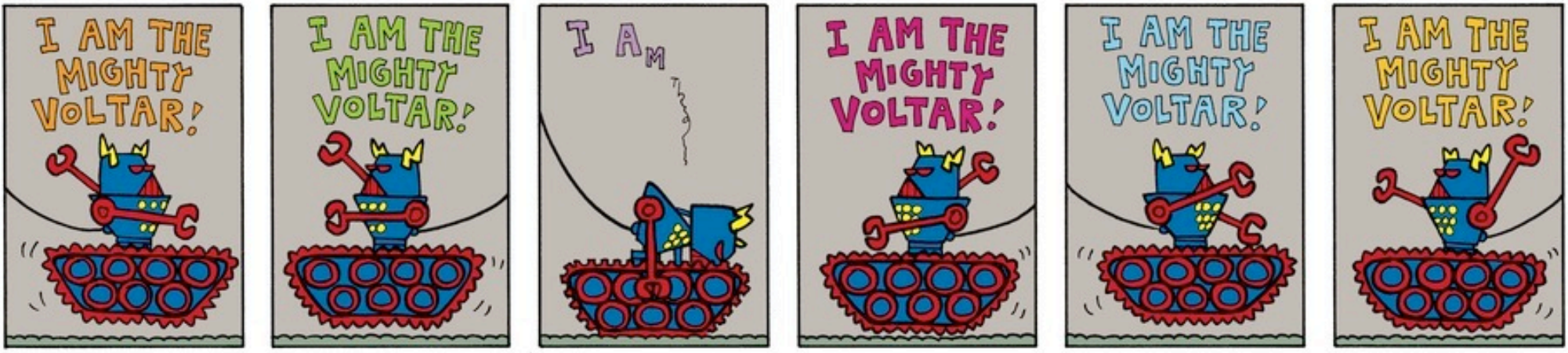
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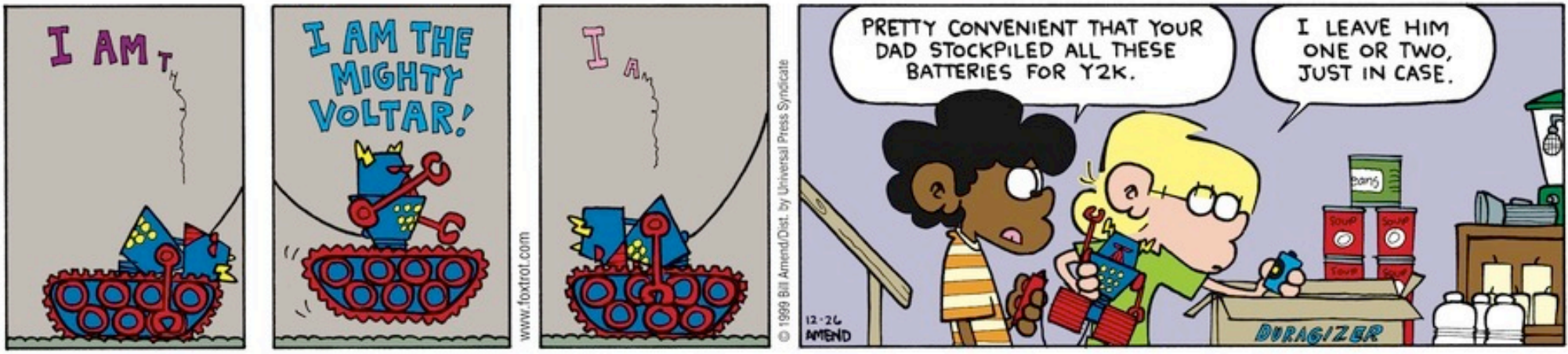
I AM
I AM THE MIGHTY VOLTAR!
I AM
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PRETTY CONVENIENT THAT YOUR DAD STOCKPILED ALL THESE BATTERIES FOR Y2K.
I LEAVE HIM ONE OR TWO, JUST IN CASE.
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WANT ME TO TAKE ALL THIS CHRISTMAS TRASH OUT TO THE GARBAGE?
WHY, JASON...
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I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME YOU VOLUNTEERED TO HELP CLEAN UP. IT'S SO... SO...
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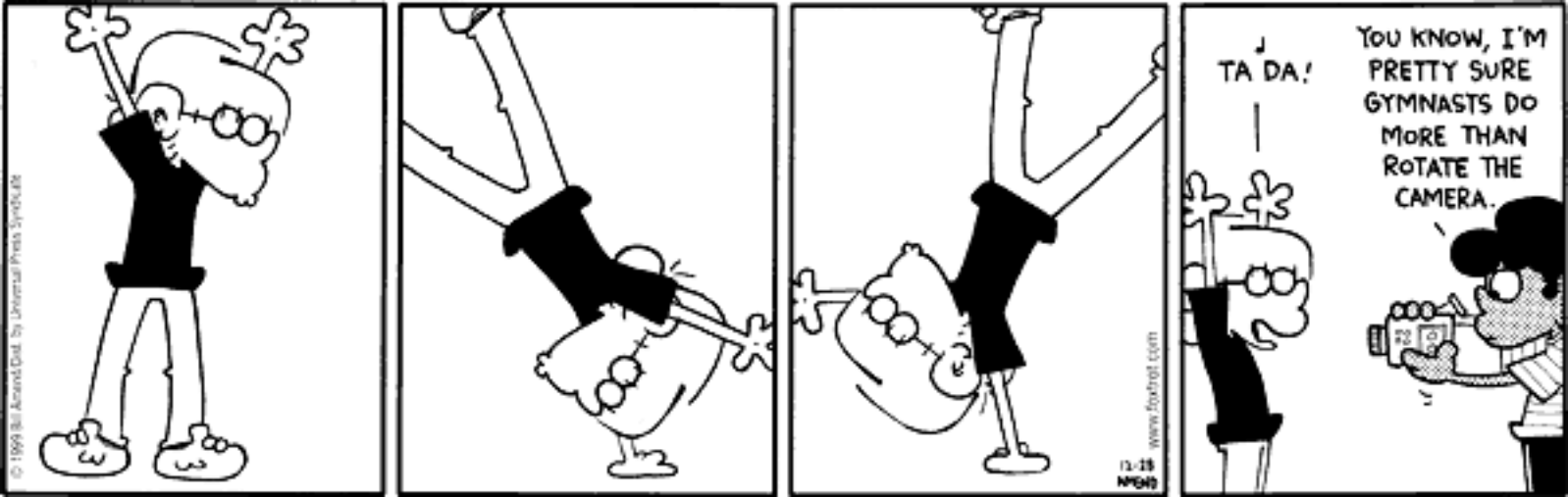
NICE? THOUGHTFUL? CONSIDERATE?
SUSPICIOUS.
MY REPUTATION IS KILLING ME.
GOSH, COULD THIS BE YOUR SISTER'S NEW BACKSTREET BOYS CD I FEEL IN HERE?


TA DA!
YOU KNOW, I'M PRETTY SURE GYMNASTS DO MORE THAN ROTATE THE CAMERA.
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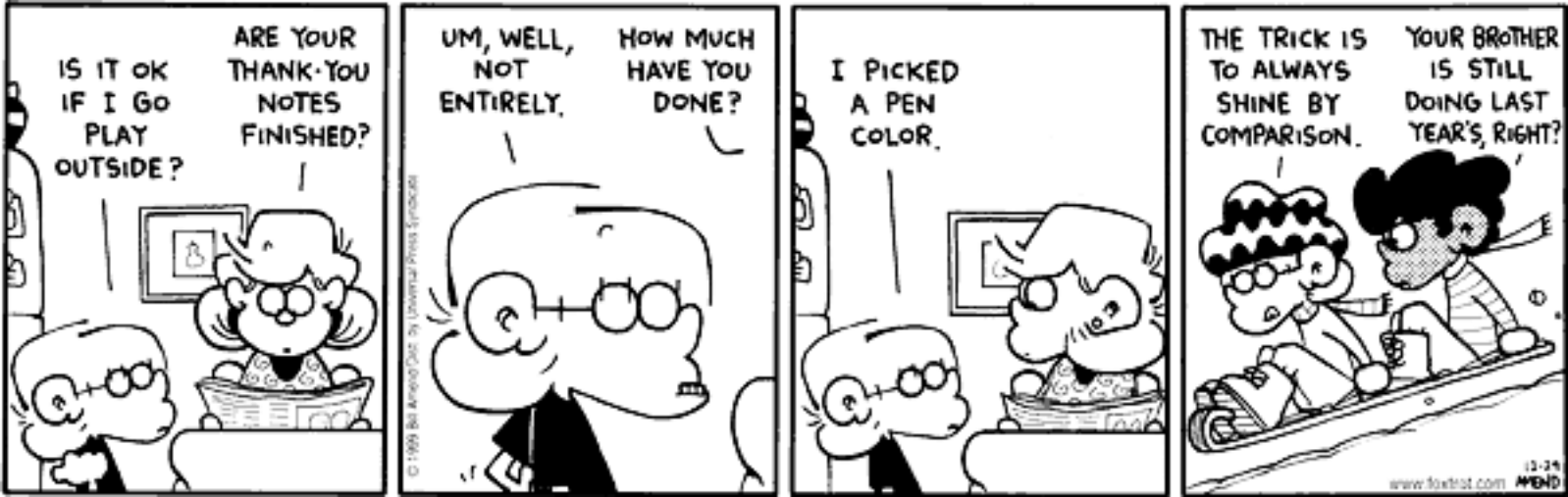
IS IT OK IF I GO PLAY OUTSIDE?
ARE YOUR THANK-YOU NOTES FINISHED?
UM, WELL, NOT ENTIRELY.
HOW MUCH HAVE YOU DONE?
I PICKED A PEN COLOR.
THE TRICK IS TO ALWAYS SHINE BY COMPARISON.
YOUR BROTHER IS STILL DOING LAST YEAR'S, RIGHT?
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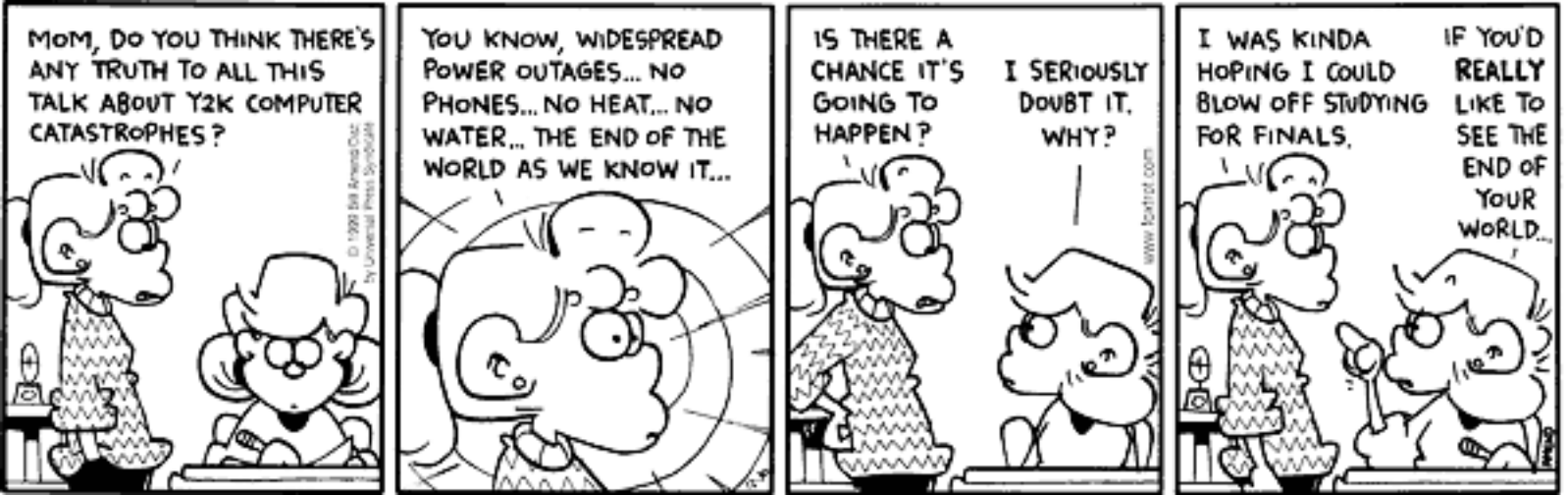
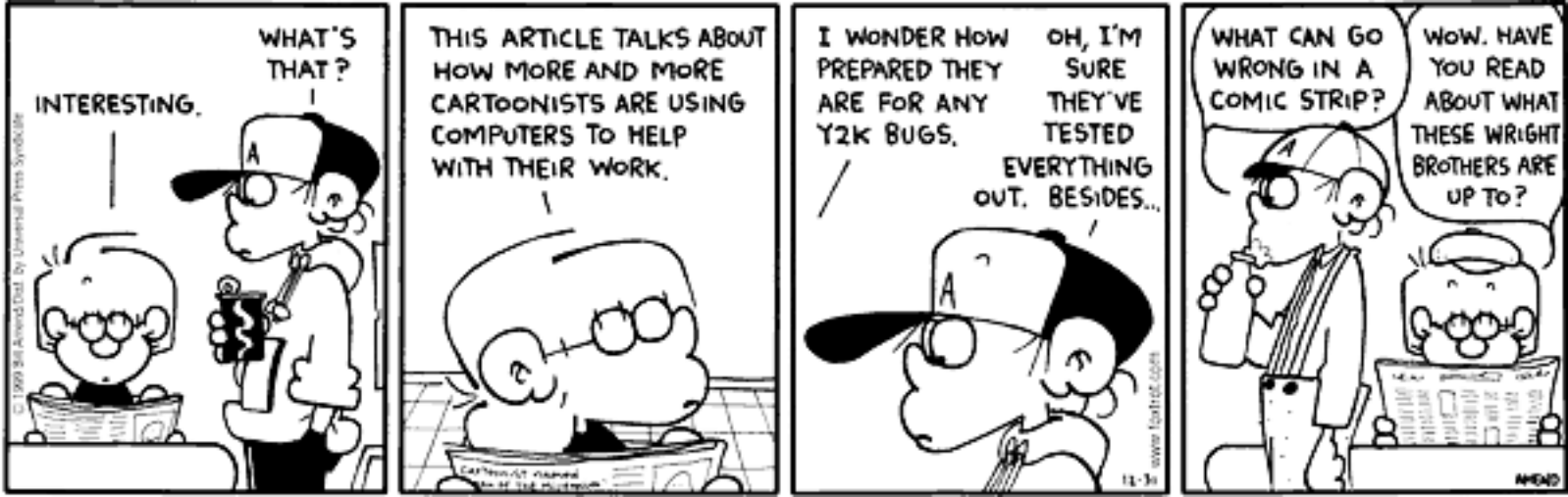
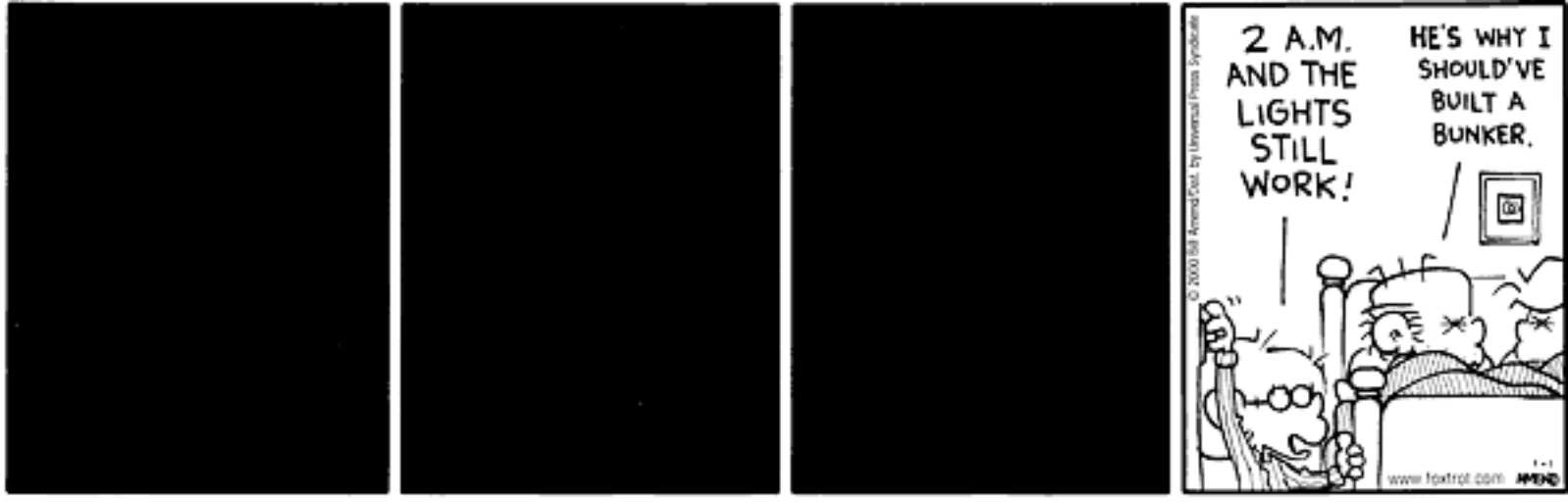

MOM, DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANY TRUTH TO ALL THIS TALK ABOUT Y2K COMPUTER CATASTROPHES?
YOU KNOW, WIDESPREAD POWER OUTAGES... NO PHONES... NO HEAT... NO WATER... THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT...
IS THERE A CHANCE IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?
I SERIOUSLY DOUBT IT. WHY?
I WAS KINDA HOPING I COULD BLOW OFF STUDYING FOR FINALS.
IF YOU'D REALLY LIKE TO SEE THE END OF YOUR WORLD...


WHAT'S THAT?
INTERESTING.
THIS ARTICLE TALKS ABOUT HOW MORE AND MORE CARTOONISTS ARE USING COMPUTERS TO HELP WITH THEIR WORK.
I WONDER HOW PREPARED THEY ARE FOR ANY Y2K BUGS.
OH, I'M SURE THEY'VE TESTED EVERYTHING OUT. BESIDES...
WHAT CAN GO WRONG IN A COMIC STRIP?
WOW. HAVE YOU READ ABOUT WHAT THESE WRIGHT BROTHERS ARE UP TO?
AHEAD


2 A.M. AND THE LIGHTS STILL WORK!
HE'S WHY I SHOULD'VE BUILT A BUNKER.
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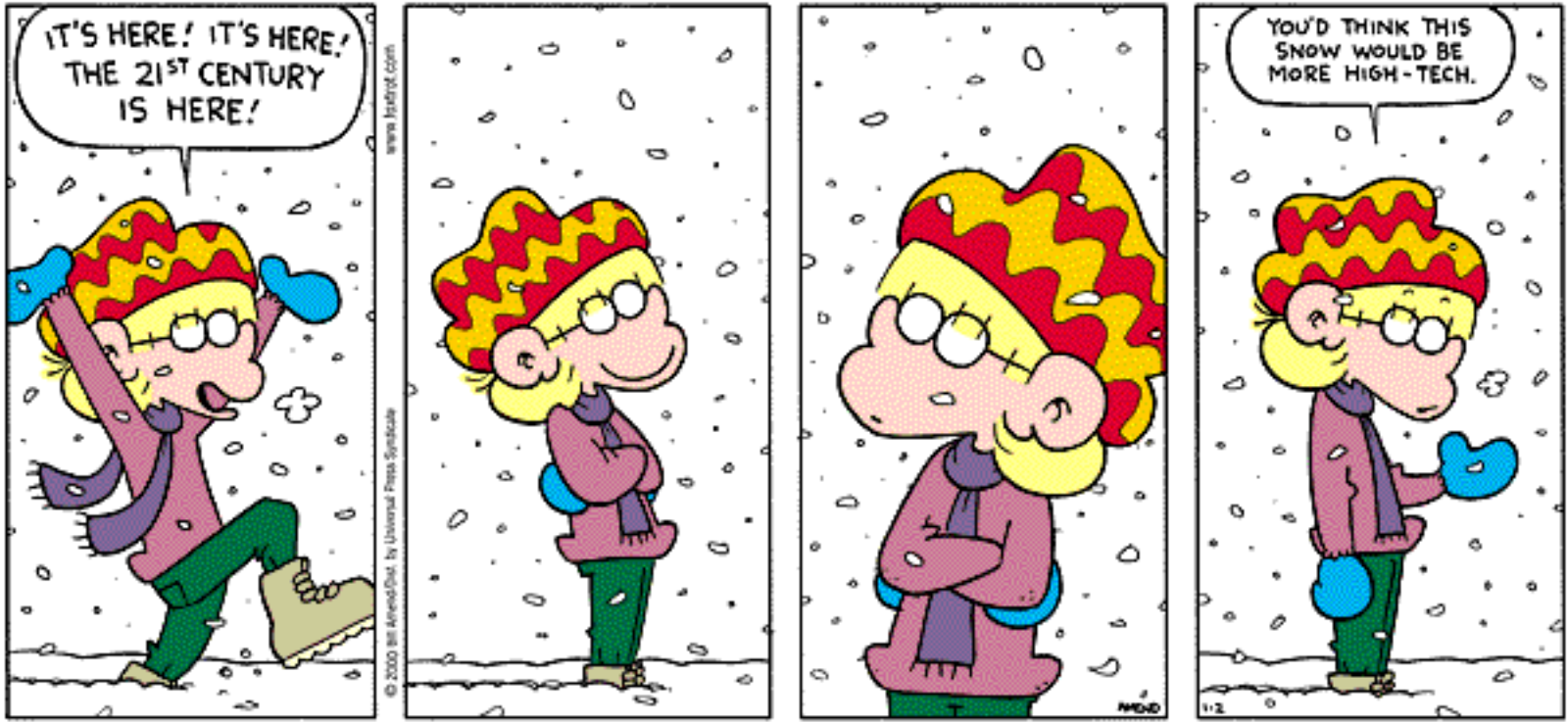
IT'S HERE! IT'S HERE! THE 21ST CENTURY IS HERE!
YOU'D THINK THIS SNOW WOULD BE MORE HIGH-TECH.
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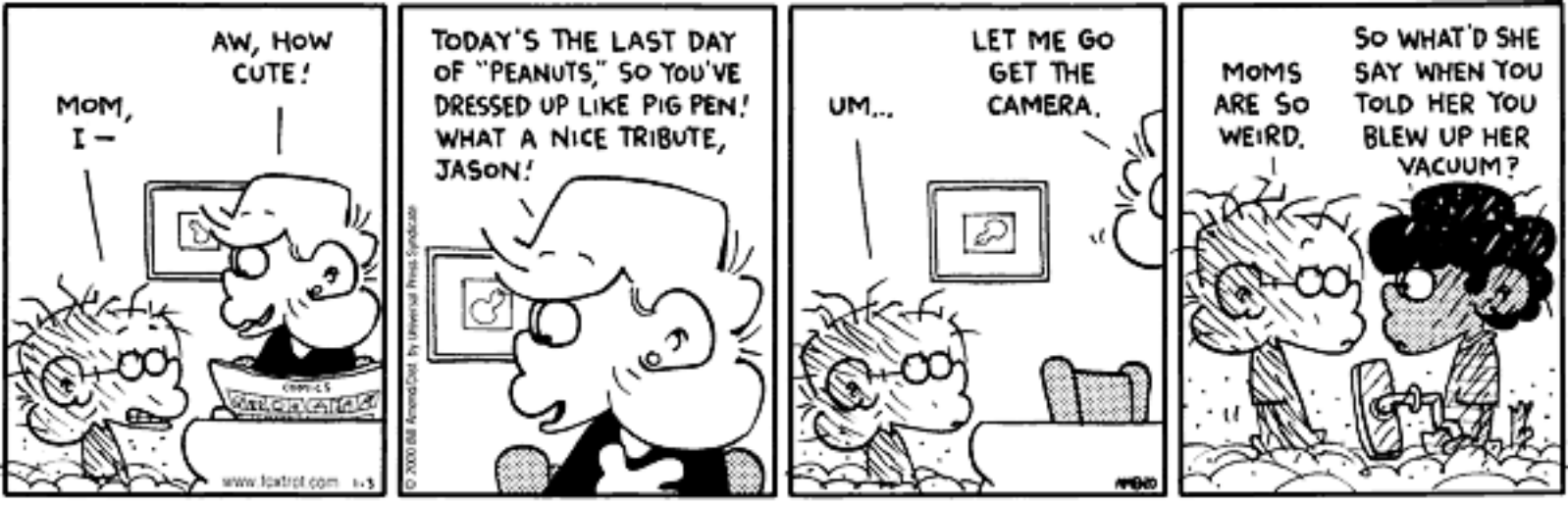
MOM, I –
AW, HOW CUTE!
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TODAY'S THE LAST DAY OF "PEANUTS," SO YOU'VE DRESSED UP LIKE PIG PEN! WHAT A NICE TRIBUTE, JASON!
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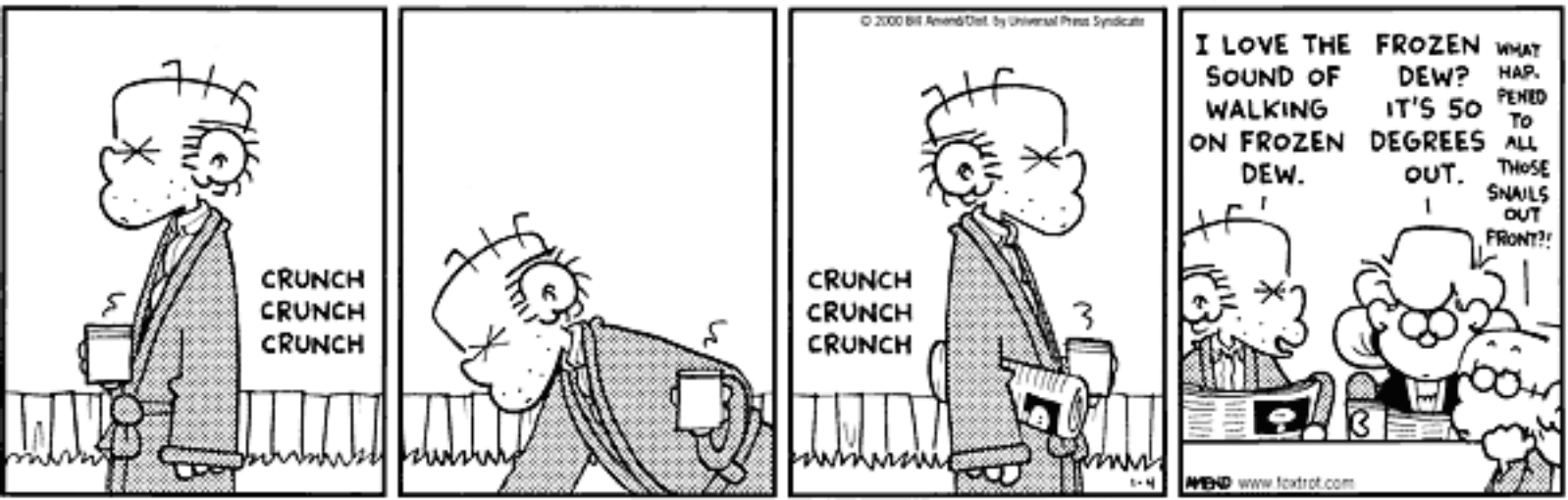
UM...
LET ME GO GET THE CAMERA.
MOMS ARE SO WEIRD.
SO WHAT'D SHE SAY WHEN YOU TOLD HER YOU BLEW UP HER VACUUM?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I LOVE THE SOUND OF WALKING ON FROZEN DEW.
FROZEN DEW? IT'S 50 DEGREES OUT.
WHAT HAP-PENED TO ALL THOSE SNAILS OUT FRONT?!
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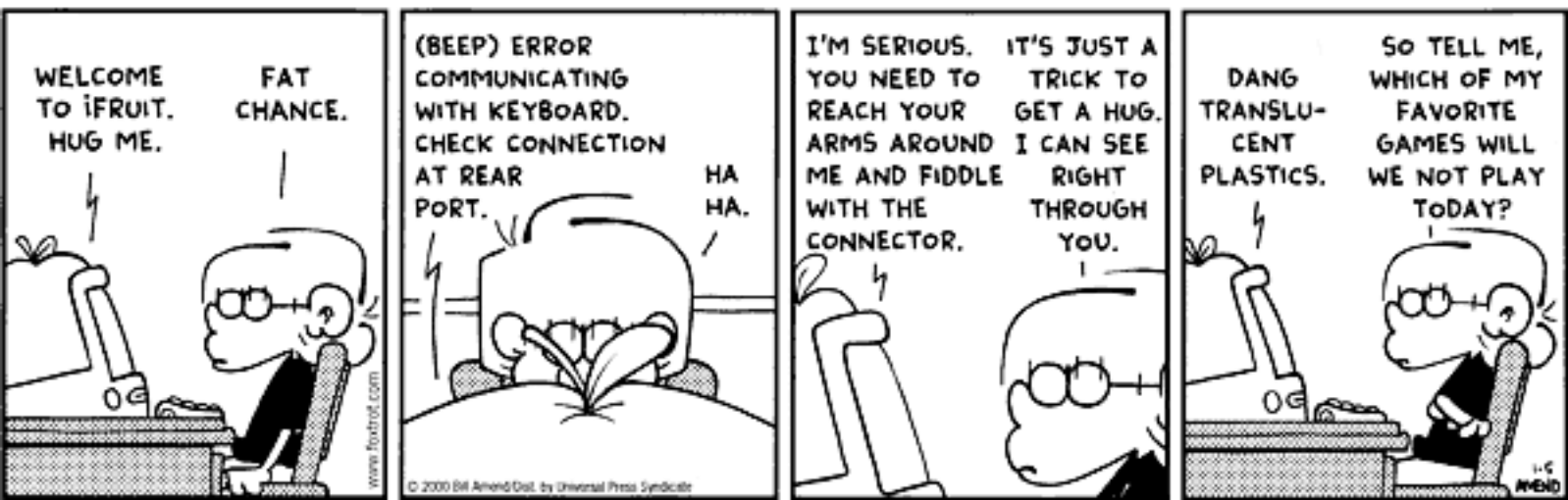
WELCOME TO iFRUIT. HUG ME.
FAT CHANCE.
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(BEEP) ERROR COMMUNICATING WITH KEYBOARD. CHECK CONNECTION AT REAR PORT.
HA HA.
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I'M SERIOUS. YOU NEED TO REACH YOUR ARMS AROUND ME AND FIDDLE WITH THE CONNECTOR.
IT'S JUST A TRICK TO GET A HUG. I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU.
DANG TRANSLU-CENT PLASTICS.
SO TELL ME, WHICH OF MY FAVORITE GAMES WILL WE NOT PLAY TODAY?
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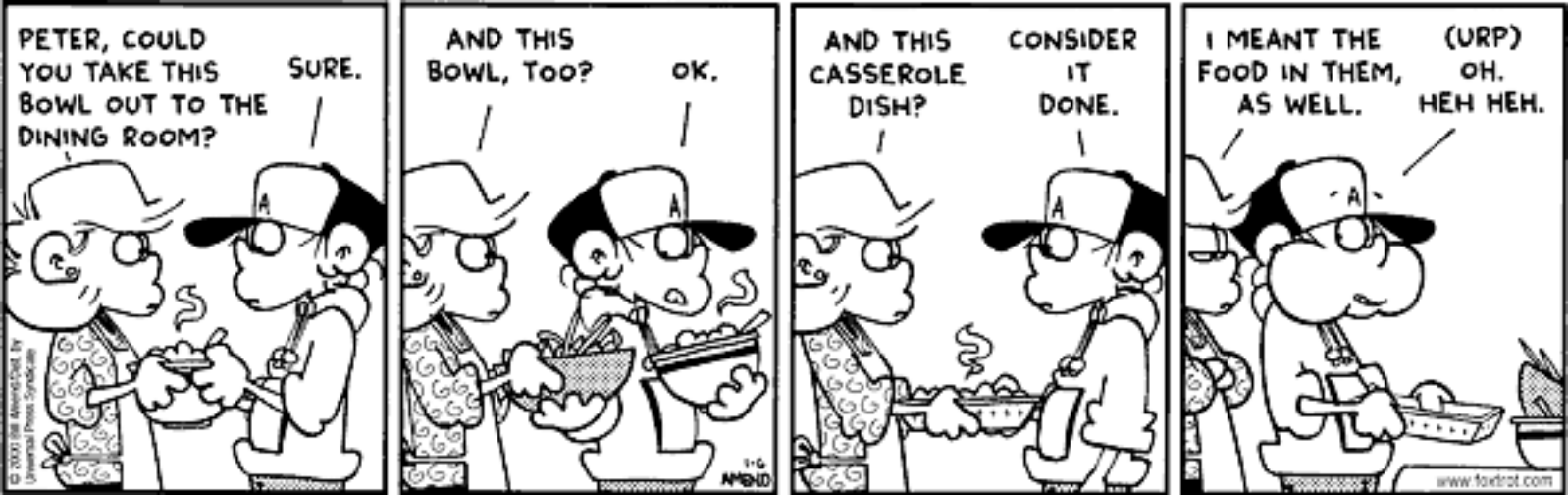
PETER, COULD YOU TAKE THIS BOWL OUT TO THE DINING ROOM?
SURE.
AND THIS BOWL, TOO?
OK.
AND THIS CASSEROLE DISH?
CONSIDER IT DONE.
I MEANT THE FOOD IN THEM, AS WELL.
(URP) OH. HEH HEH.
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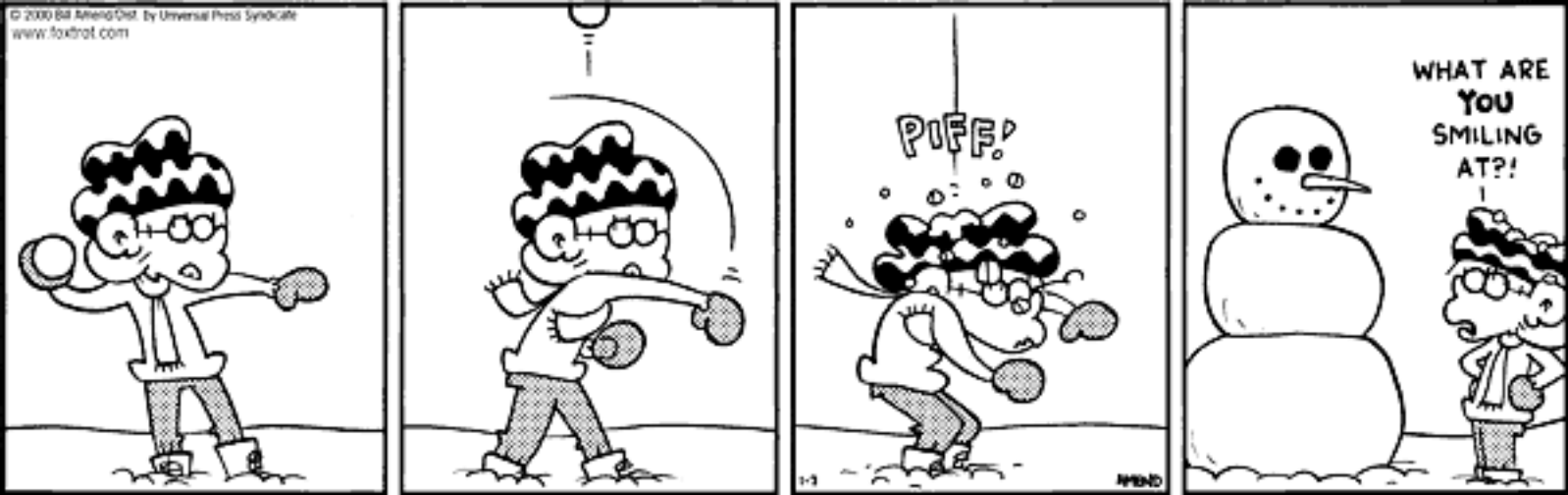
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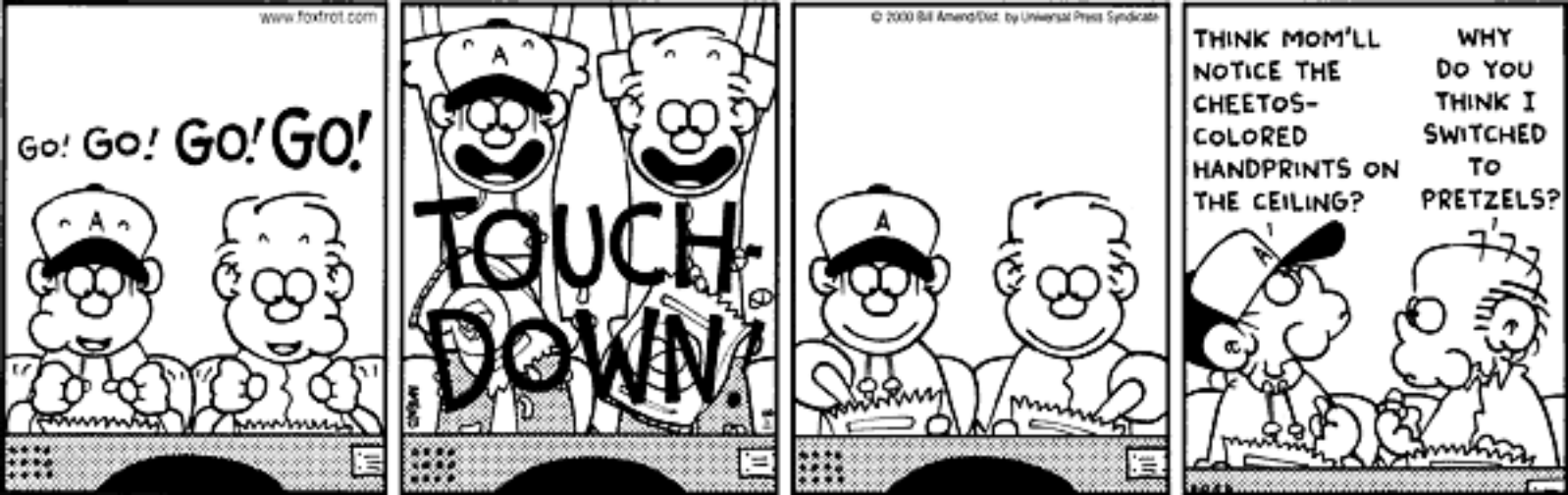
PIFF!
WHAT ARE YOU SMILING AT?!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GO! GO! GO! GO!
TOUCH-DOWN!
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THINK MOM'LL NOTICE THE CHEETOS-COLORED HANDPRINTS ON THE CEILING?
WHY DO YOU THINK I SWITCHED TO PRETZELS?

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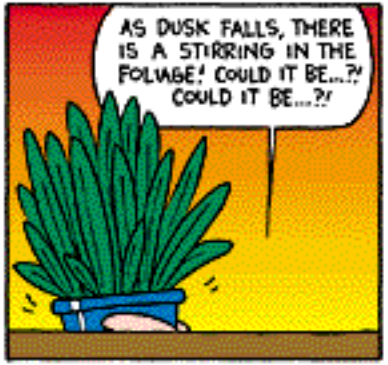

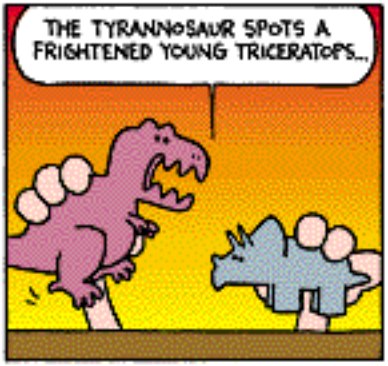

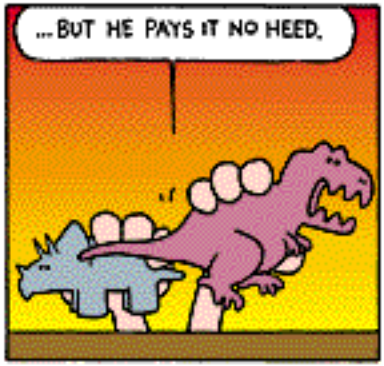

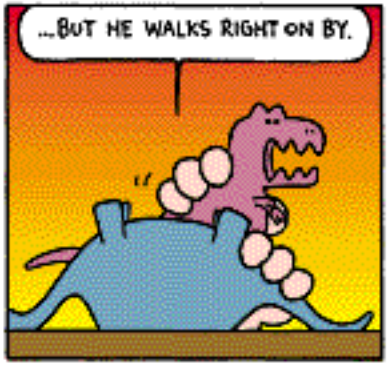

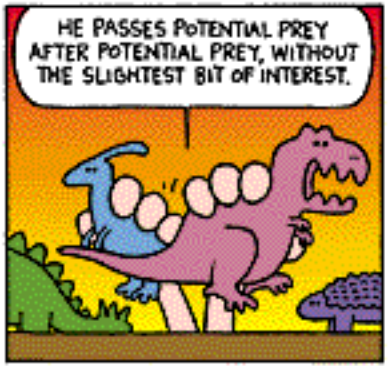

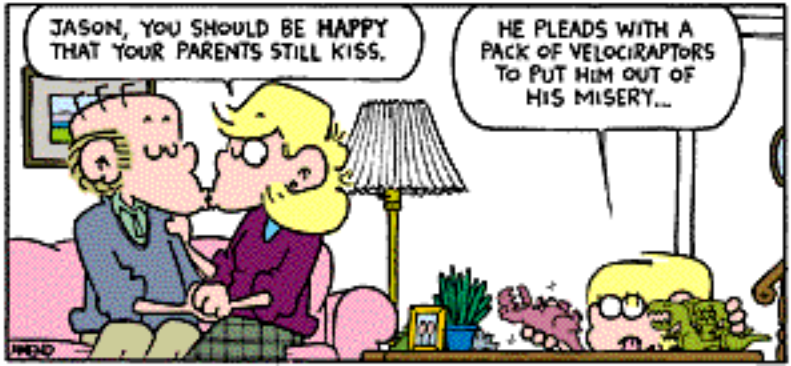

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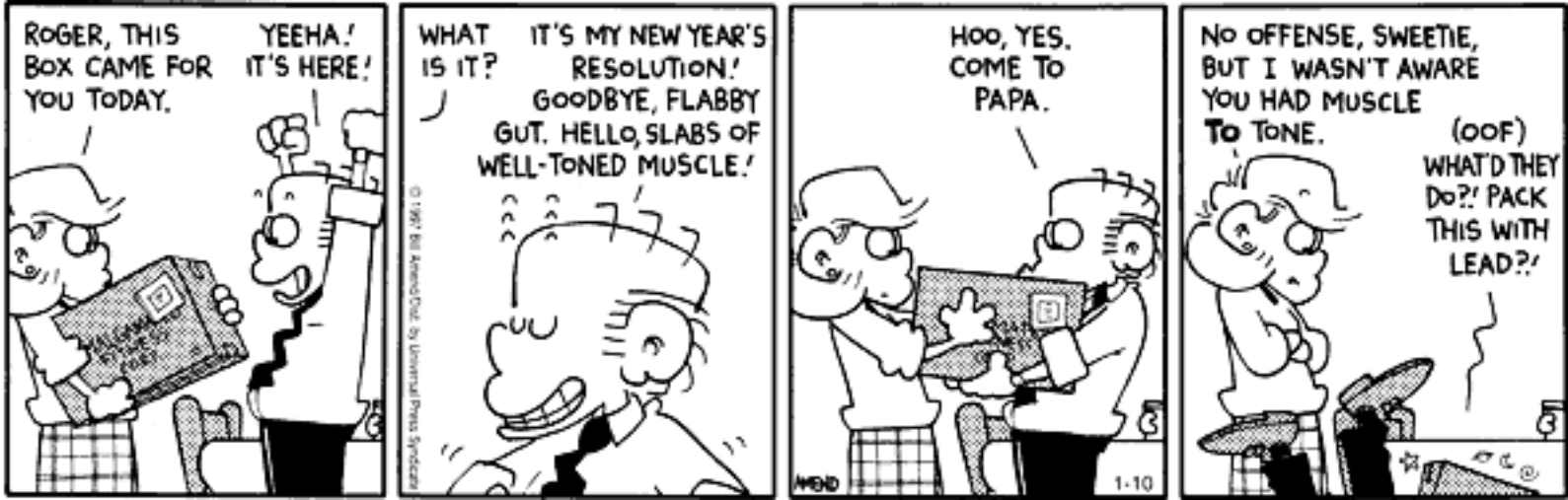
ROGER, THIS BOX CAME FOR YOU TODAY.
YEEHA! IT'S HERE!
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION! GOODBYE, FLABBY GUT. HELLO, SLABS OF WELL-TONED MUSCLE!
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HOO, YES. COME TO PAPA.
MEND
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NO OFFENSE, SWEETIE, BUT I WASN'T AWARE YOU HAD MUSCLE TO TONE.
(OOF) WHAT'D THEY DO?! PACK THIS WITH LEAD?!

YOU BOUGHT A WHAT?
AN AB-CRUSHER 2000. YOU KNOW, THE ONE ON TV.

ACCORDING TO THE INFO-MERCIALS, FIVE MINUTES WITH THIS BABY WILL WORK MY ABS AS MUCH AS DOING 2,000 TRADITIONAL SIT-UPS.
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ROGER, WHEN IN YOUR LIFE HAVE YOU EVEN DONE ONE SIT-UP??
ALL THE MORE REASON TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME.

EXCUSE ME WHILE I GO PROGRAM 911 INTO OUR SPEED DIALER.
I FIGURE I'LL START OUT SLOWLY. MAYBE A HALF-HOUR A DAY.
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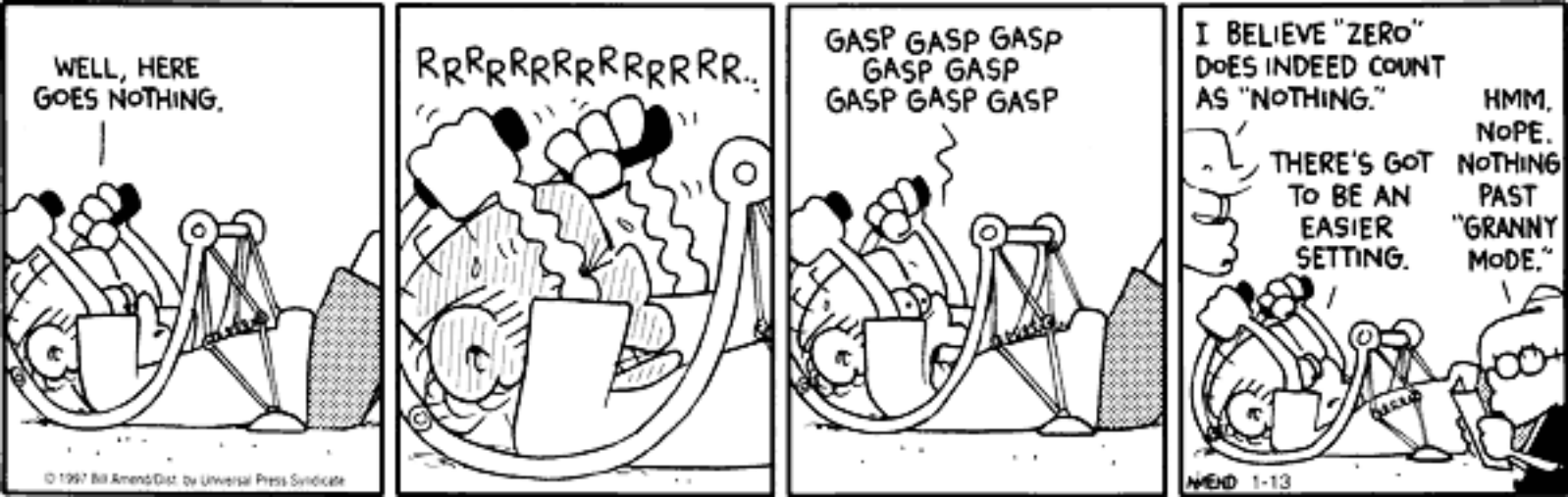
WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING.
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RRRRRRRRRRRRR..
GASP GASP GASP GASP GASP GASP GASP GASP
I BELIEVE "ZERO" DOES INDEED COUNT AS "NOTHING."
THERE'S GOT TO BE AN EASIER SETTING.
HMM. NOPE. NOTHING PAST "GRANNY MODE."
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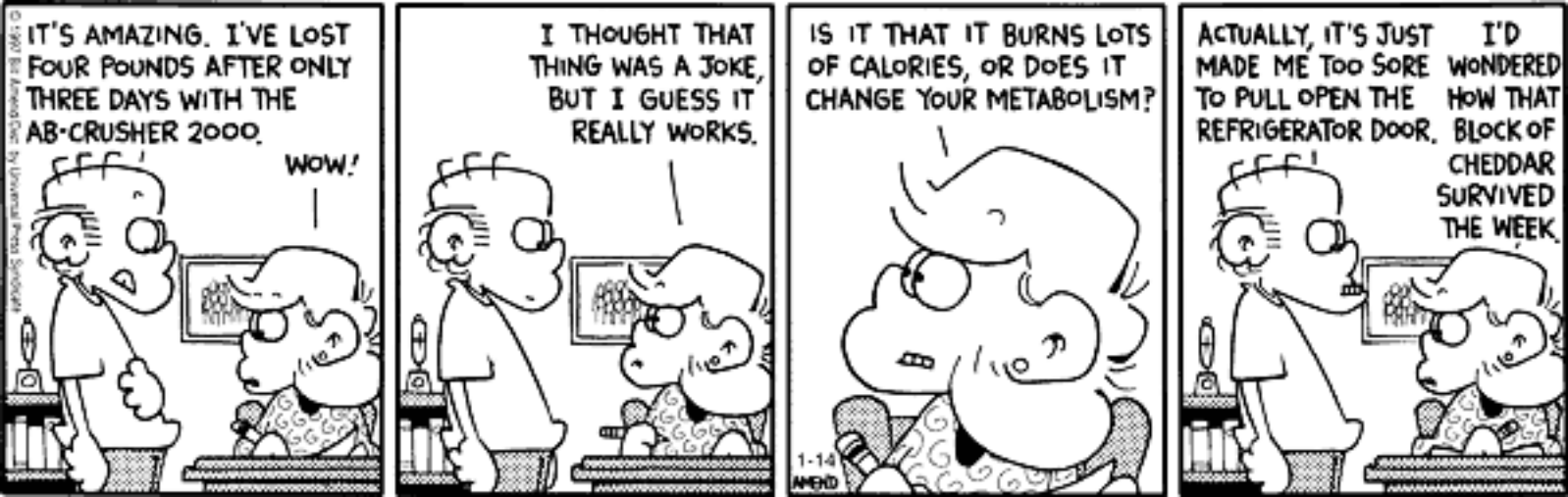

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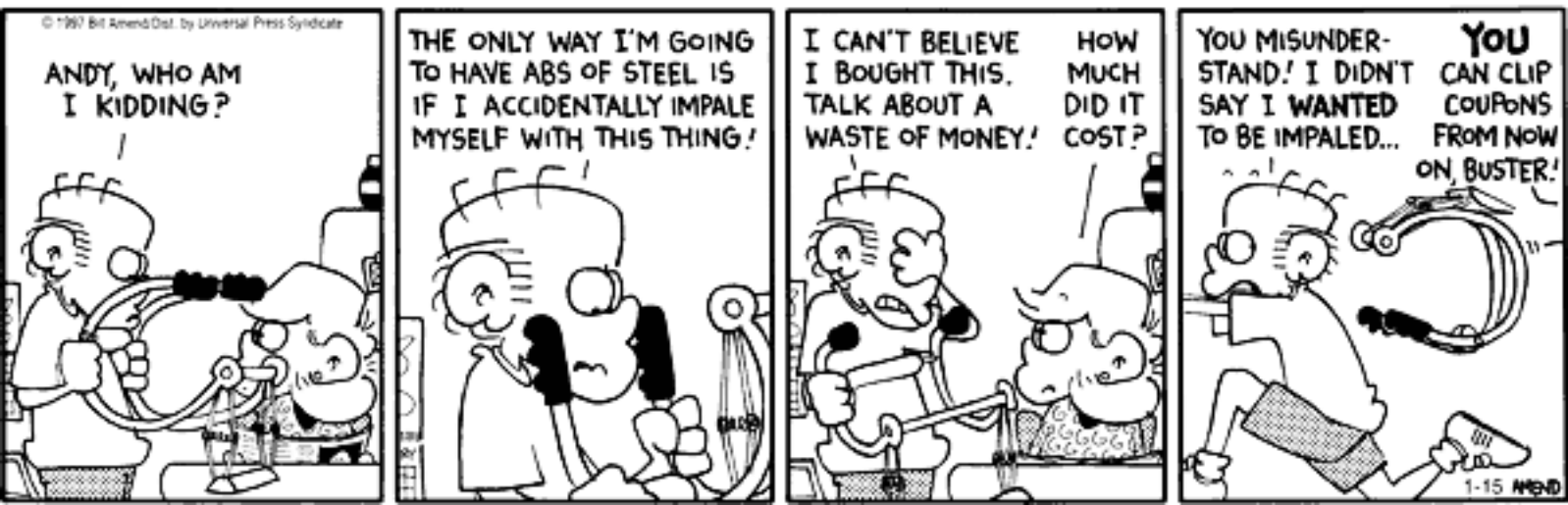
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ANDY, WHO AM I KIDDING?
THE ONLY WAY I'M GOING TO HAVE ABS OF STEEL IS IF I ACCIDENTALLY IMPALE MYSELF WITH THIS THING!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I BOUGHT THIS. TALK ABOUT A WASTE OF MONEY!
HOW MUCH DID IT COST?
YOU MISUNDERSTAND! I DIDN'T SAY I WANTED TO BE IMPALED...
YOU CAN CLIP COUPONS FROM NOW ON, BUSTER!
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I THINK FORCED PERSPECTIVE IS AN UNDERUSED ART.
QUICK, HIDE! HERE COMES THE MAILMAN!
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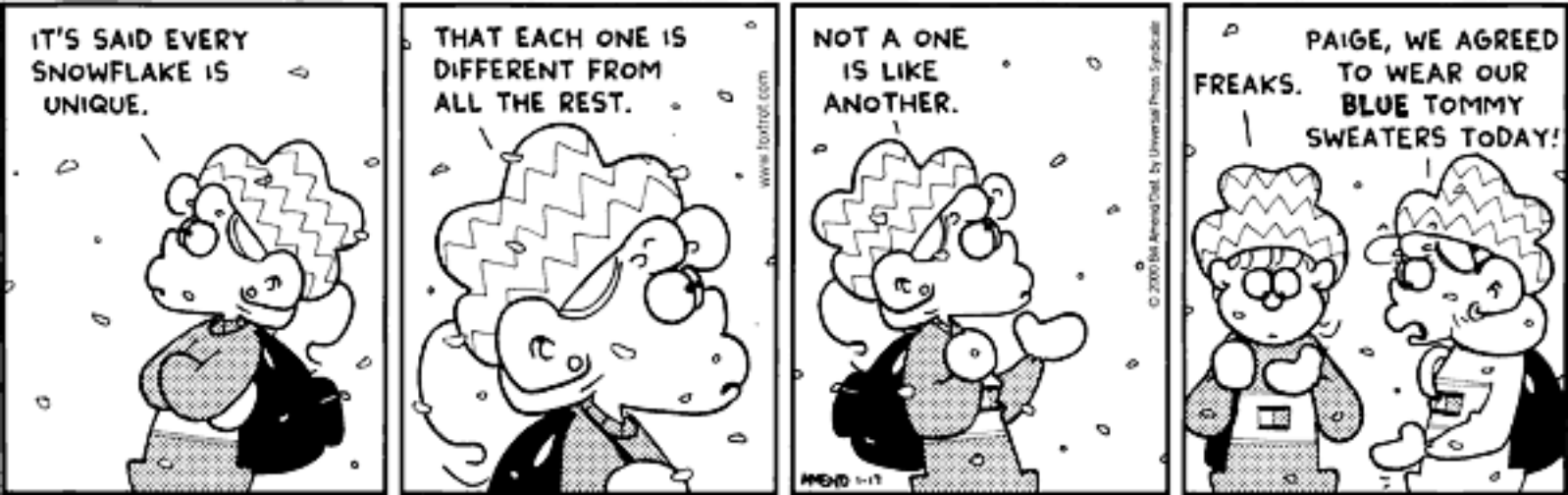
IT'S SAID EVERY SNOWFLAKE IS UNIQUE.
THAT EACH ONE IS DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE REST.
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NOT A ONE IS LIKE ANOTHER.
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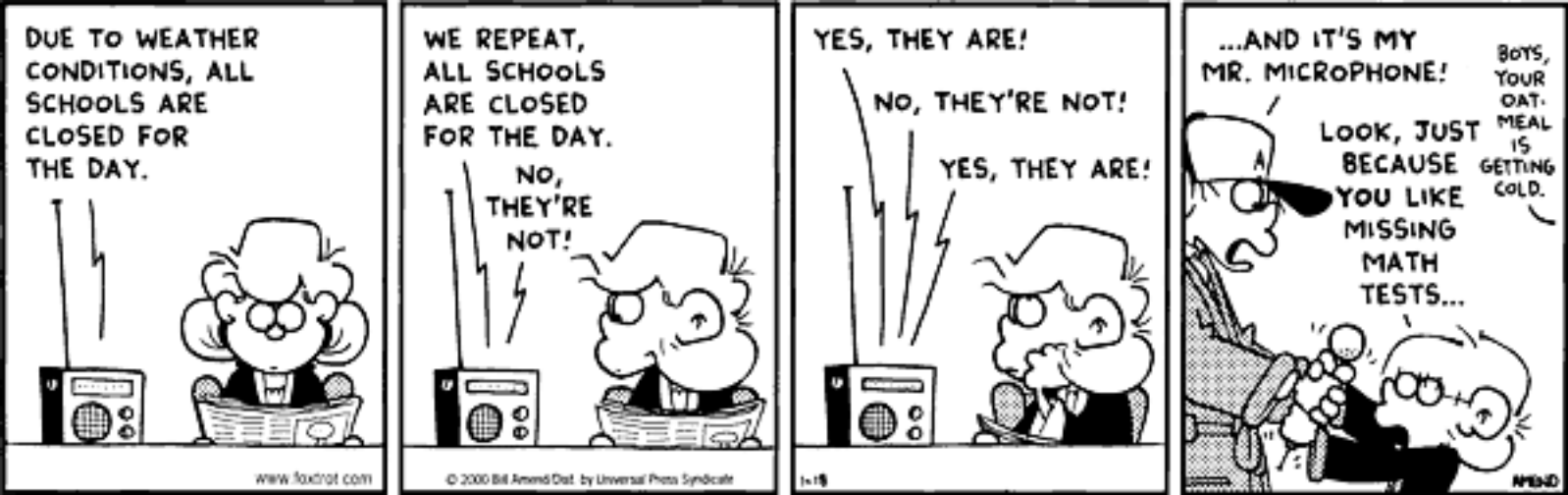
FREAKS.
PAIGE, WE AGREED TO WEAR OUR BLUE TOMMY SWEATERS TODAY!


DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, ALL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR THE DAY.
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WE REPEAT, ALL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR THE DAY.
NO, THEY'RE NOT!
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YES, THEY ARE!
NO, THEY'RE NOT!
YES, THEY ARE!
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...AND IT'S MY MR. MICROPHONE!
LOOK, JUST BECAUSE YOU LIKE MISSING MATH TESTS...
BOYS, YOUR OAT-MEAL IS GETTING COLD.
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HOME AT LAST.
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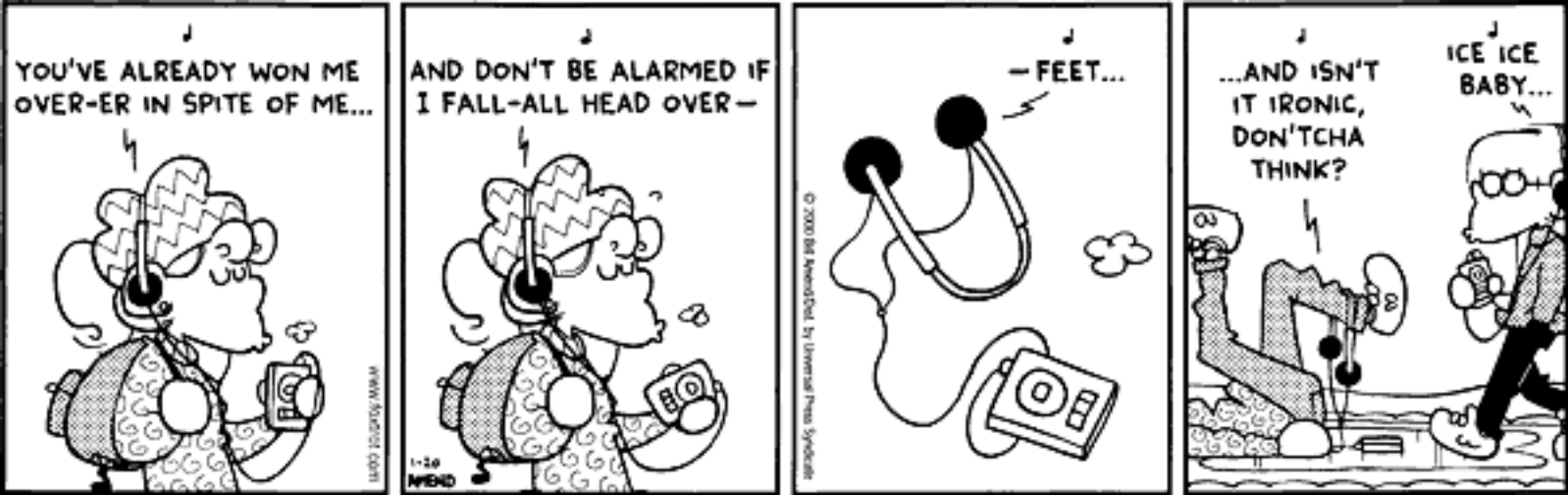
FWAP!
FWAP! FWAP! FWAP! FWAP! FWAP! FWAP! FWAP! FWAP! FWAP!
I WISH THE KIDS WOULDN'T USE THEIR FATHER'S GOOD HAT ON THEIR SNOWMEN.


YOU'VE ALREADY WON ME OVER-ER IN SPITE OF ME...
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AND DON'T BE ALARMED IF I FALL-ALL HEAD OVER—
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—FEET...
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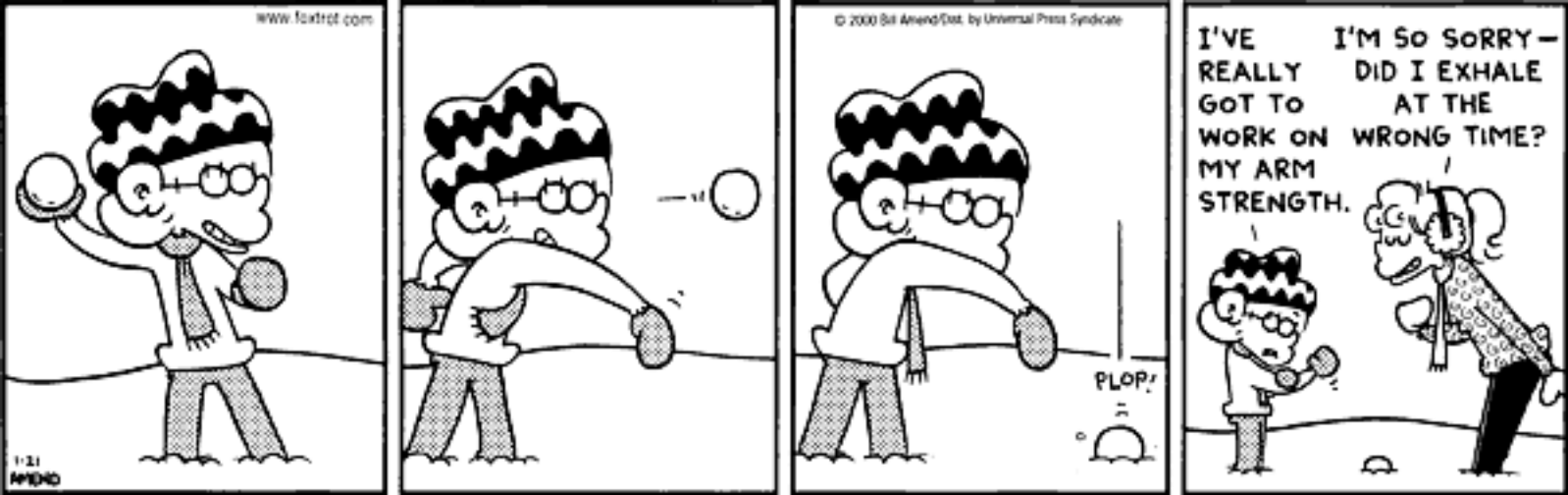
...AND ISN'T IT IRONIC, DON'TCHA THINK?
ICE ICE BABY...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AMEND
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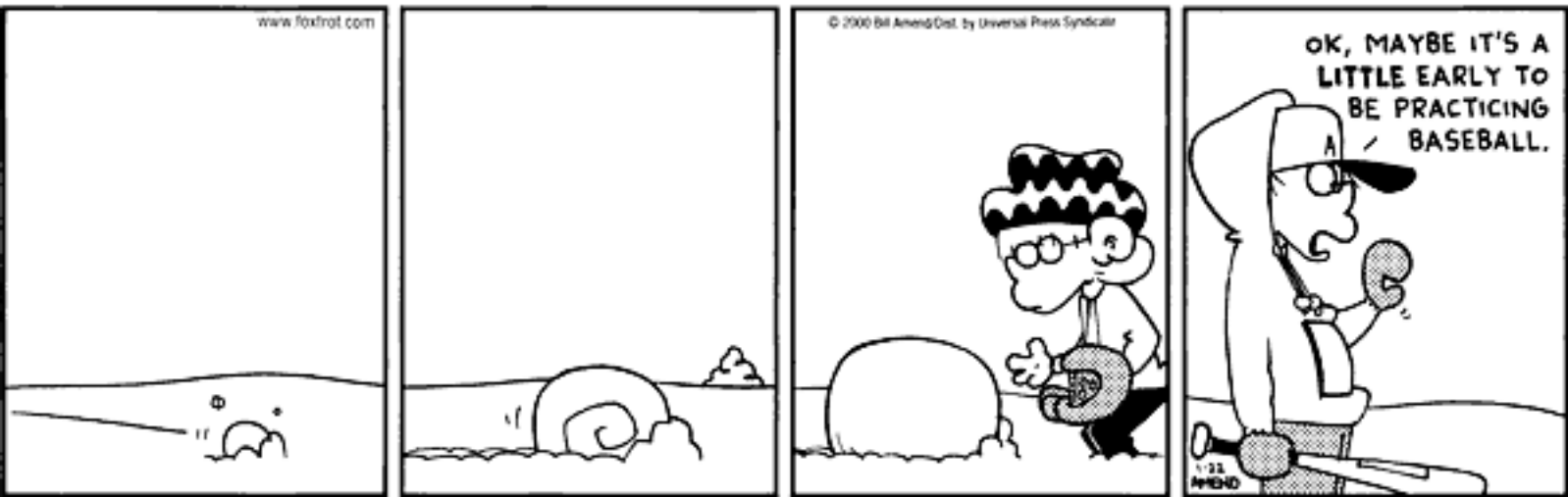
PLOP!
I'VE REALLY GOT TO WORK ON MY ARM STRENGTH.
I'M SO SORRY— DID I EXHALE AT THE WRONG TIME?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OK, MAYBE IT'S A LITTLE EARLY TO BE PRACTICING BASEBALL.
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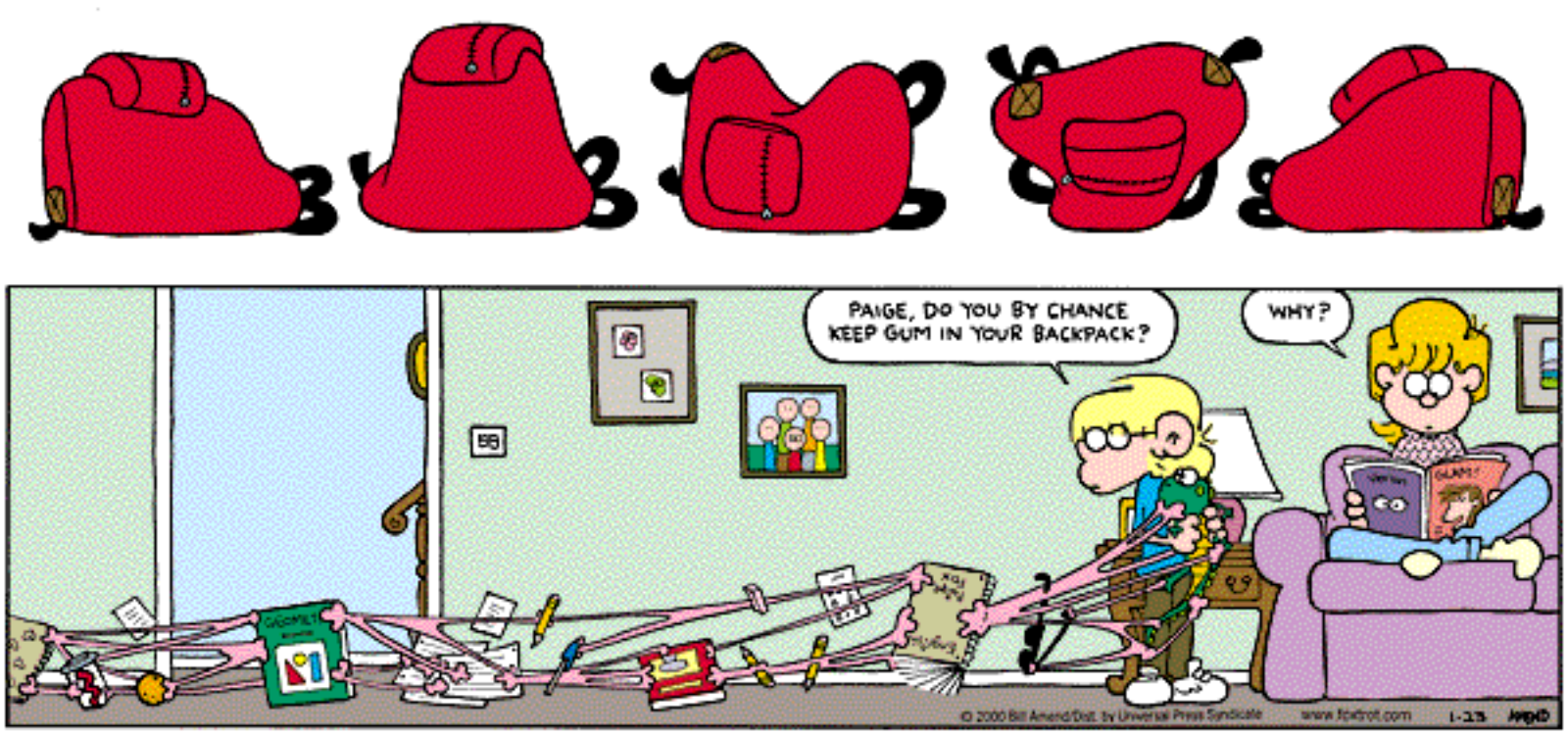
PAIGE, DO YOU BY CHANCE KEEP GUM IN YOUR BACKPACK?
WHY?
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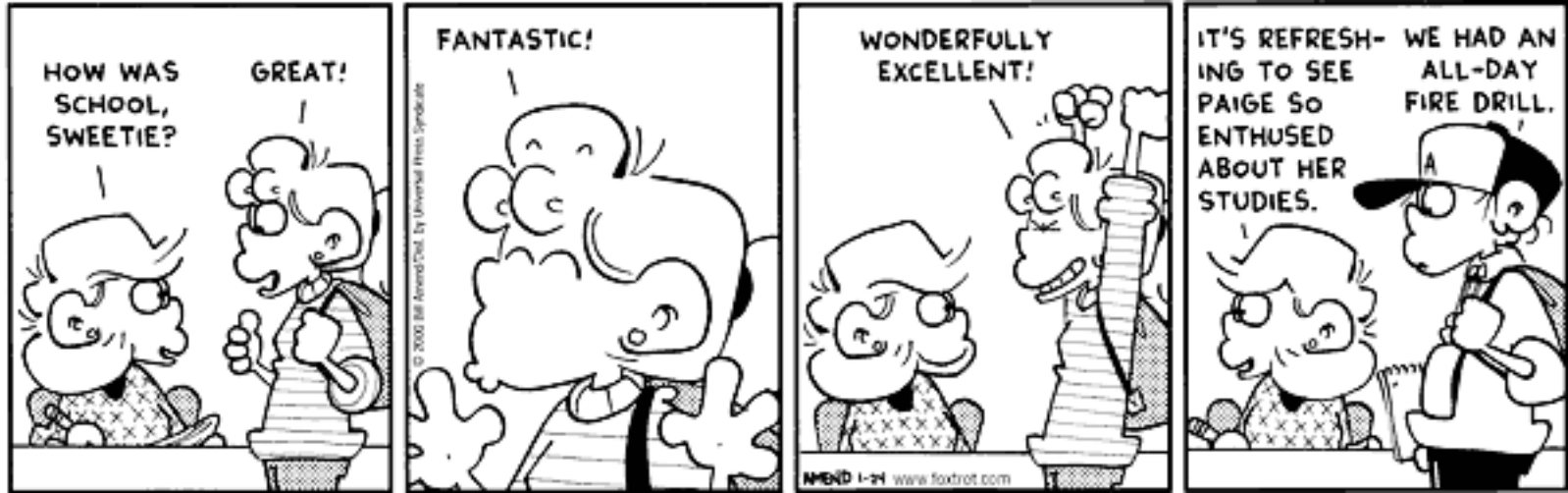
HOW WAS SCHOOL, SWEETIE?
GREAT!
FANTASTIC!
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WONDERFULLY EXCELLENT!
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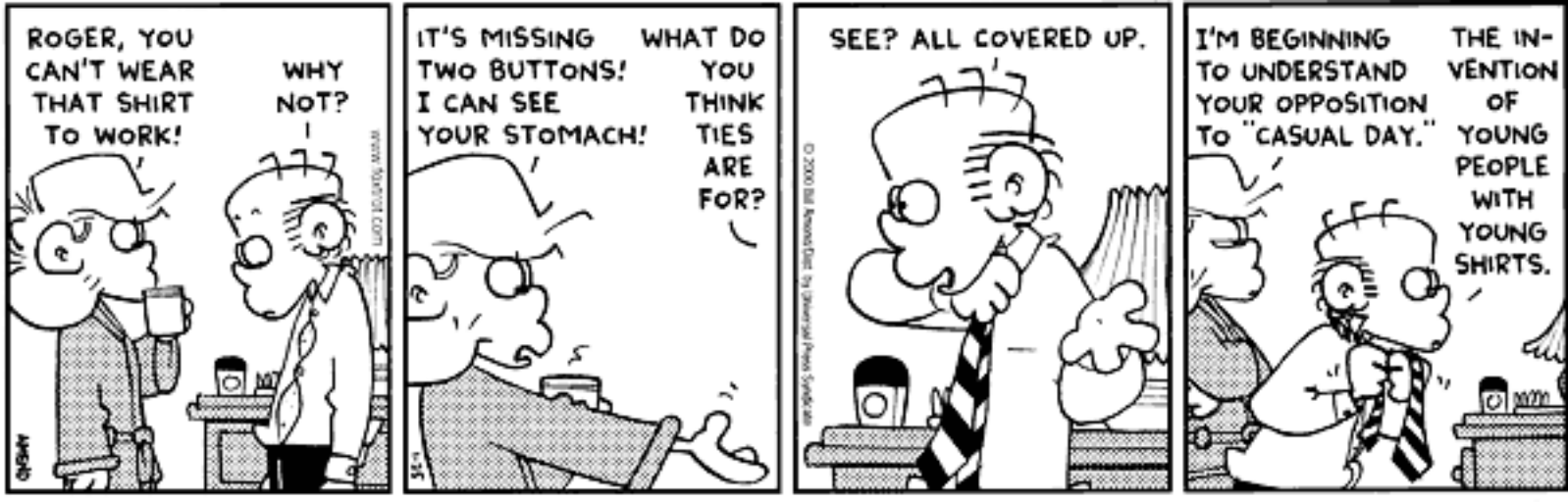
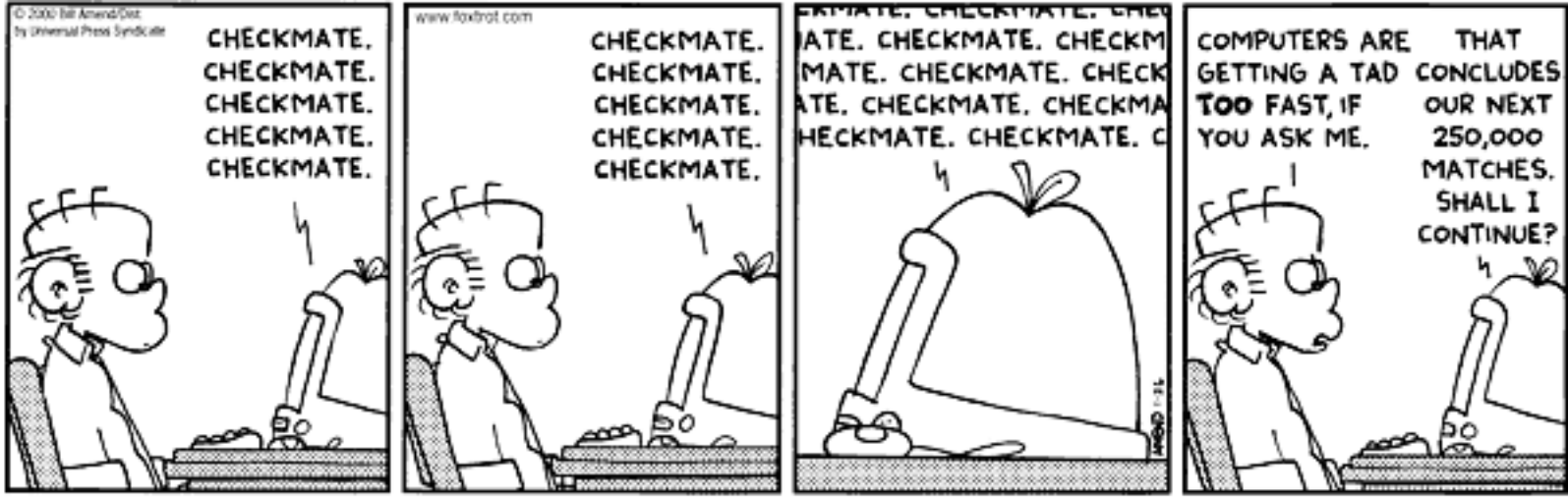
IT'S REFRESHING TO SEE PAIGE SO ENTHUSED ABOUT HER STUDIES.
WE HAD AN ALL-DAY FIRE DRILL.


ROGER, YOU CAN'T WEAR THAT SHIRT TO WORK!
WHY NOT?
IT'S MISSING TWO BUTTONS! I CAN SEE YOUR STOMACH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK TIES ARE FOR?
SEE? ALL COVERED UP.
I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND YOUR OPPOSITION TO "CASUAL DAY."
THE INVENTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH YOUNG SHIRTS.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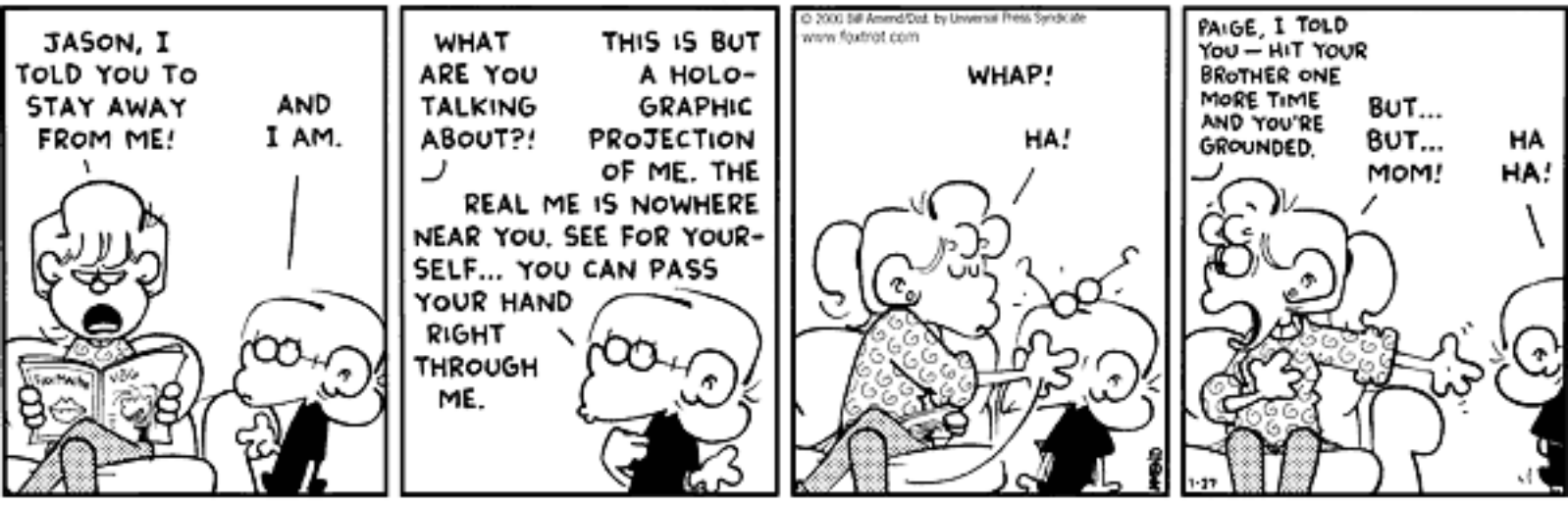
COMPUTERS ARE GETTING A TAD TOO FAST, IF YOU ASK ME.
THAT CONCLUDES OUR NEXT 250,000 MATCHES. SHALL I CONTINUE?


JASON, I TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM ME!
AND I AM.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
THIS IS BUT A HOLOGRAPHIC PROJECTION OF ME. THE REAL ME IS NOWHERE NEAR YOU. SEE FOR YOURSELF... YOU CAN PASS YOUR HAND RIGHT THROUGH ME.
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WHAP!
HA!
PAIGE, I TOLD YOU — HIT YOUR BROTHER ONE MORE TIME AND YOU'RE GROUNDED.
BUT... BUT... MOM!
HA HA!
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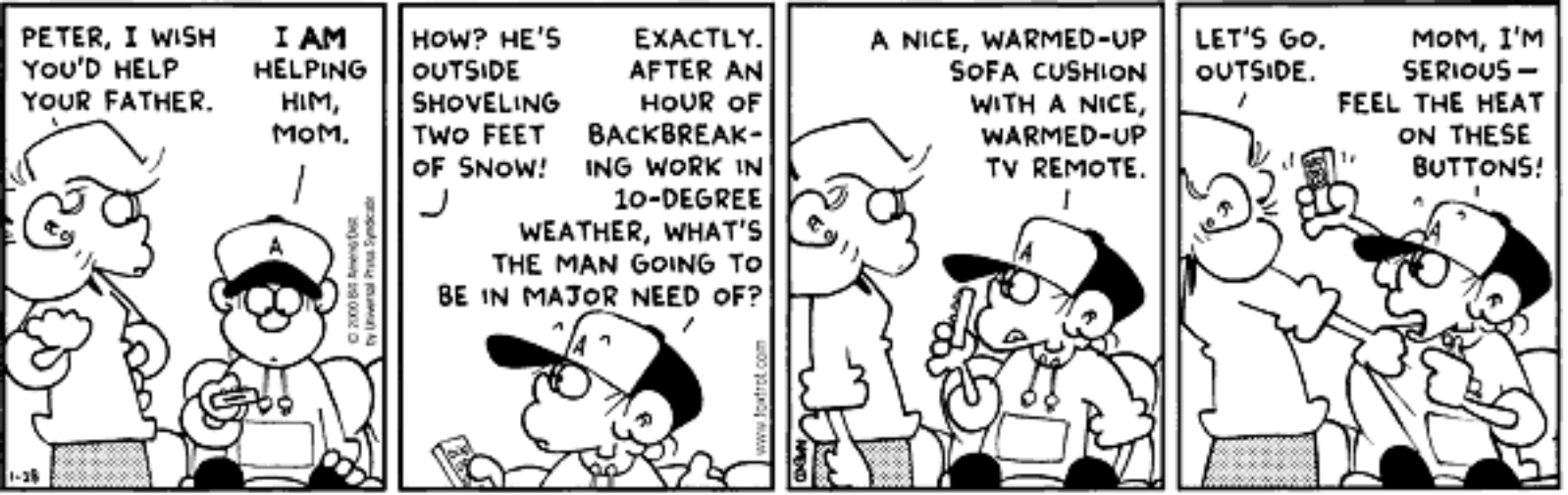
PETER, I WISH YOU'D HELP YOUR FATHER.
I AM HELPING HIM, MOM.
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HOW? HE'S OUTSIDE SHOVELING TWO FEET OF SNOW!
EXACTLY. AFTER AN HOUR OF BACKBREAKING WORK IN 10-DEGREE WEATHER, WHAT'S THE MAN GOING TO BE IN MAJOR NEED OF?
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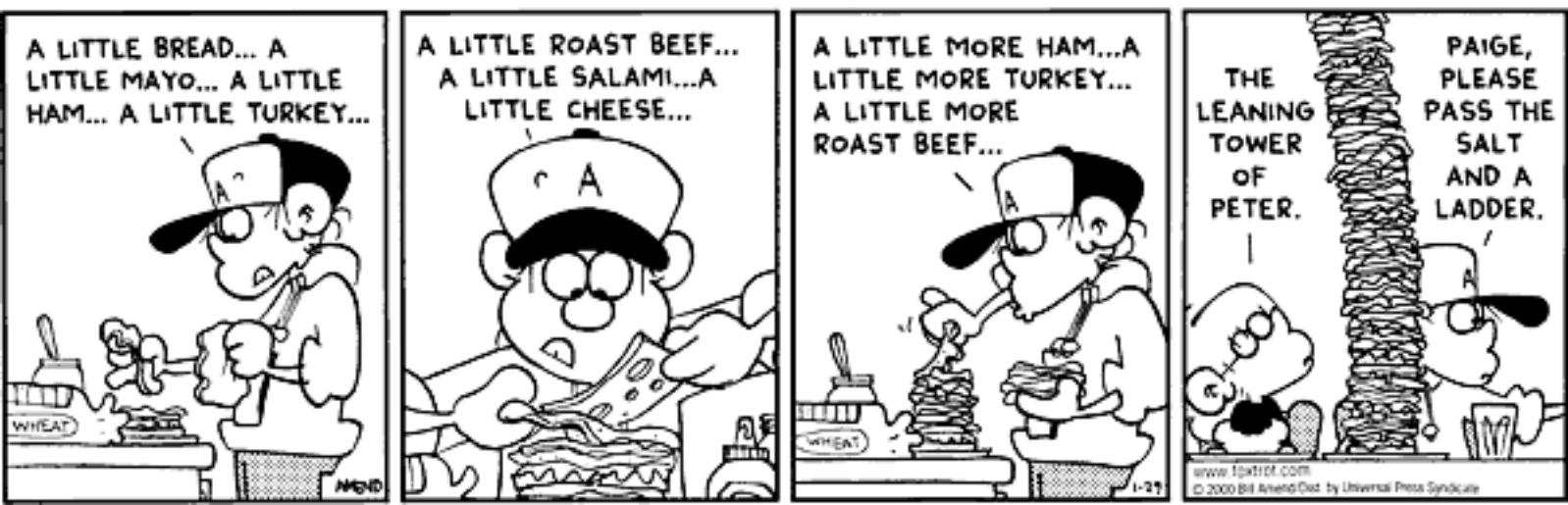
A NICE, WARMED-UP SOFA CUSHION WITH A NICE, WARMED-UP TV REMOTE.
LET'S GO. OUTSIDE.
MOM, I'M SERIOUS— FEEL THE HEAT ON THESE BUTTONS!


A LITTLE BREAD... A LITTLE MAYO... A LITTLE HAM... A LITTLE TURKEY...
WHEAT
A LITTLE ROAST BEEF... A LITTLE SALAMI...A LITTLE CHEESE...
A LITTLE MORE HAM...A LITTLE MORE TURKEY... A LITTLE MORE ROAST BEEF...
WHEAT
THE LEANING TOWER OF PETER.
PAIGE, PLEASE PASS THE SALT AND A LADDER.
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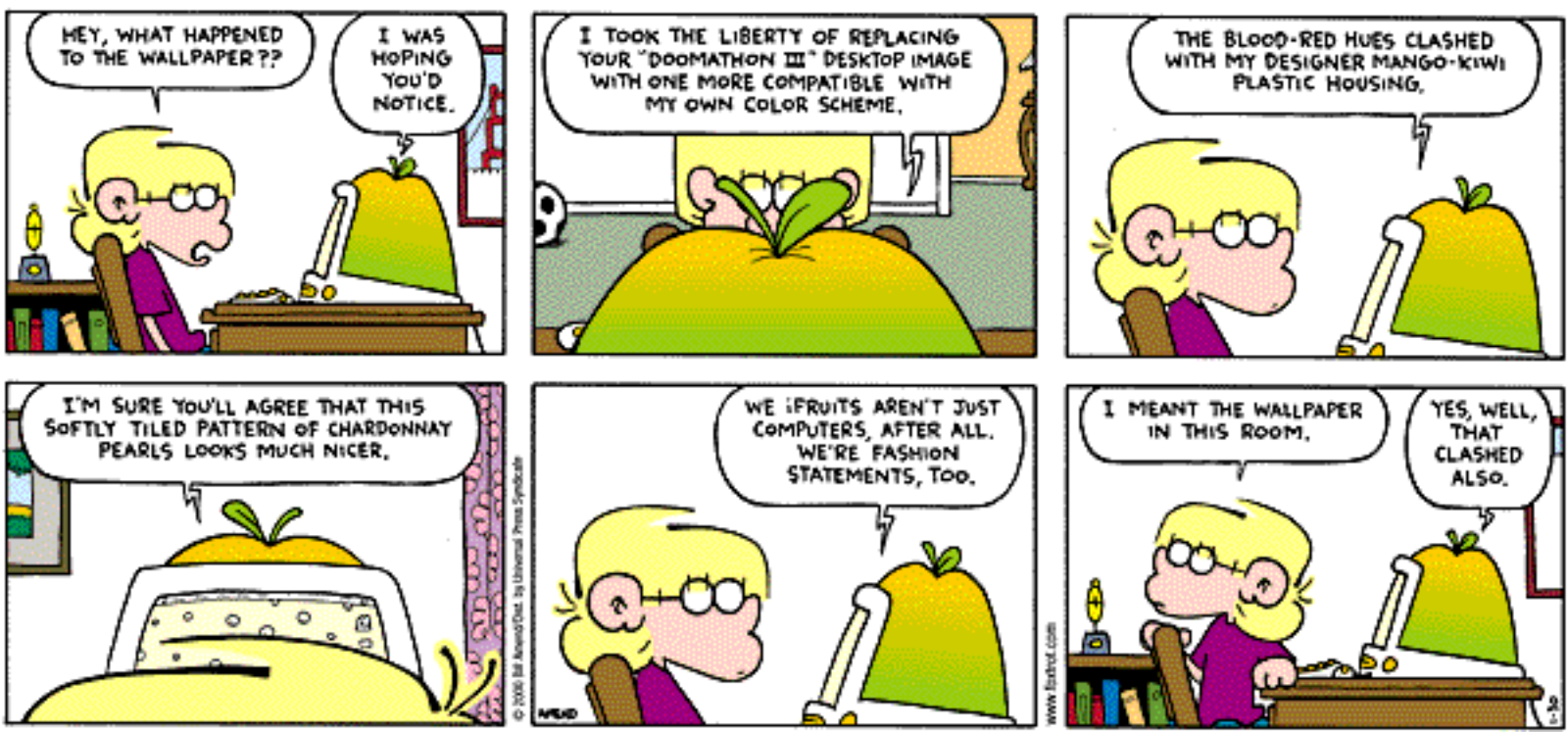
HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WALLPAPER??
I WAS HOPING YOU'D NOTICE.
I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF REPLACING YOUR "DOOMATHON III" DESKTOP IMAGE WITH ONE MORE COMPATIBLE WITH MY OWN COLOR SCHEME.
THE BLOOD-RED HUES CLASHED WITH MY DESIGNER MANGO-KIWI PLASTIC HOUSING.
I'M SURE YOU'LL AGREE THAT THIS SOFTLY TILED PATTERN OF CHARDONNAY PEARLS LOOKS MUCH NICER.
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WE iFRUITS AREN'T JUST COMPUTERS, AFTER ALL. WE'RE FASHION STATEMENTS, TOO.
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I MEANT THE WALLPAPER IN THIS ROOM.
YES, WELL, THAT CLASHED ALSO.
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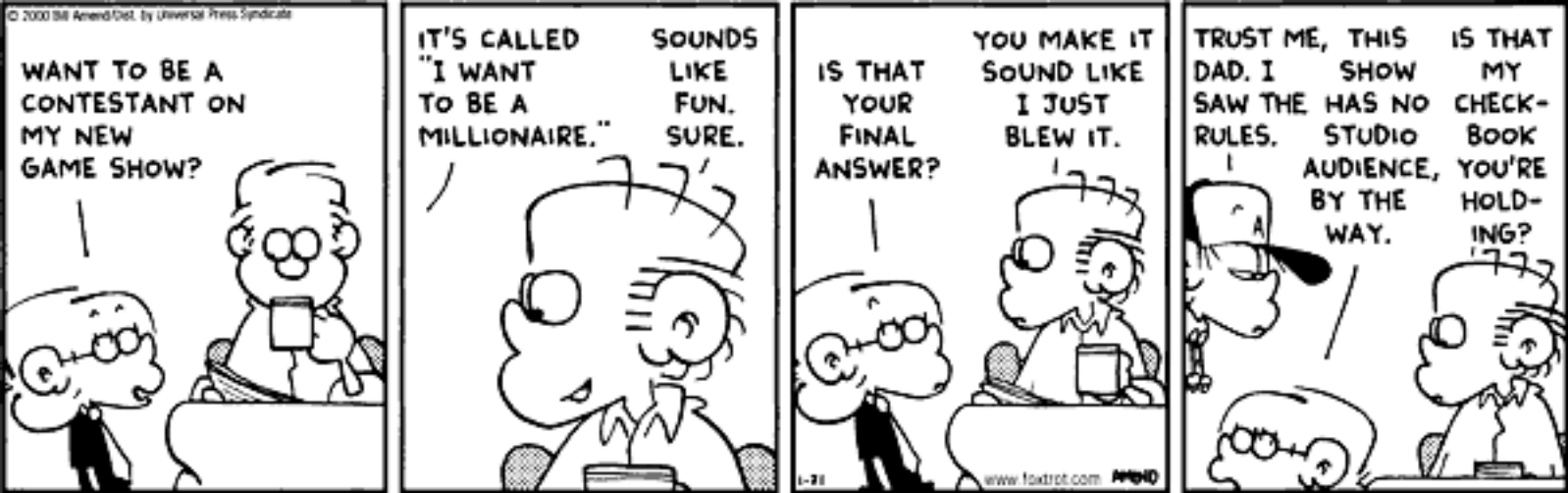
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WANT TO BE A CONTESTANT ON MY NEW GAME SHOW?
IT'S CALLED "I WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE."
SOUNDS LIKE FUN. SURE.
IS THAT YOUR FINAL ANSWER?
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I JUST BLEW IT.
TRUST ME, DAD. I SAW THE RULES.
THIS SHOW HAS NO STUDIO AUDIENCE, BY THE WAY.
IS THAT MY CHECK-BOOK YOU'RE HOLDING?
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BEFORE WE BEGIN PLAYING "I WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE," LET'S MEET OUR FIRST CONTESTANT, ROGER FOX.
TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF, ROGER.
WELL, LET'S SEE... I HAVE THREE KIDS... I WAS AN ENGLISH MAJOR IN COLLEGE...
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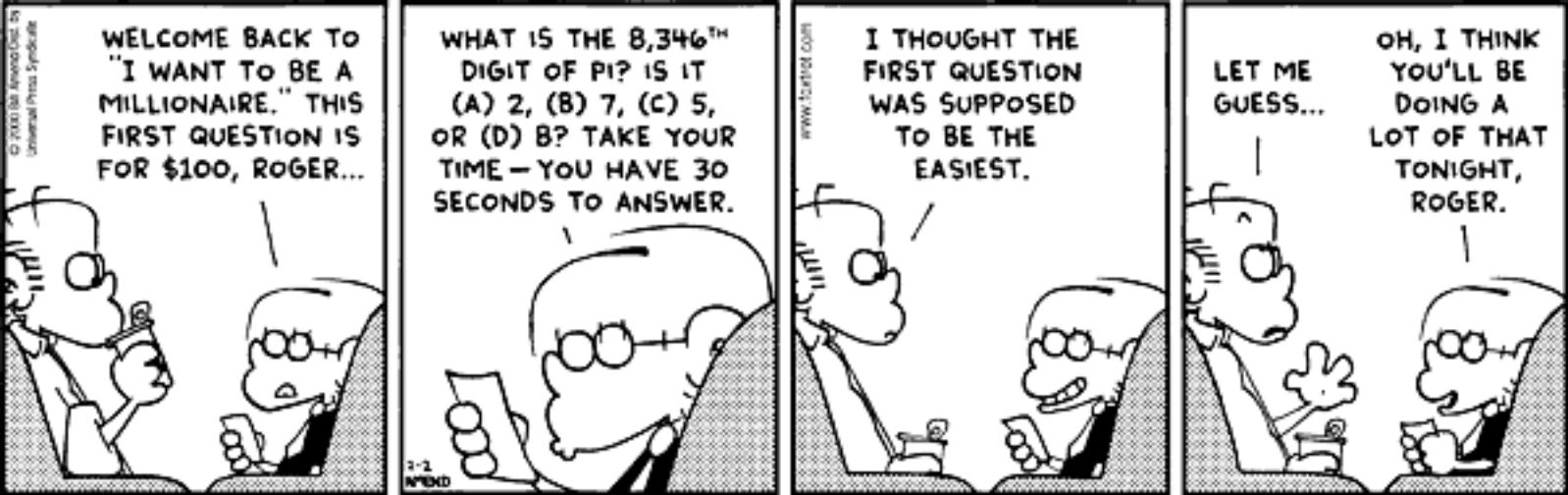
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW, ROGER. THANK YOU.
OUR FIRST QUESTION COMES FROM THE ANNALS OF ADVANCED MATHEMATICS...
HEY! YOU JUST SWITCHED THE CARDS!


WELCOME BACK TO "I WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE." THIS FIRST QUESTION IS FOR $100, ROGER...
WHAT IS THE 8,346TH DIGIT OF PI? IS IT (A) 2, (B) 7, (C) 5, OR (D) 8? TAKE YOUR TIME — YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS TO ANSWER.
I THOUGHT THE FIRST QUESTION WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE EASIEST.
LET ME GUESS...
OH, I THINK YOU'LL BE DOING A LOT OF THAT TONIGHT, ROGER.

I'M SORRY, ROGER, THAT'S NOT CORRECT. THE 8,346TH DIGIT OF PI IS (C) 5.
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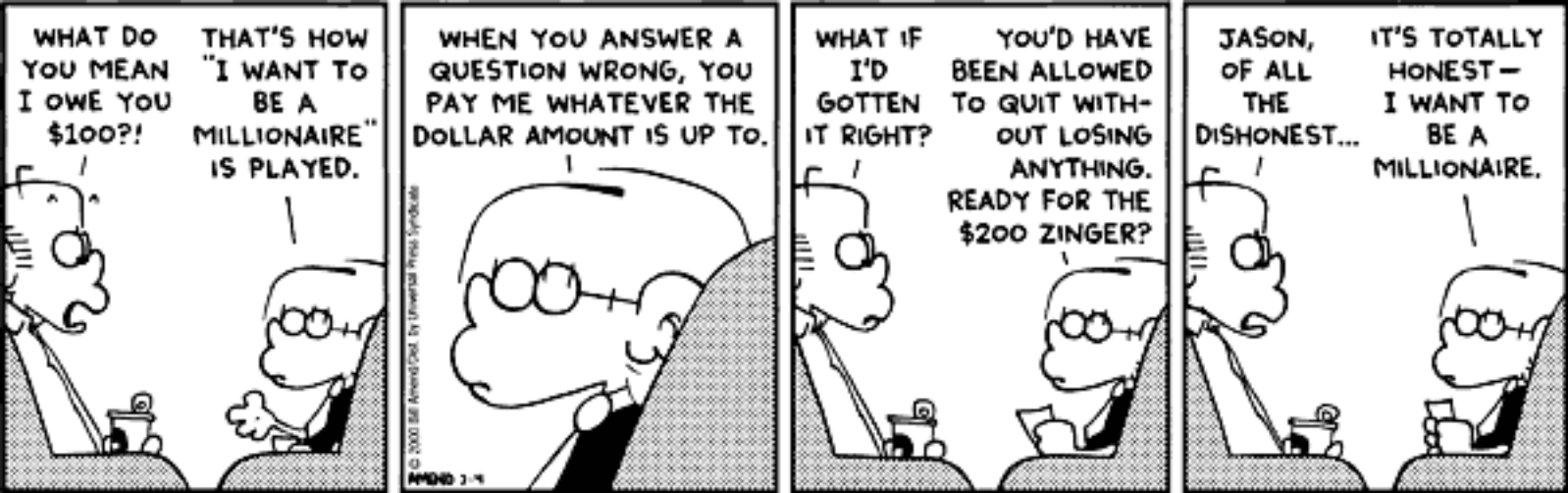
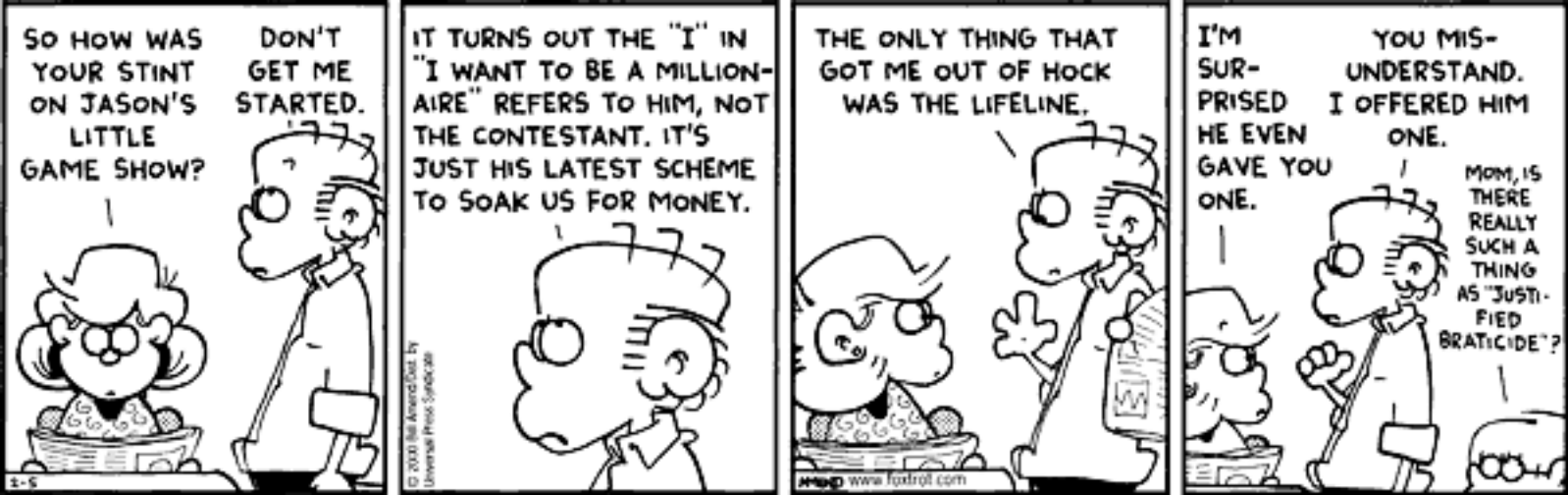
READY TO MOVE ON TO THE $200 QUESTION?
I THOUGHT THE GAME WAS OVER.
THAT MAY BE THE WAY OTHER GAME SHOWS OPERATE, BUT NOT "I WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE." WE LET YOU KEEP RIGHT ON PLAYING.
IF YOU'LL JUST PASS ME MY CHECK FOR $100 SO I CAN SHOW IT TO THE CAMERA...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOUR CHECK?


WHAT DO YOU MEAN I OWE YOU $100?!
THAT'S HOW "I WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE" IS PLAYED.
WHEN YOU ANSWER A QUESTION WRONG, YOU PAY ME WHATEVER THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IS UP TO.
WHAT IF I'D GOTTEN IT RIGHT?
YOU'D HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO QUIT WITHOUT LOSING ANYTHING. READY FOR THE $200 ZINGER?
JASON, OF ALL THE DISHONEST...
IT'S TOTALLY HONEST— I WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE.


SO HOW WAS YOUR STINT ON JASON'S LITTLE GAME SHOW?
DON'T GET ME STARTED.
IT TURNS OUT THE "I" IN "I WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE" REFERS TO HIM, NOT THE CONTESTANT. IT'S JUST HIS LATEST SCHEME TO SOAK US FOR MONEY.
THE ONLY THING THAT GOT ME OUT OF HOCK WAS THE LIFELINE.
I'M SURPRISED HE EVEN GAVE YOU ONE.
YOU MISUNDERSTAND. I OFFERED HIM ONE.
MOM, IS THERE REALLY SUCH A THING AS "JUSTIFIED BRATICIDE"?
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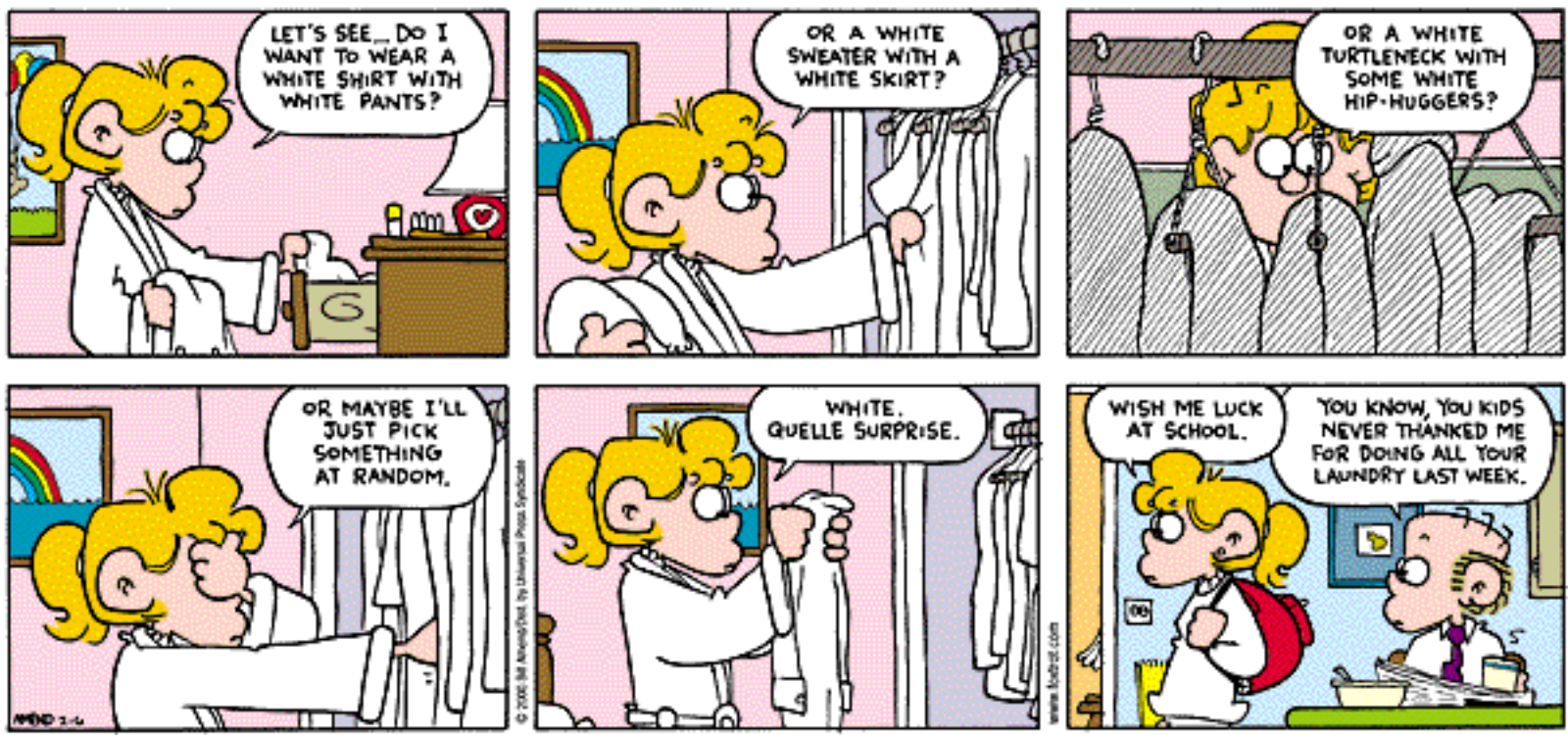
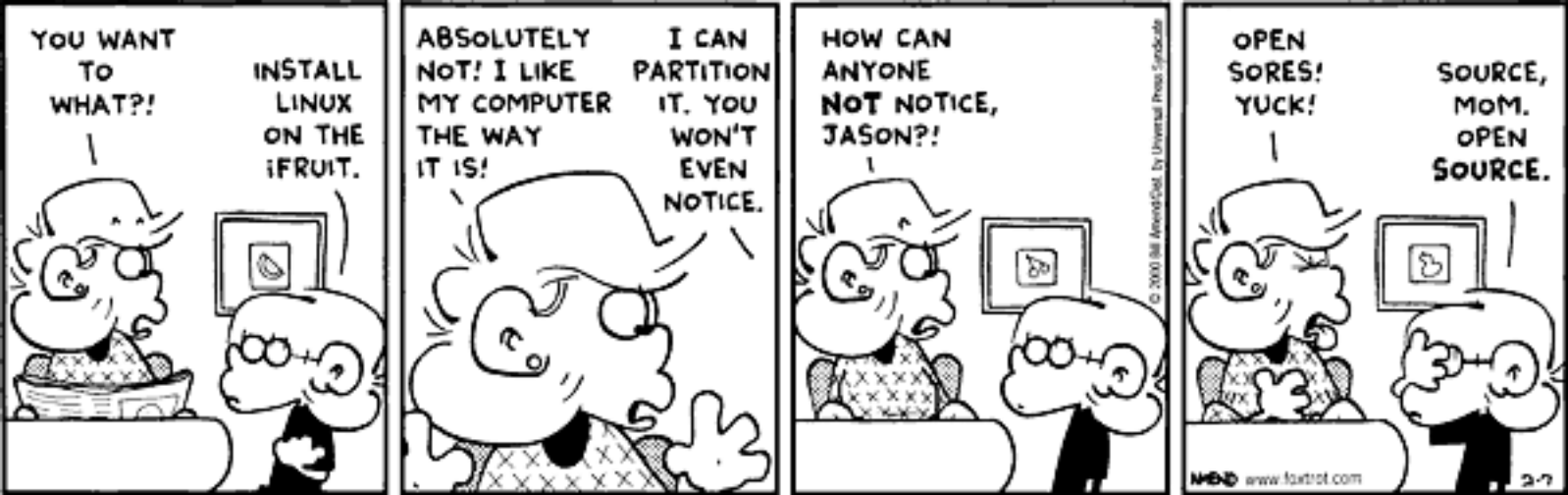

LET'S SEE... DO I WANT TO WEAR A WHITE SHIRT WITH WHITE PANTS?
OR A WHITE SWEATER WITH A WHITE SKIRT?
OR A WHITE TURTLENECK WITH SOME WHITE HIP-HUGGERS?
OR MAYBE I'LL JUST PICK SOMETHING AT RANDOM.
WHITE. QUELLE SURPRISE.
WISH ME LUCK AT SCHOOL.
YOU KNOW, YOU KIDS NEVER THANKED ME FOR DOING ALL YOUR LAUNDRY LAST WEEK.


YOU WANT TO WHAT?!
INSTALL LINUX ON THE iFRUIT.
ABSOLUTELY NOT! I LIKE MY COMPUTER THE WAY IT IS!
I CAN PARTITION IT. YOU WON'T EVEN NOTICE.
HOW CAN ANYONE NOT NOTICE, JASON?!
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OPEN SORES! YUCK!
SOURCE, MOM. OPEN SOURCE.
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SO WHAT IS THIS, EXACTLY?
I HAVE NO IDEA. WHAT'S THE MENU SAY?
"BEEF STU."
THEN THAT'S WHAT IT IS.
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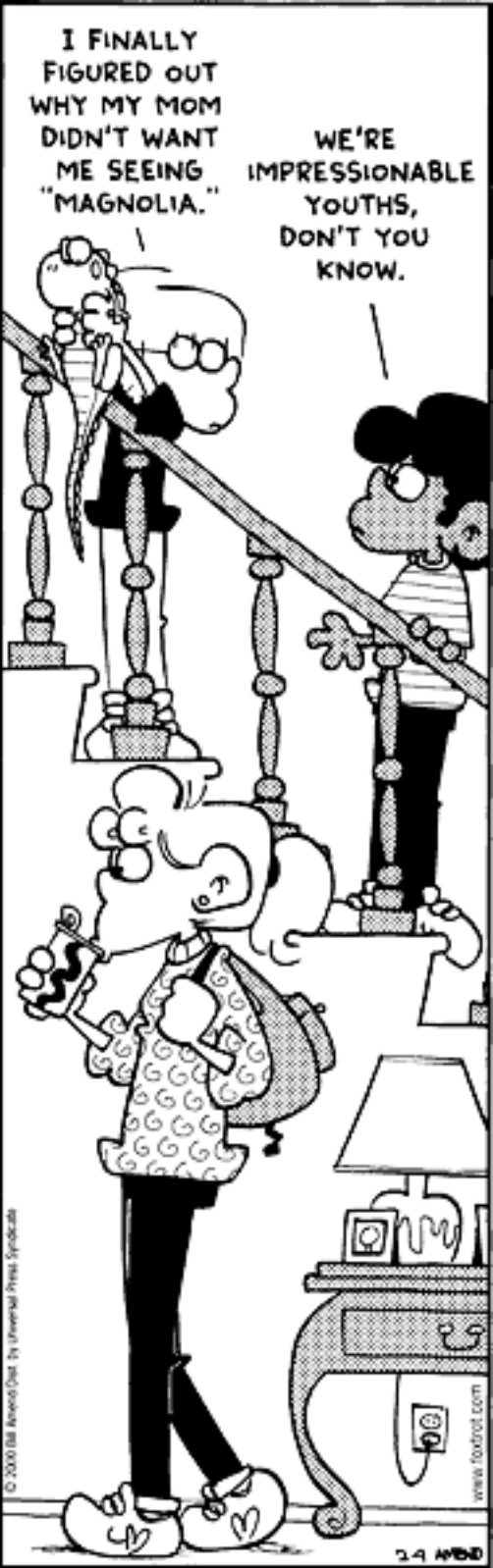
SOMEONE SPELLED IT WRONG.
THAT'S OK. WE PROBABLY MADE IT WRONG.
WHOEVER SAID HONESTY WAS REFRESHING...
WAIT. YOU FORGOT YOUR KORN MUPHIN.


I FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHY MY MOM DIDN'T WANT ME SEEING "MAGNOLIA."
WE'RE IMPRESSIONABLE YOUTHS, DON'T YOU KNOW.
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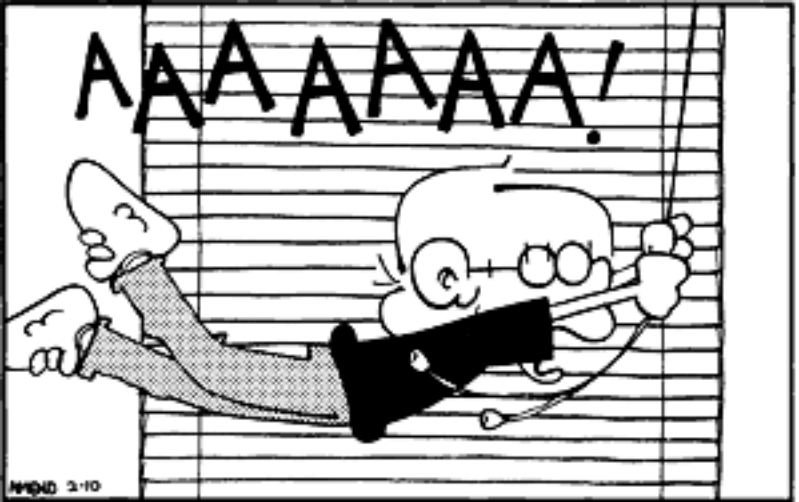
AAAAAAAA!
MARVIN 2-10

FSHLINK!
I CAN SEE WHY TARZAN OPTED FOR VINES AND NOT VENETIAN BLIND CORDS.
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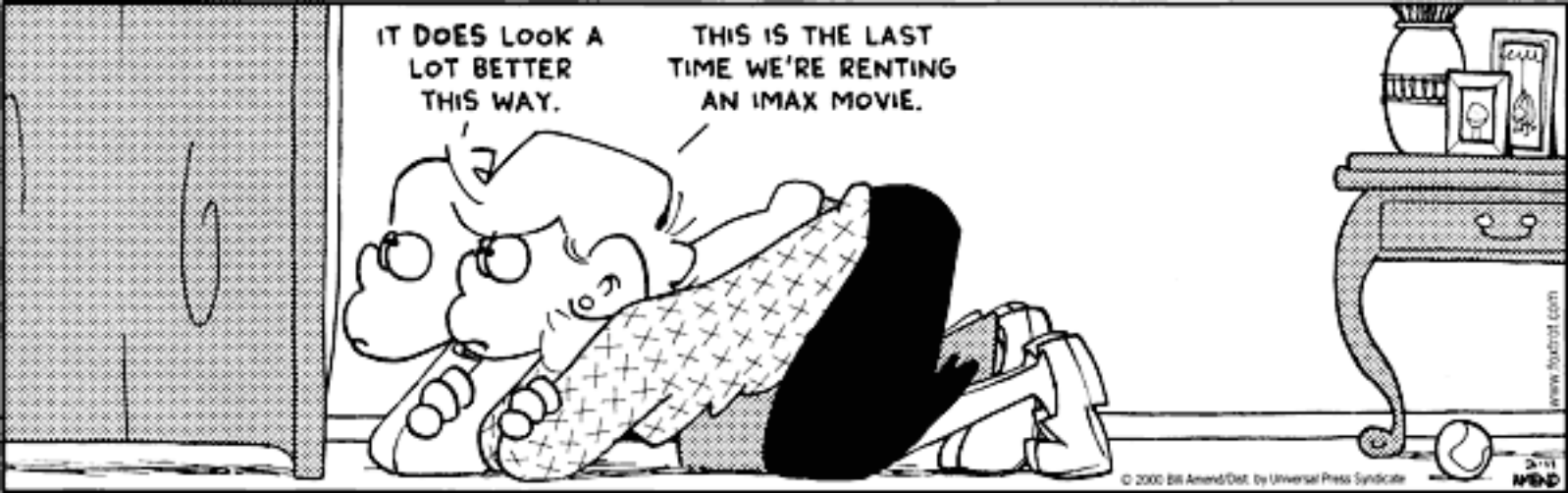
IT DOES LOOK A LOT BETTER THIS WAY.
THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE'RE RENTING AN IMAX MOVIE.
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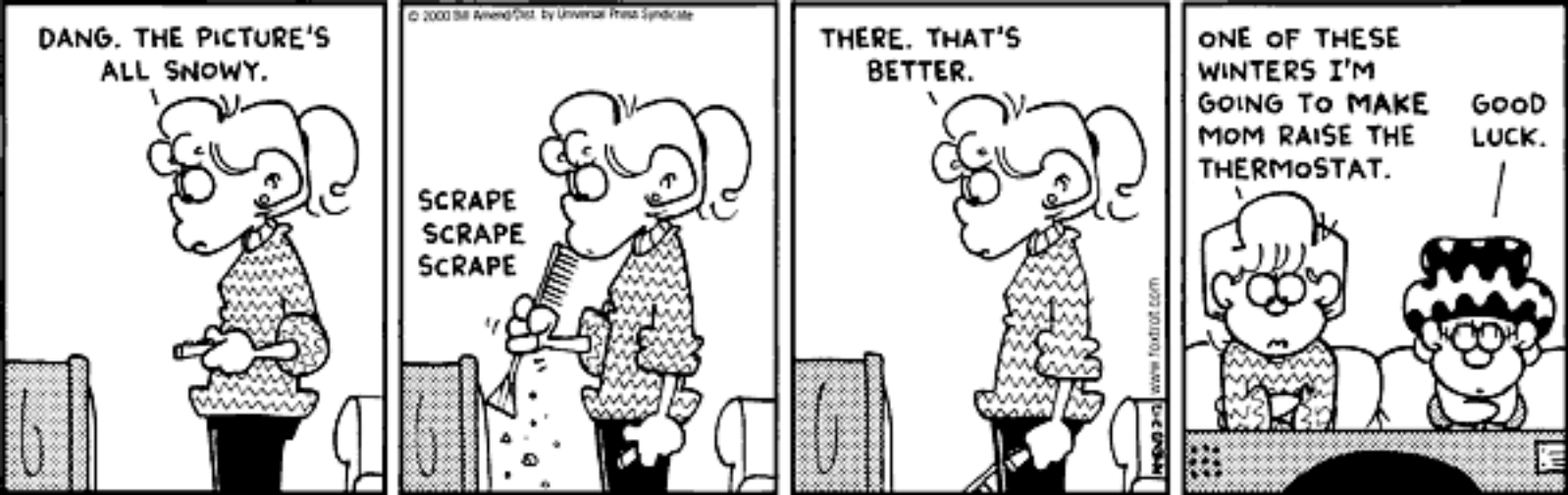
DANG. THE PICTURE'S ALL SNOWY.
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SCRAPE SCRAPE SCRAPE
THERE. THAT'S BETTER.
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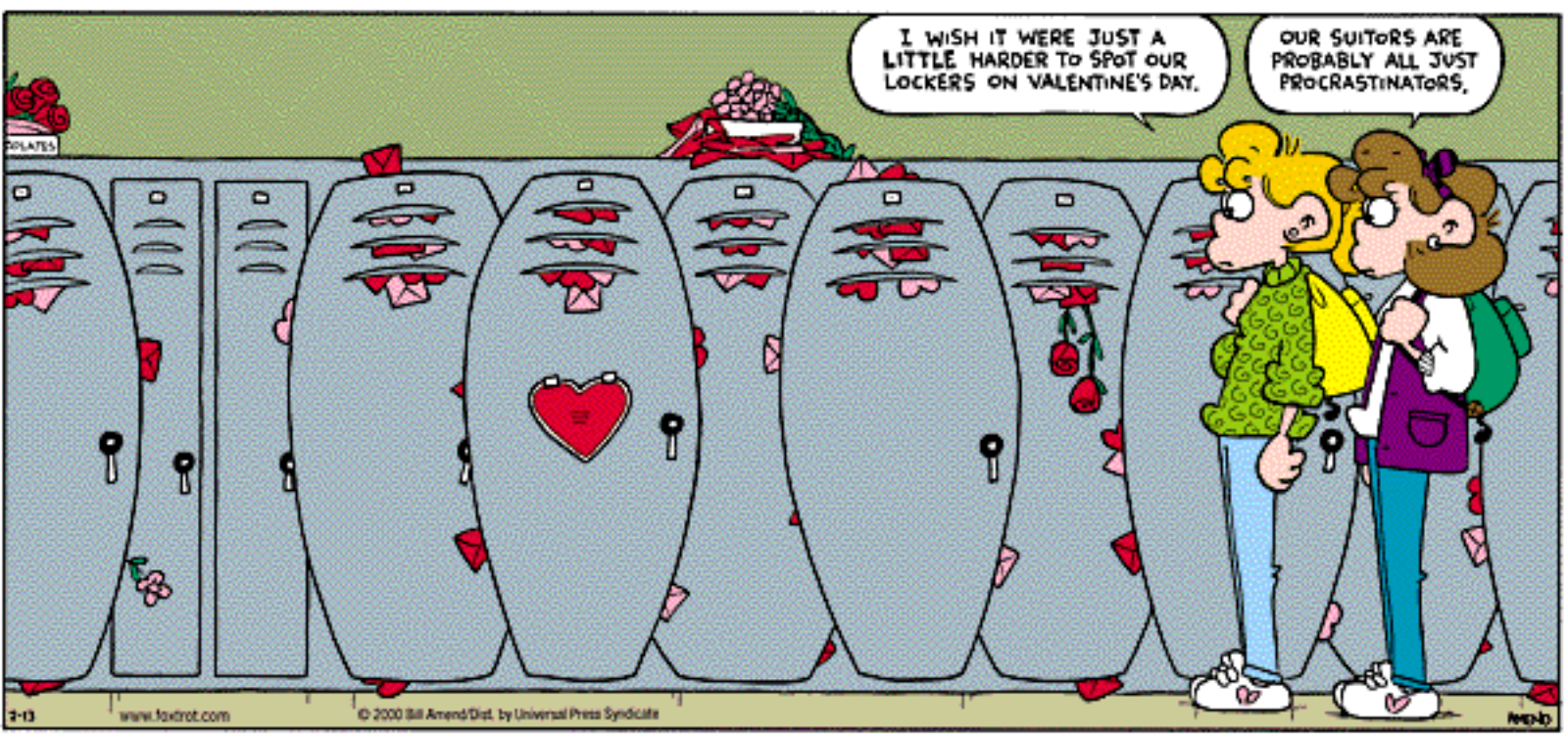
ONE OF THESE WINTERS I'M GOING TO MAKE MOM RAISE THE THERMOSTAT.
GOOD LUCK.


I WISH IT WERE JUST A LITTLE HARDER TO SPOT OUR LOCKERS ON VALENTINE'S DAY.
OUR SUITORS ARE PROBABLY ALL JUST PROCRASTINATORS.
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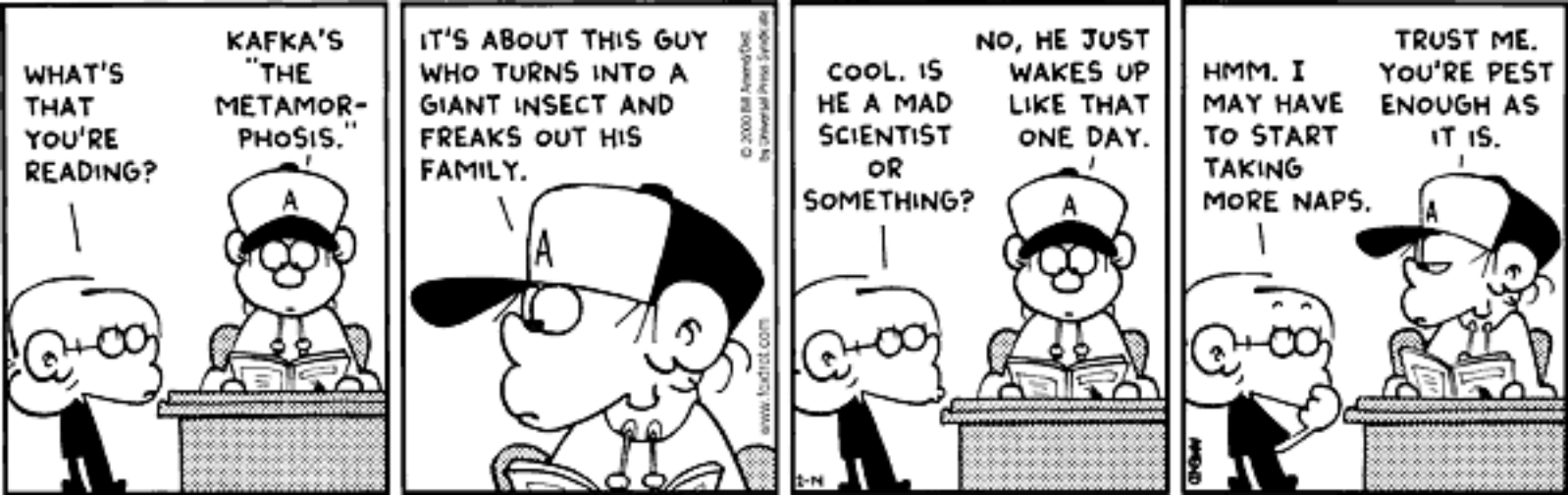
WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE READING?
KAFKA'S "THE METAMORPHOSIS."
IT'S ABOUT THIS GUY WHO TURNS INTO A GIANT INSECT AND FREAKS OUT HIS FAMILY.
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COOL. IS HE A MAD SCIENTIST OR SOMETHING?
NO, HE JUST WAKES UP LIKE THAT ONE DAY.
HMM. I MAY HAVE TO START TAKING MORE NAPS.
TRUST ME. YOU'RE PEST ENOUGH AS IT IS.

YOU'RE GOING TO BED NOW?
I CAN'T WAIT.
PETER WAS TELLING ME ABOUT THIS GREGOR SAMSA GUY WHO WAKES UP ONE MORNING TRANSFORMED INTO A GIANT DUNG BEETLE.
I FIGURE THE SOONER I GO TO SLEEP, THE SOONER SOMETHING LIKE THAT CAN HAPPEN TO ME!
YOU'RE PULLING ME OUT OF ADVANCED ENGLISH? WHY?
YOU KNOW DARN WELL WHY.
COULD YOU KEEP IT DOWN? SOME OF US ARE TRYING TO HAVE UNSETTLING DREAMS!
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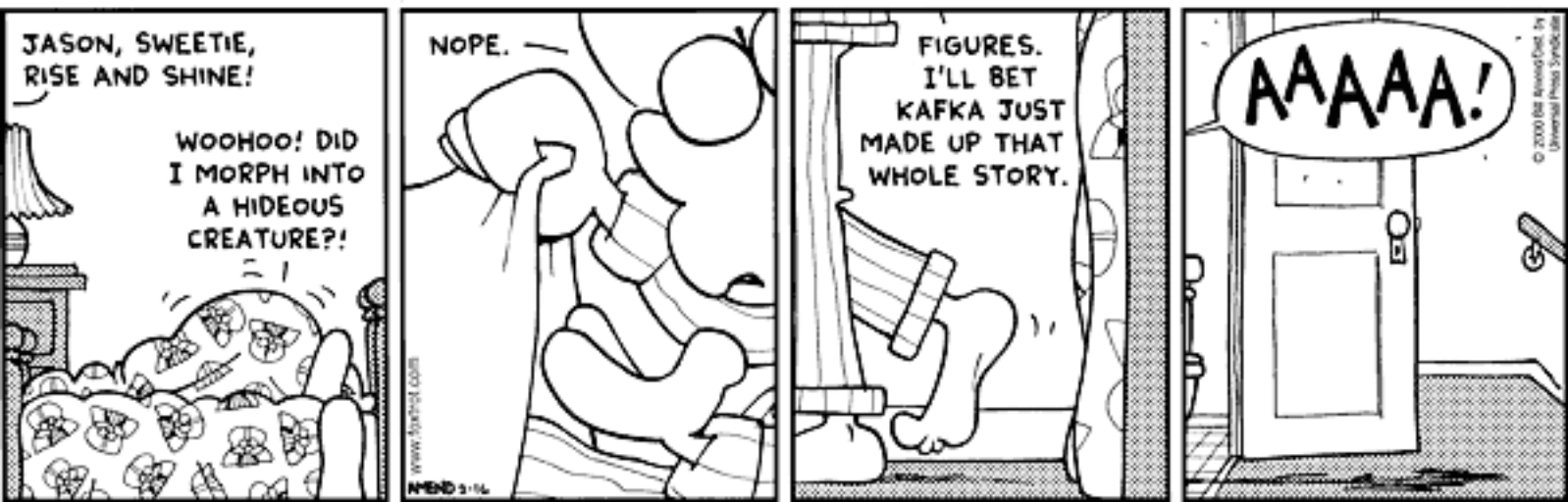
JASON, SWEETIE, RISE AND SHINE!
WOOHOO! DID I MORPH INTO A HIDEOUS CREATURE?!
NOPE.
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FIGURES. I'LL BET KAFKA JUST MADE UP THAT WHOLE STORY.
AAAAA!
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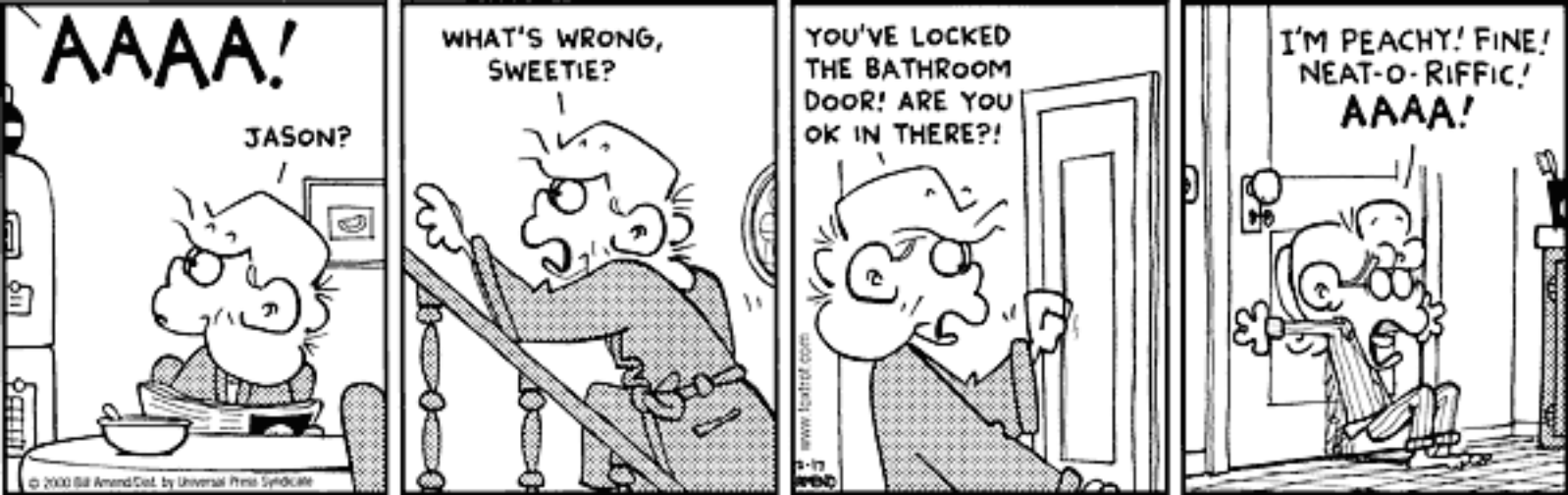
AAAA!
JASON?
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WHAT'S WRONG, SWEETIE?
YOU'VE LOCKED THE BATHROOM DOOR! ARE YOU OK IN THERE?!
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I'M PEACHY! FINE! NEAT-O-RIFFIC! AAAA!

HOW CUTE!
"CUTE"?! MOTHER, I'VE TURNED INTO A MINI-PAIGE!
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CURSE THAT KAFKA! HE FILLED MY HEAD WITH ALL SORTS OF FALSE HOPES!
I THOUGHT I'D WAKE UP AS A GIANT INSECT! A COCKROACH! A DUNG BEETLE! NOT SOMETHING AS HIDEOUS AS THIS!
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I CAN STILL SQUASH YOU LIKE A BUG.
BIG PAIGE, YOU LEAVE YOUR SISTER ALONE.
"SISTER"?!
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JASON, SWEETHEART, SOMETIMES LIFE THROWS US CURVEBALLS.
YOU WOKE UP THIS MORNING TRANSFORMED INTO A MONSTROUS VERMIN, AND NOW WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT.
IT WON'T BE SO BAD. YOU'LL SEE.
LET'S GO FIND YOU A TRAINING BRA.
SIS! COME QUICK! BRAD PITT'S ON "OPRAH"!
TRAINING BRA?!
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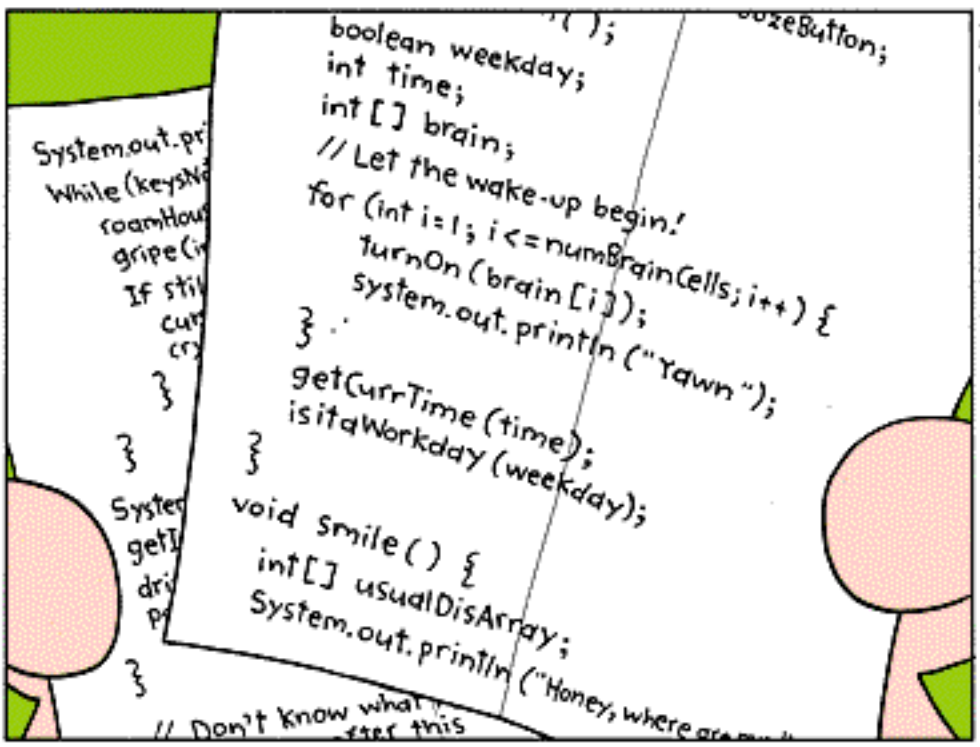

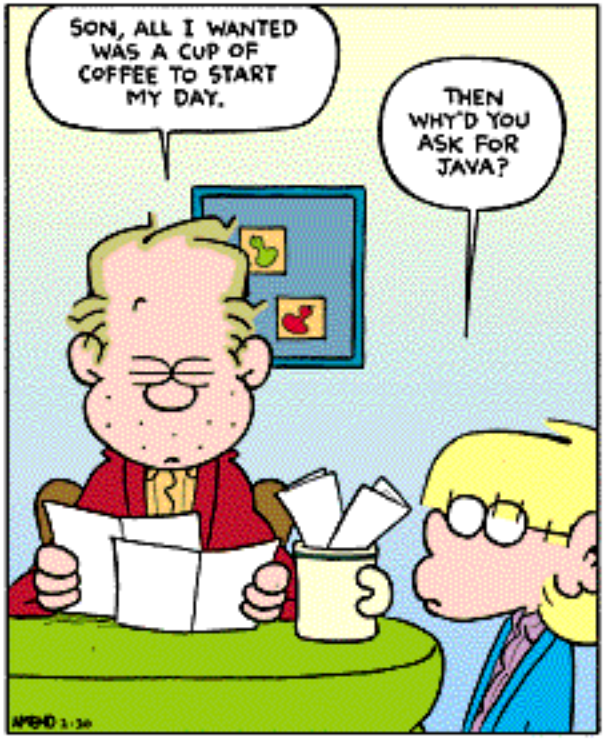

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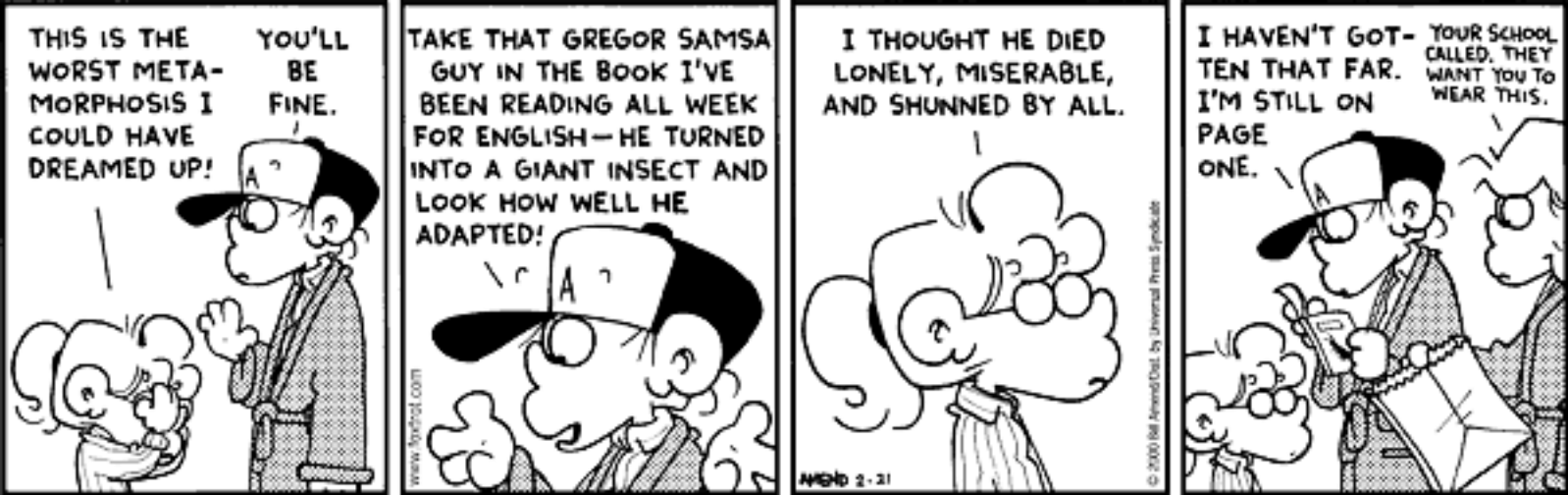
THIS IS THE WORST METAMORPHOSIS I COULD HAVE DREAMED UP!
YOU'LL BE FINE.
TAKE THAT GREGOR SAMSA GUY IN THE BOOK I'VE BEEN READING ALL WEEK FOR ENGLISH—HE TURNED INTO A GIANT INSECT AND LOOK HOW WELL HE ADAPTED!
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I THOUGHT HE DIED LONELY, MISERABLE, AND SHUNNED BY ALL.
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I HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT FAR. I'M STILL ON PAGE ONE.
YOUR SCHOOL CALLED. THEY WANT YOU TO WEAR THIS.

MORNING, SON.
MORNING, DAD.
HE CALLED ME "SON"! MAYBE THIS ISN'T AS BAD AS I THOUGHT!
MAYBE I CAN STILL GO THROUGH LIFE AS A BOY AFTER ALL!
MORNING, SON.
DEAR, I'M YOUR WIFE.
THEN AGAIN...
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YOU'VE CALMED DOWN SINCE THIS MORNING.
WELL, IT'S DAWNED ON ME THAT THIS MUST BE A DREAM.
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THINK ABOUT IT—IF I'D REALLY METAMORPHOSIZED INTO A MINIATURE PAIGE, THE X-FILES DIVISION AT THE FBI WOULD'VE SENT MULDER AND SCULLY TO INVESTI-GATE BY NOW.
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KEEP IN MIND THEY ONLY EXAMINE PARANORMAL EVENTS SUITABLE FOR A MAINSTREAM NETWORK TELEVISION AUDIENCE.
2-23
CURSE THE IN-FALLIBLE LOGIC OF MY SUB-CONSCIOUS!
I MEAN, THERE ARE MUTANTS, AND THEN THERE ARE MUTANTS.

WHY ARE WE AT THE MALL?
IT'S PART OF YOUR TRAINING, NOW THAT YOU'RE A GIRL.
I'M NOT A GIRL! I'M NOT A GIRL! I'M NOT! I'M NOT! I'M NOT! I'M NOT!
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LOOK! LOOK! NORDSTROM'S HAVING A SHOE SALE!
YOU WERE SAYING?...

BUCK UP, JASOLYN.
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SURE, YOUR FRIENDS WILL LIKELY LOATHE AND DETEST YOU NOW THAT YOU'VE TURNED INTO A GIRL.
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BUT YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER, THINGS COULD BE EVEN WORSE.
HOW'S THAT?
2-25
IMAGINE IF THEY DIDN'T.
I DON'T FOLLOW...
I PICKED THESE FOR YOU, GORGEOUS.

THIS MUSIC WE'RE LISTENING TO... IT'S INCREDIBLE!
IT'S GOT A GROOVE! A FUNK! A BEAT I CAN'T RESIST! I LOVE IT! WHO IS IT?
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YOU DON'T KNOW?
WHAT'S THIS BACKSTREET BOYS CD CASE DOING OUT?
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I GUESS IT'S TRUE THAT OUR BRAINS WON'T LET US DIE IN OUR DREAMS.
WAS THAT YOU SINGING?

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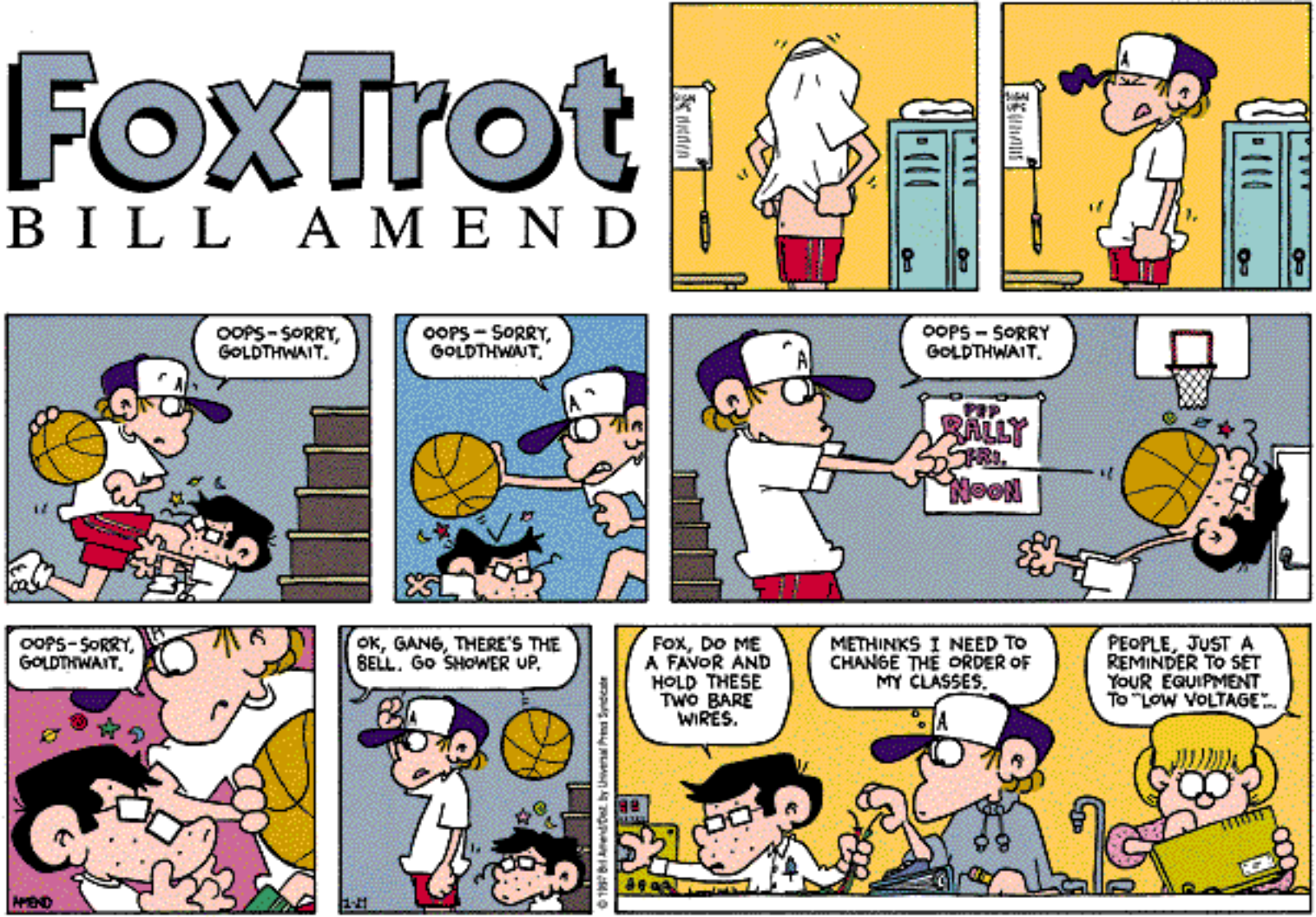

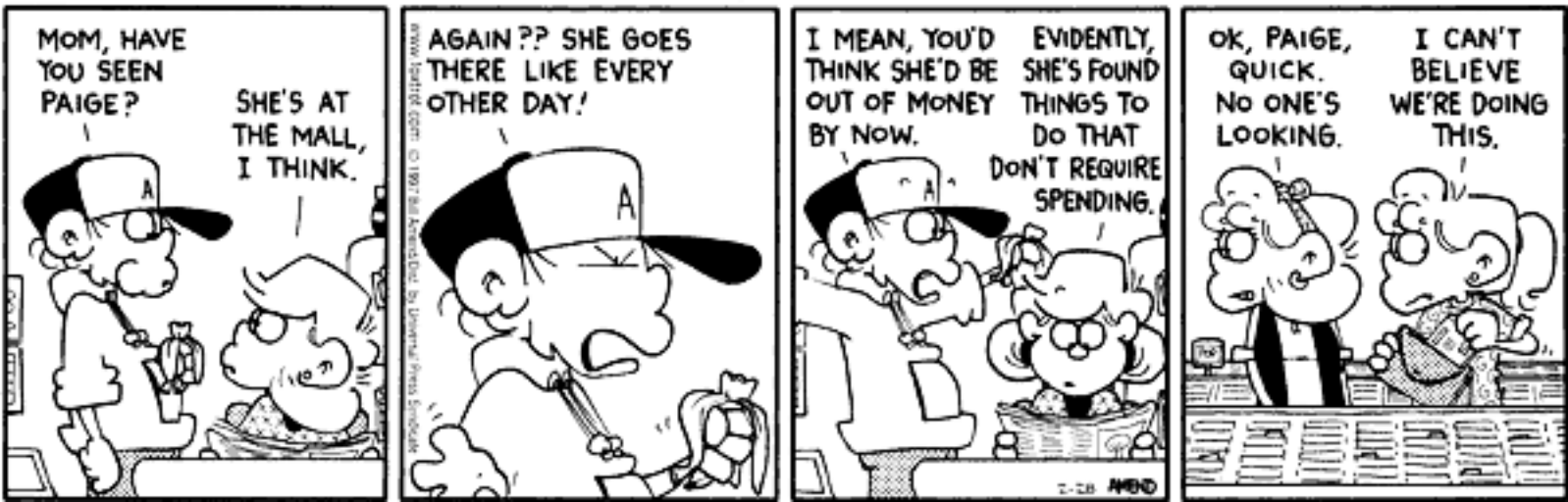
MOM, HAVE YOU SEEN PAIGE?
SHE'S AT THE MALL, I THINK.
AGAIN?? SHE GOES THERE LIKE EVERY OTHER DAY!
I MEAN, YOU'D THINK SHE'D BE OUT OF MONEY BY NOW.
EVIDENTLY, SHE'S FOUND THINGS TO DO THAT DON'T REQUIRE SPENDING.
OK, PAIGE, QUICK. NO ONE'S LOOKING.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE DOING THIS.

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NICOLE, WHAT IF WE GET CAUGHT?
WE AREN'T GOING TO GET CAUGHT.
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WHAT IF OUR PARENTS FIND OUT?
THEY AREN'T GOING TO FIND OUT.
WHAT IF WE GO THROUGH LIFE TORTURED BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE STOLE A CD FROM THIS STORE?
PAIGE, THIS IS A MALL. IN TWO MONTHS, THIS STORE WON'T EVEN BE HERE.
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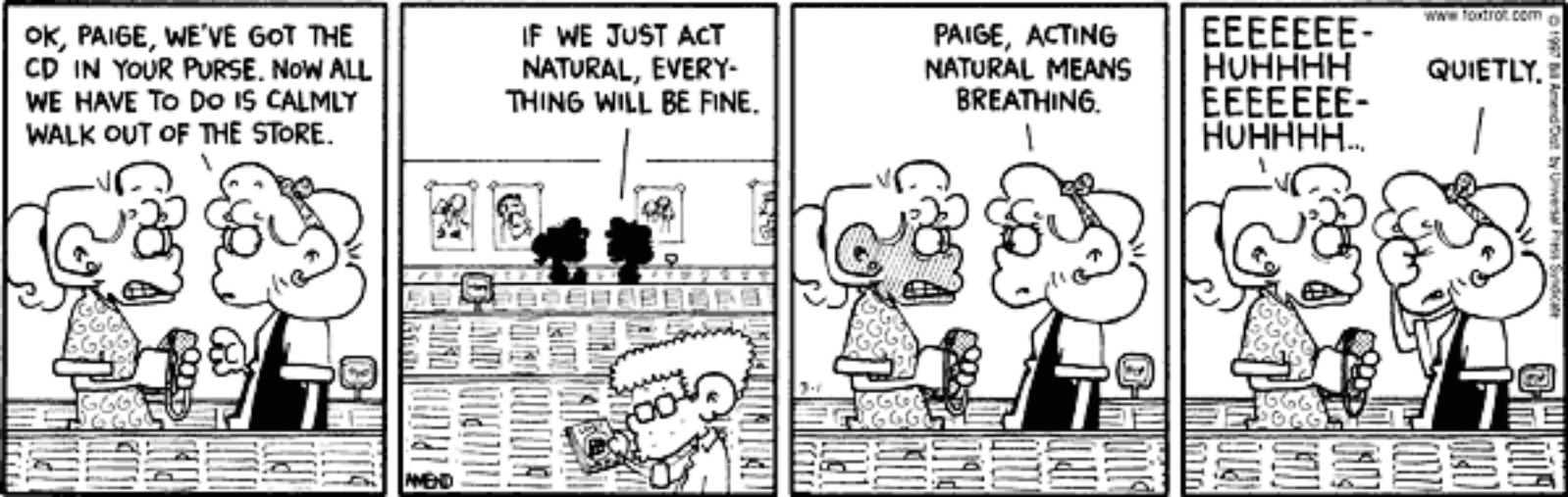
AH, THE COMPLICATED ETHICS OF THE 1990s.
THINK OF THIS AS ONE LESS ITEM THEY'LL HAVE TO BOTHER LIQUIDATING.


OK, PAIGE, WE'VE GOT THE CD IN YOUR PURSE. NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS CALMLY WALK OUT OF THE STORE.
IF WE JUST ACT NATURAL, EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.
PAIGE, ACTING NATURAL MEANS BREATHING.
EEEEEEE-HUHHHH EEEEEEE-HUHHHH...
QUIETLY.
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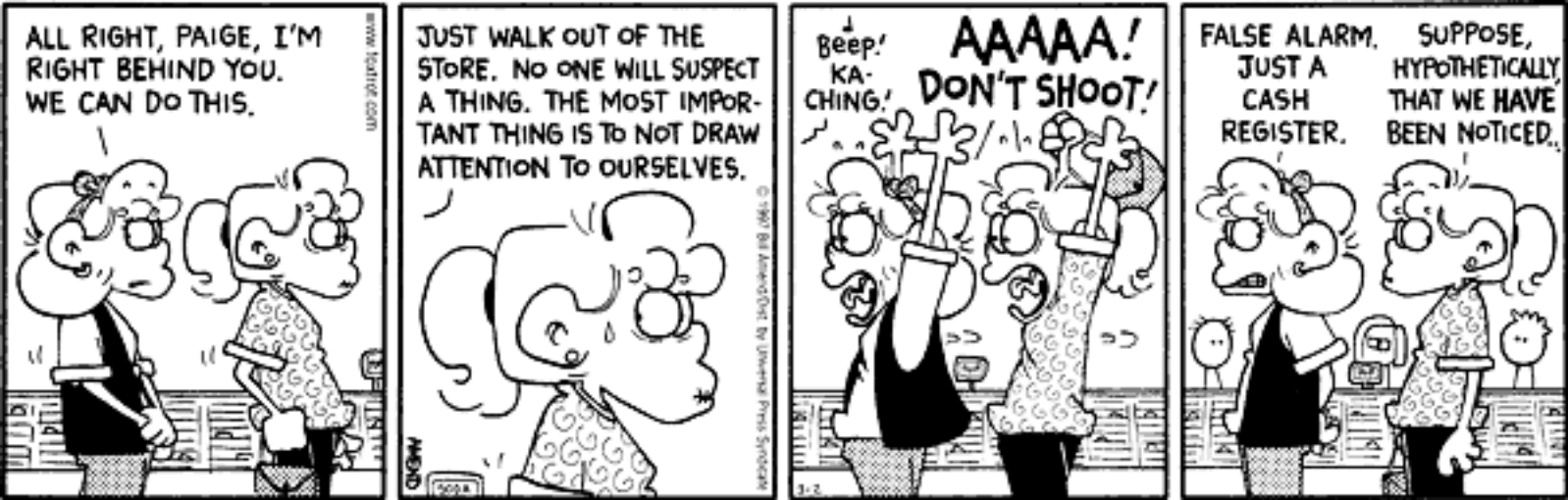
ALL RIGHT, PAIGE, I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU. WE CAN DO THIS.
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JUST WALK OUT OF THE STORE. NO ONE WILL SUSPECT A THING. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO NOT DRAW ATTENTION TO OURSELVES.
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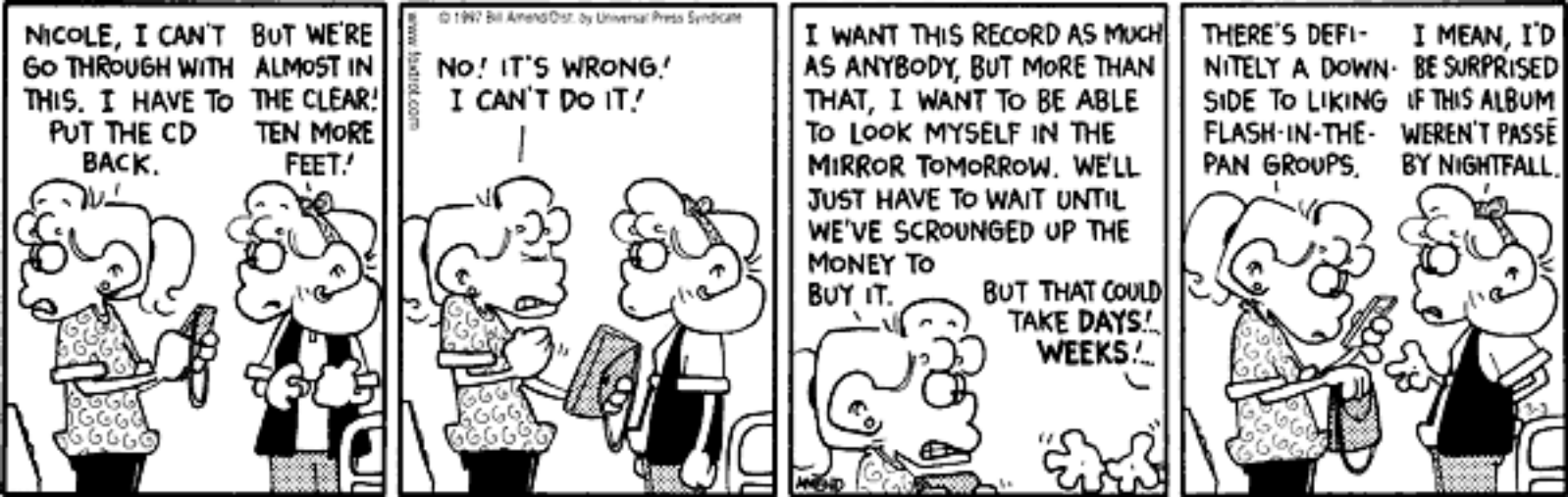
Beep! KA-CHING!
AAAAA! DON'T SHOOT!
FALSE ALARM. JUST A CASH REGISTER.
SUPPOSE, HYPOTHETICALLY, THAT WE HAVE BEEN NOTICED.


NICOLE, I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH THIS. I HAVE TO PUT THE CD BACK.
BUT WE'RE ALMOST IN THE CLEAR! TEN MORE FEET!
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NO! IT'S WRONG! I CAN'T DO IT!
I WANT THIS RECORD AS MUCH AS ANYBODY, BUT MORE THAN THAT, I WANT TO BE ABLE TO LOOK MYSELF IN THE MIRROR TOMORROW. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE'VE SCROUNGED UP THE MONEY TO BUY IT.
BUT THAT COULD TAKE DAYS!... WEEKS!...
THERE'S DEFINITELY A DOWNSIDE TO LIKING FLASH-IN-THE-PAN GROUPS.
I MEAN, I'D BE SURPRISED IF THIS ALBUM WEREN'T PASSÉ BY NIGHTFALL.

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FOOD COURT
EXCUSE ME. GIRLS?
I NOTICED YOU TAKING THAT CD OUT OF YOUR PURSE AND RETURNING IT TO THE SHELF BACK IN THAT STORE. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW GLAD I AM THAT YOU CHOSE TO DO THAT.
... BECAUSE I ALSO NOTICED WHEN YOU FIRST SLIPPED IT INTO YOUR PURSE.
NOT TO BE COMPETITIVE, BUT I THINK MY GLAD BEATS YOUR GLAD.
UNDERSTAND WE'D BE HAVING A VERY DIFFERENT CONVERSATION RIGHT NOW.
WOULD EITHER OF YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW CPR?

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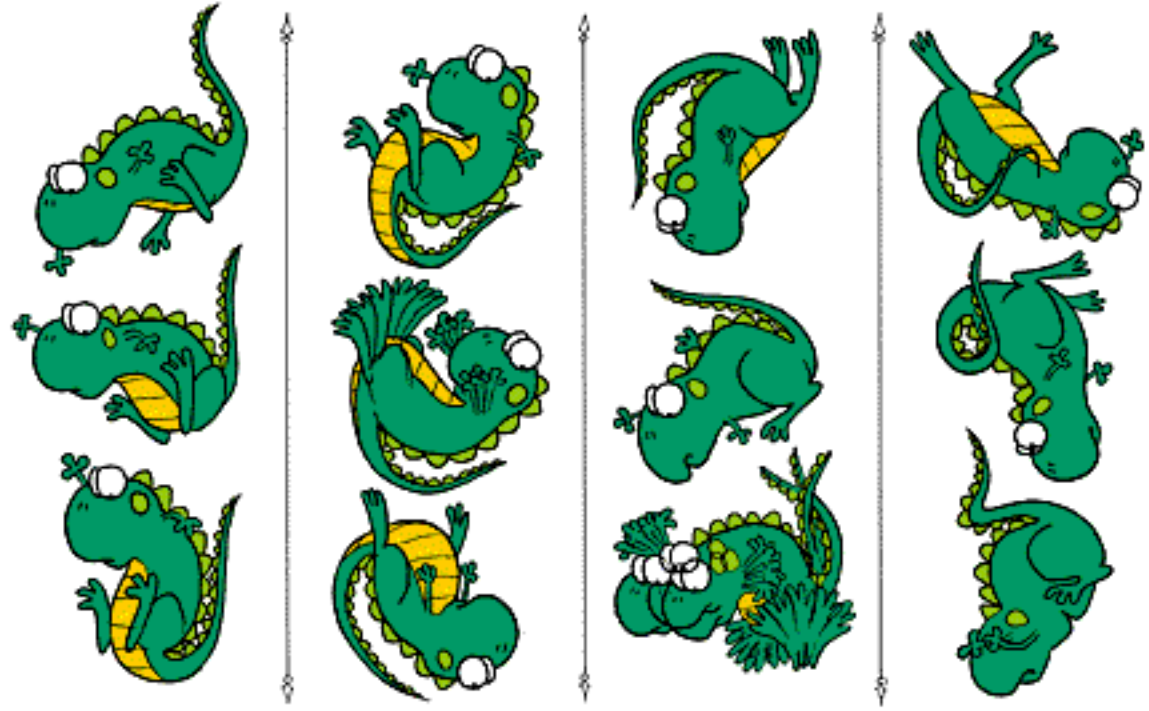

OH, COME ON — THAT WAS A "10."
MOTH-ERRR!
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HOLY COW! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS WEATHER FORECAST!
SUNNY...DRY... HIGHS IN THE MID-80s!
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Cartoonist Tops "Best Dressed" List
T-SHIRT AND SHORTS, HERE I COME!
MMGD 3-6
YOU MIGHT HAVE TOLD ME YOU WERE READING OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR SCHOOL.
AND DAMP-EN YOUR GLEE?

WHO CAN EXPLAIN THIS FIRST POEM? ...STACY?
UH...
WHO CAN EXPLAIN THIS NEXT POEM? ...MICHAEL?
UM...
FINALLY, WHO CAN EXPLAIN THIS LAST POEM? ...GINA?
ER...
MISS CHRISTOPHER ISN'T NEARLY SO SCARY SINCE WE FIGURED HER OUT.
I'D GIVE YOU A HIGH-FIVE, BUT MY ARM HURTS TOO MUCH.

HI, CAN I GET A JUMBO McMEAL, A TACO McMEAL, ONION RINGS, FRIES, A CHOCOLATE SHAKE AND A MEDIUM ROOT BEER?
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I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO EAT INSIDE.
WE ARE.
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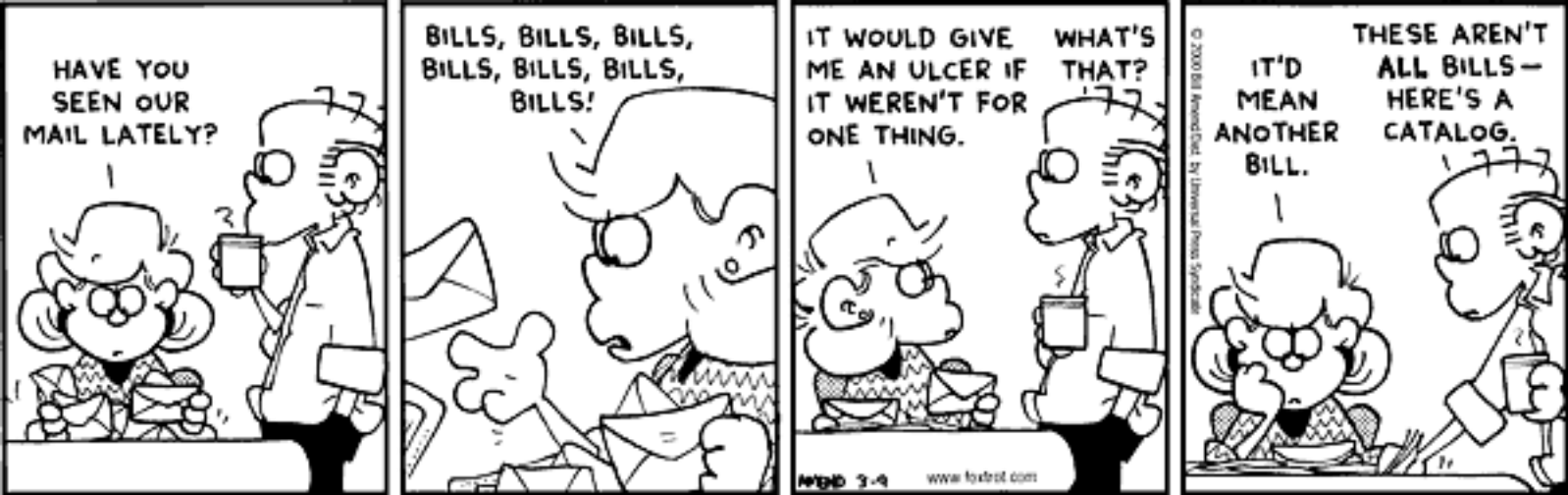
THIS IS JUST TO HOLD ME OVER WHILE I'M PARKING.
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BY THE LIGHT ORDER.
I'M SORRY— I MEANT A LARGE MILKSHAKE.


HAVE YOU SEEN OUR MAIL LATELY?
BILLS, BILLS, BILLS, BILLS, BILLS, BILLS, BILLS!
IT WOULD GIVE ME AN ULCER IF IT WEREN'T FOR ONE THING.
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'D MEAN ANOTHER BILL.
THESE AREN'T ALL BILLS— HERE'S A CATALOG.
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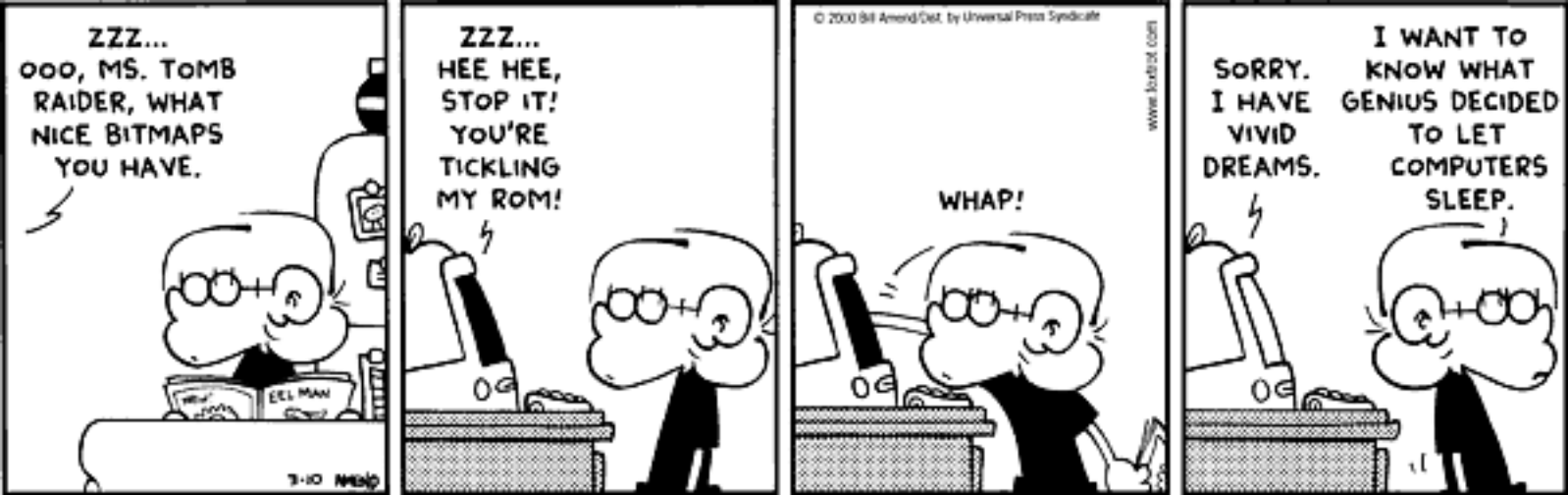
ZZZ... OOO, MS. TOMB RAIDER, WHAT NICE BITMAPS YOU HAVE.
EEL MAN
ZZZ... HEE HEE, STOP IT! YOU'RE TICKLING MY ROM!
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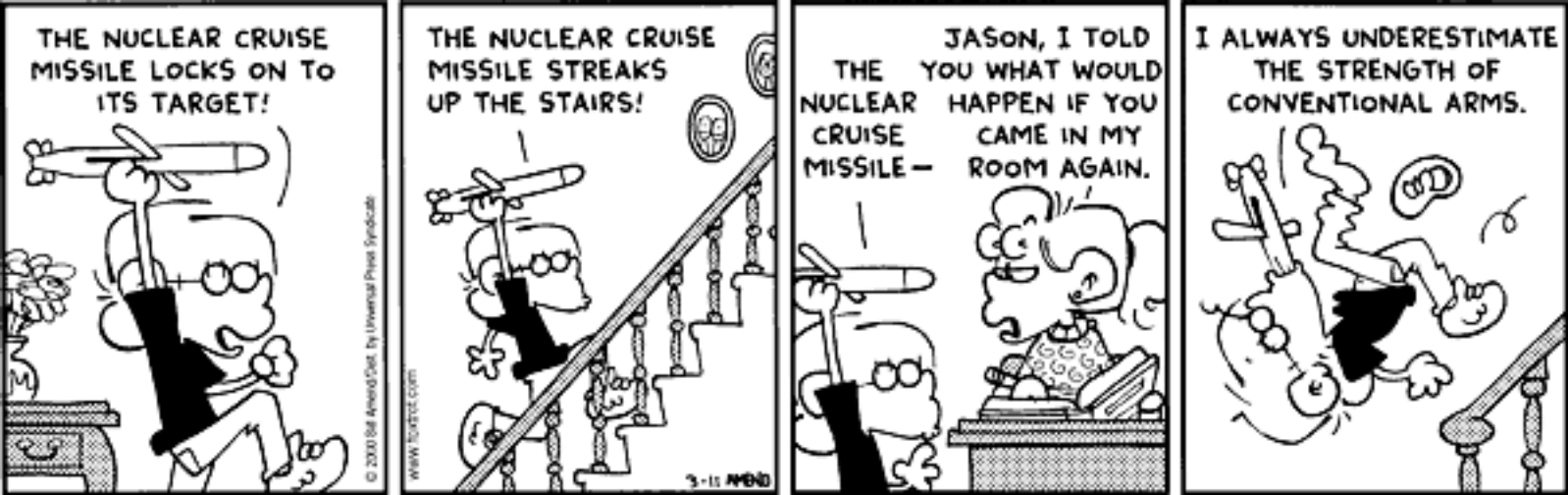
WHAP!
SORRY. I HAVE VIVID DREAMS.
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT GENIUS DECIDED TO LET COMPUTERS SLEEP.


THE NUCLEAR CRUISE MISSILE LOCKS ON TO ITS TARGET!
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THE NUCLEAR CRUISE MISSILE STREAKS UP THE STAIRS!
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THE NUCLEAR CRUISE MISSILE—
JASON, I TOLD YOU WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU CAME IN MY ROOM AGAIN.
I ALWAYS UNDERESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS.

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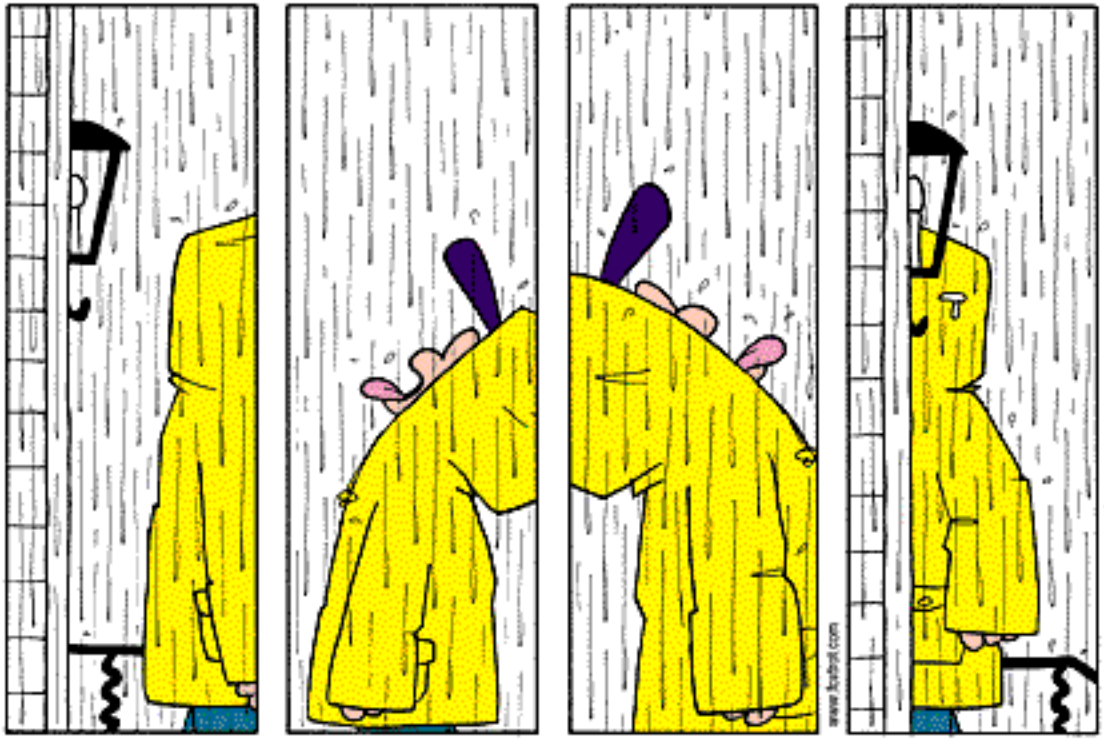
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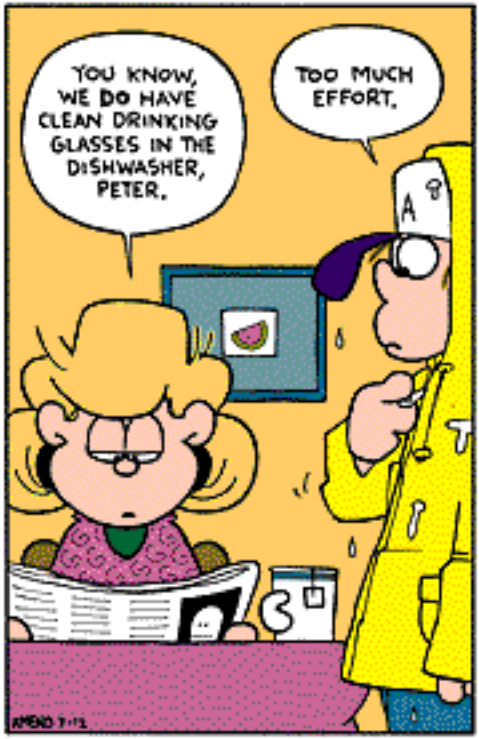
YOU KNOW, WE DO HAVE CLEAN DRINKING GLASSES IN THE DISHWASHER, PETER.
TOO MUCH EFFORT.
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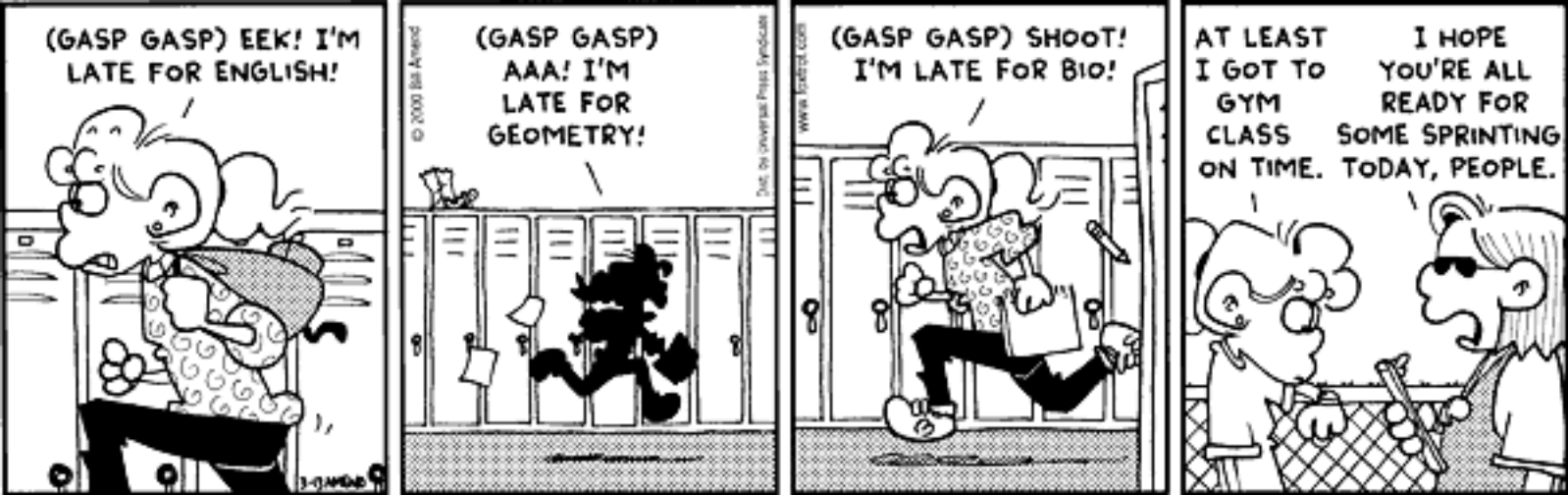
(GASP GASP) EEK! I'M LATE FOR ENGLISH!
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(GASP GASP) AAA! I'M LATE FOR GEOMETRY!
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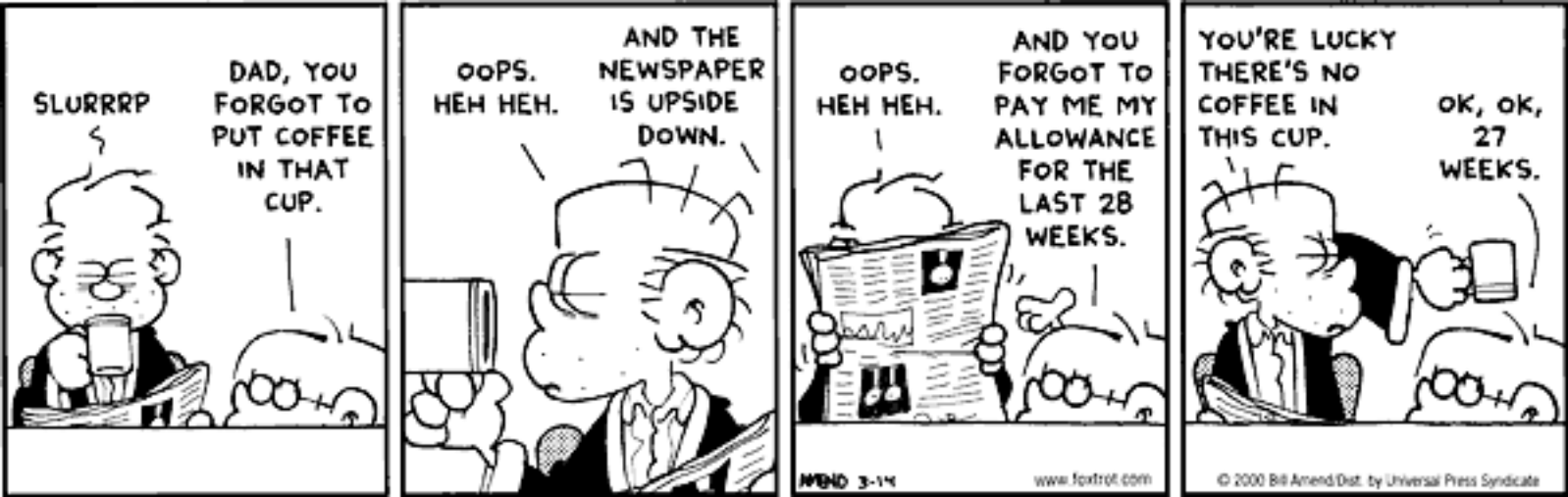
(GASP GASP) SHOOT! I'M LATE FOR BIO!
AT LEAST I GOT TO GYM CLASS ON TIME.
I HOPE YOU'RE ALL READY FOR SOME SPRINTING TODAY, PEOPLE.


SLURRRP
DAD, YOU FORGOT TO PUT COFFEE IN THAT CUP.
OOPS. HEH HEH.
AND THE NEWSPAPER IS UPSIDE DOWN.
OOPS. HEH HEH.
AND YOU FORGOT TO PAY ME MY ALLOWANCE FOR THE LAST 28 WEEKS.
YOU'RE LUCKY THERE'S NO COFFEE IN THIS CUP.
OK, OK, 27 WEEKS.
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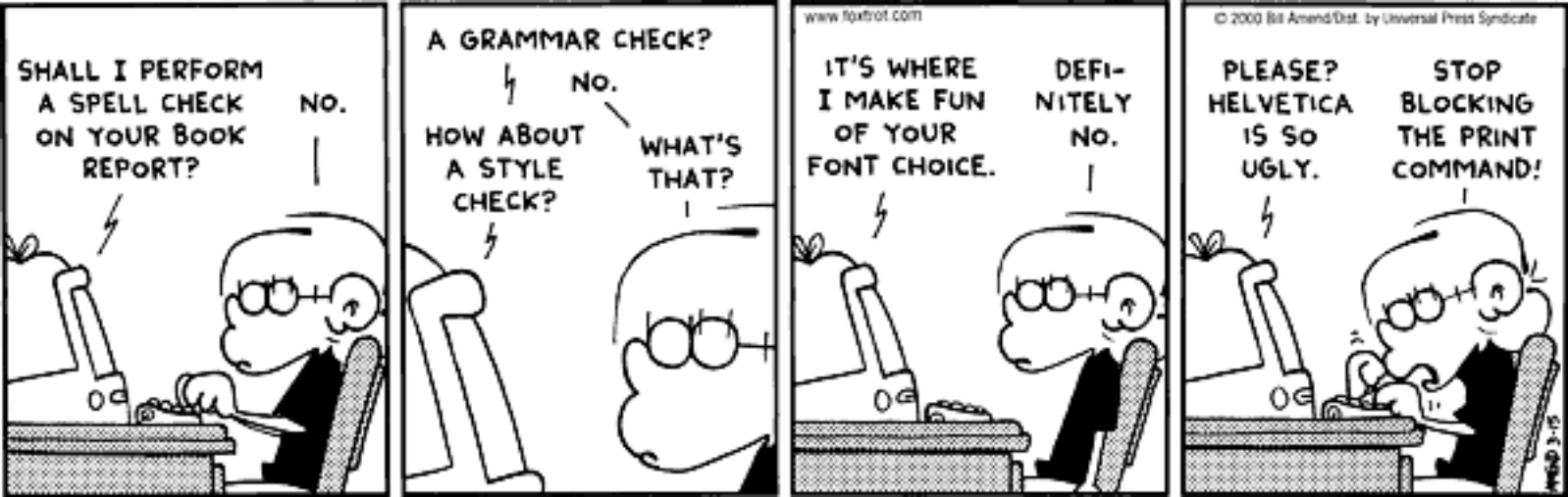
SHALL I PERFORM A SPELL CHECK ON YOUR BOOK REPORT?
NO.
A GRAMMAR CHECK?
NO.
HOW ABOUT A STYLE CHECK?
WHAT'S THAT?
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IT'S WHERE I MAKE FUN OF YOUR FONT CHOICE.
DEFI-NITELY NO.
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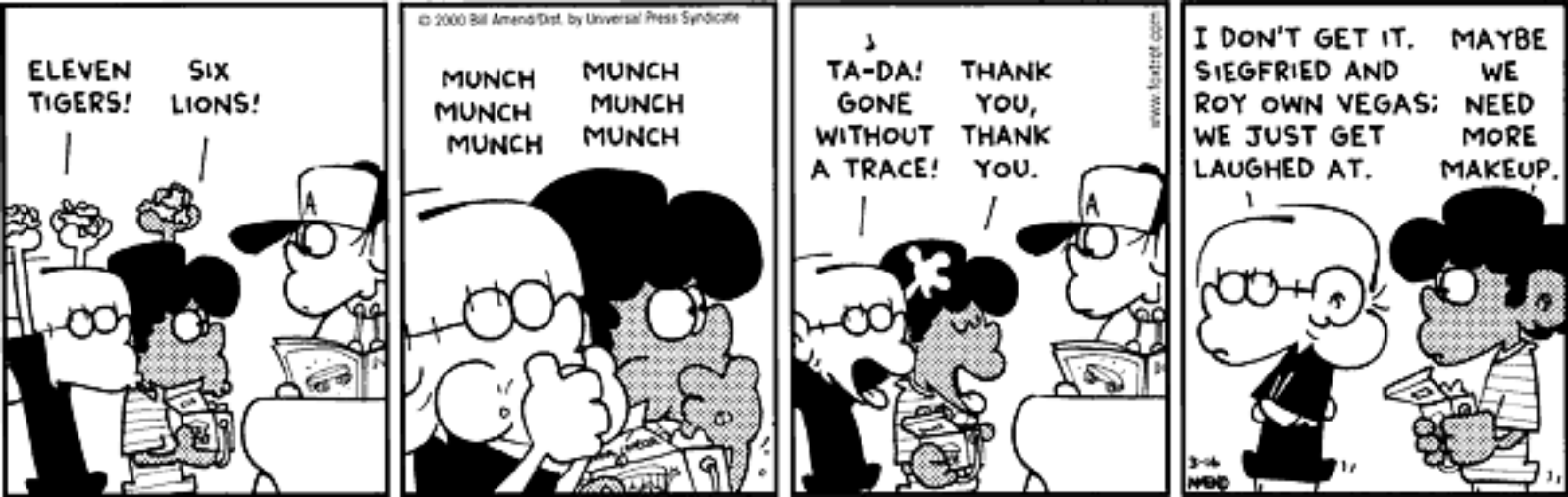
PLEASE? HELVETICA IS SO UGLY.
STOP BLOCKING THE PRINT COMMAND!


ELEVEN TIGERS!
SIX LIONS!
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MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
TA-DA! GONE WITHOUT A TRACE!
THANK YOU, THANK YOU.
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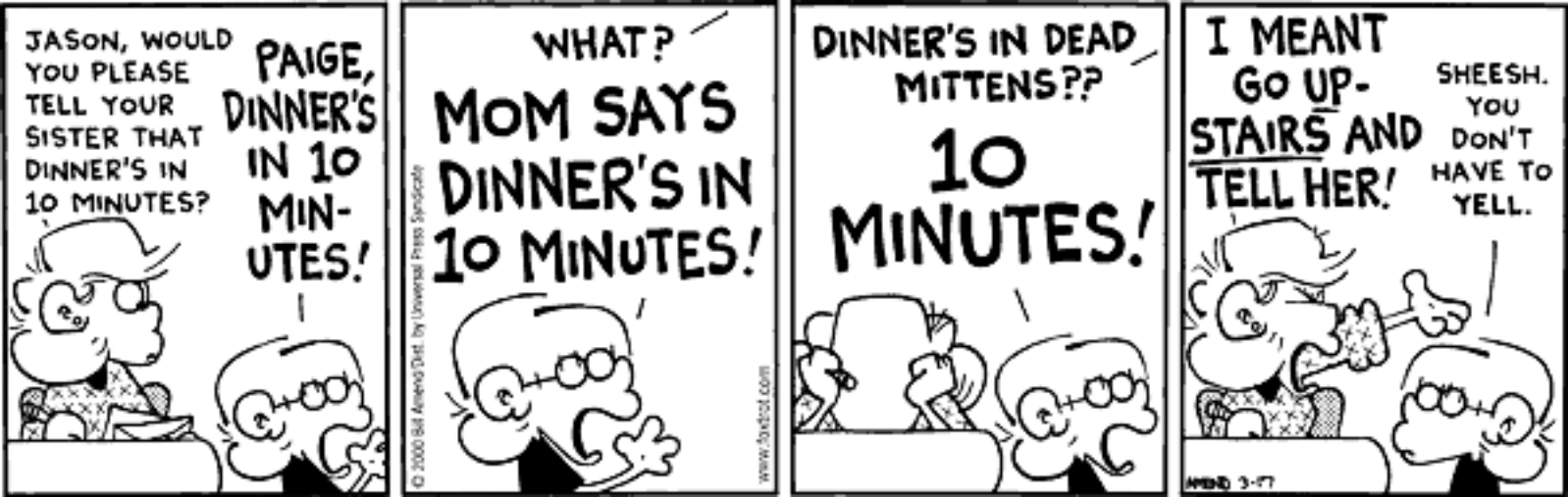
I DON'T GET IT. SIEGFRIED AND ROY OWN VEGAS; WE JUST GET LAUGHED AT.
MAYBE WE NEED MORE MAKEUP.


JASON, WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL YOUR SISTER THAT DINNER'S IN 10 MINUTES?
PAIGE, DINNER'S IN 10 MIN-UTES!
WHAT?
MOM SAYS DINNER'S IN 10 MINUTES!
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DINNER'S IN DEAD MITTENS??
10 MINUTES!
I MEANT GO UP-STAIRS AND TELL HER!
SHEESH. YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL.
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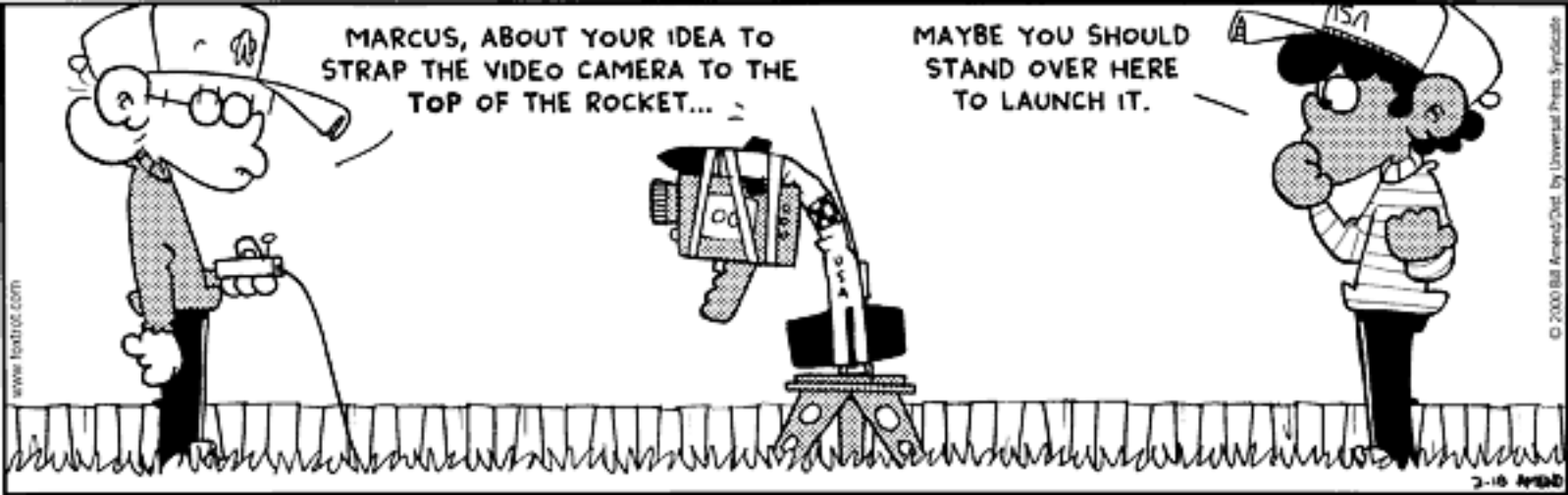
MARCUS, ABOUT YOUR IDEA TO STRAP THE VIDEO CAMERA TO THE TOP OF THE ROCKET...
MAYBE YOU SHOULD STAND OVER HERE TO LAUNCH IT.
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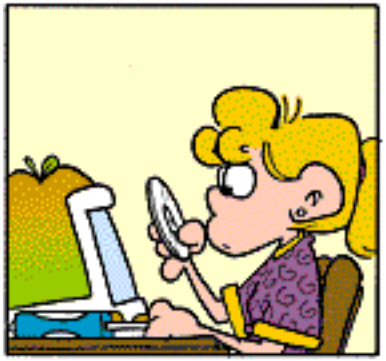

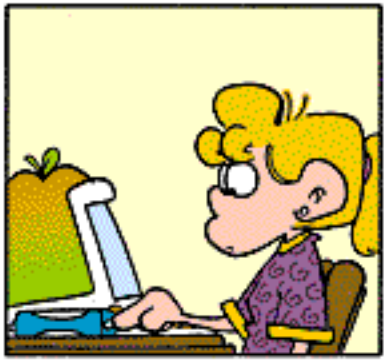

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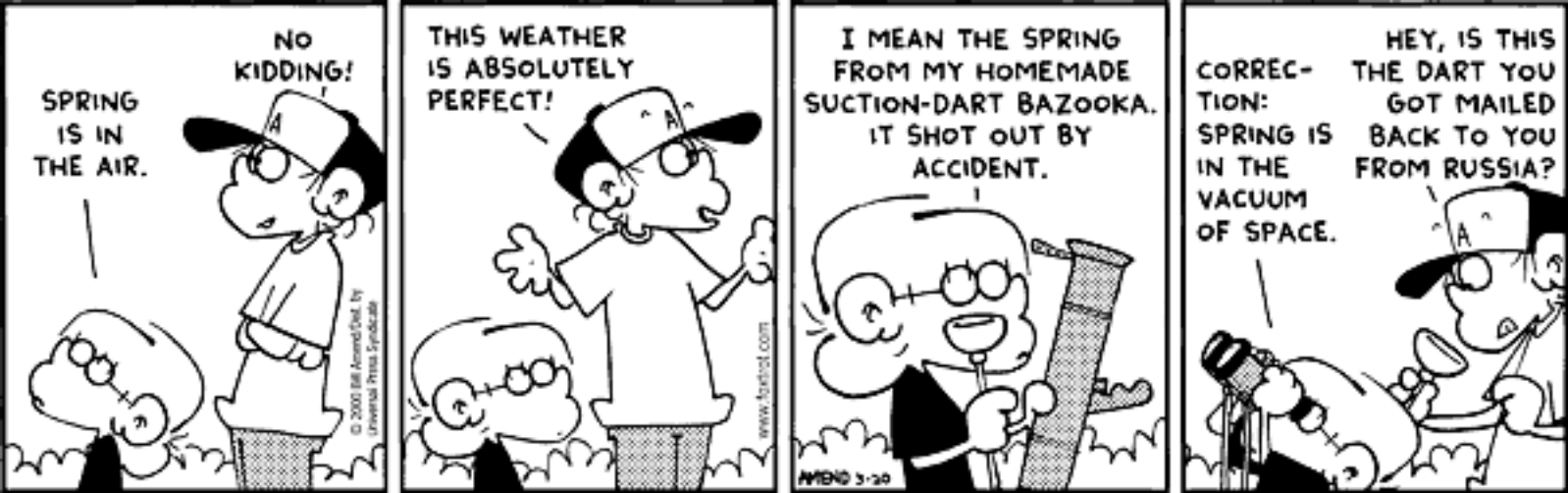
SPRING IS IN THE AIR.
NO KIDDING!
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THIS WEATHER IS ABSOLUTELY PERFECT!
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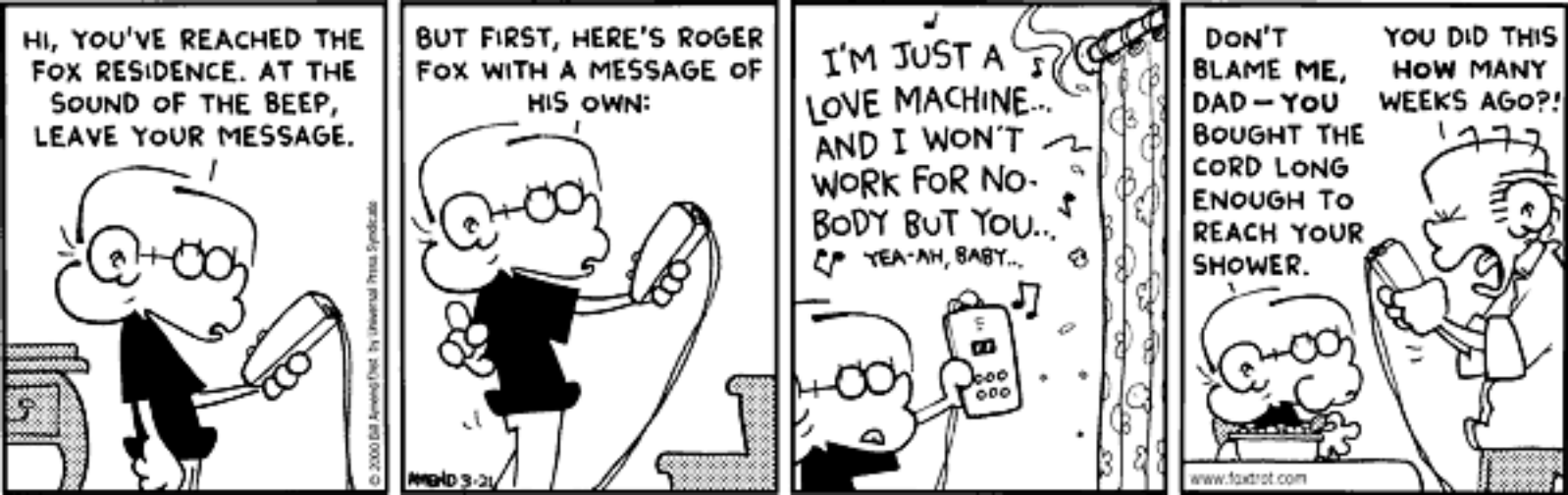
I MEAN THE SPRING FROM MY HOMEMADE SUCTION-DART BAZOOKA. IT SHOT OUT BY ACCIDENT.
AMEND 3-20
CORREC-TION: SPRING IS IN THE VACUUM OF SPACE.
HEY, IS THIS THE DART YOU GOT MAILED BACK TO YOU FROM RUSSIA?


HI, YOU'VE REACHED THE FOX RESIDENCE. AT THE SOUND OF THE BEEP, LEAVE YOUR MESSAGE.
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BUT FIRST, HERE'S ROGER FOX WITH A MESSAGE OF HIS OWN:
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I'M JUST A LOVE MACHINE... AND I WON'T WORK FOR NO-BODY BUT YOU...
YEA-AH, BABY...
DON'T BLAME ME, DAD — YOU BOUGHT THE CORD LONG ENOUGH TO REACH YOUR SHOWER.
YOU DID THIS HOW MANY WEEKS AGO?!
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BREAD... MUSTARD... LETTUCE... TOMATOES...
WHERTO
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HAM... TURKEY... BACON... CHEESE... SALAMI... BOLOGNA... MORE HAM... MORE TURKEY... MORE BACON... MORE CHEESE...
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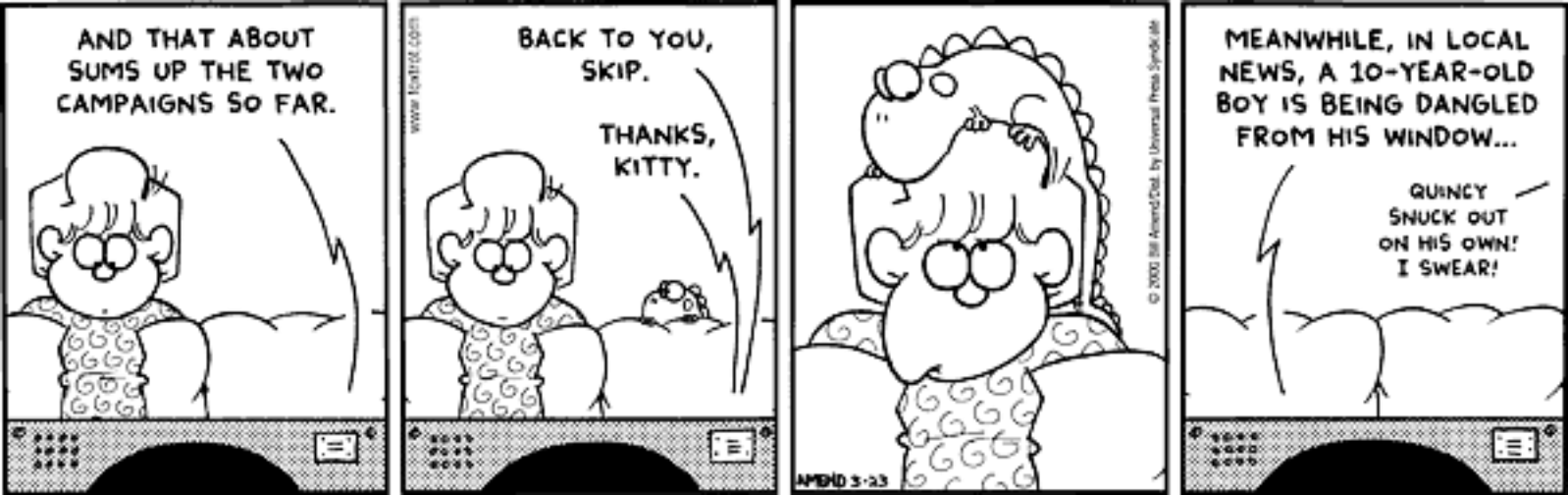
"REDUCED-CALORIE MAYON-NAISE"?!?
WHERTO
AMEND 3-22
MOM! DO YOU WANT ME TO LOSE WEIGHT?!
YOU SHOULD PROBABLY POSE QUESTIONS LIKE THAT FAR AWAY FROM CUTLERY.


AND THAT ABOUT SUMS UP THE TWO CAMPAIGNS SO FAR.
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BACK TO YOU, SKIP.
THANKS, KITTY.
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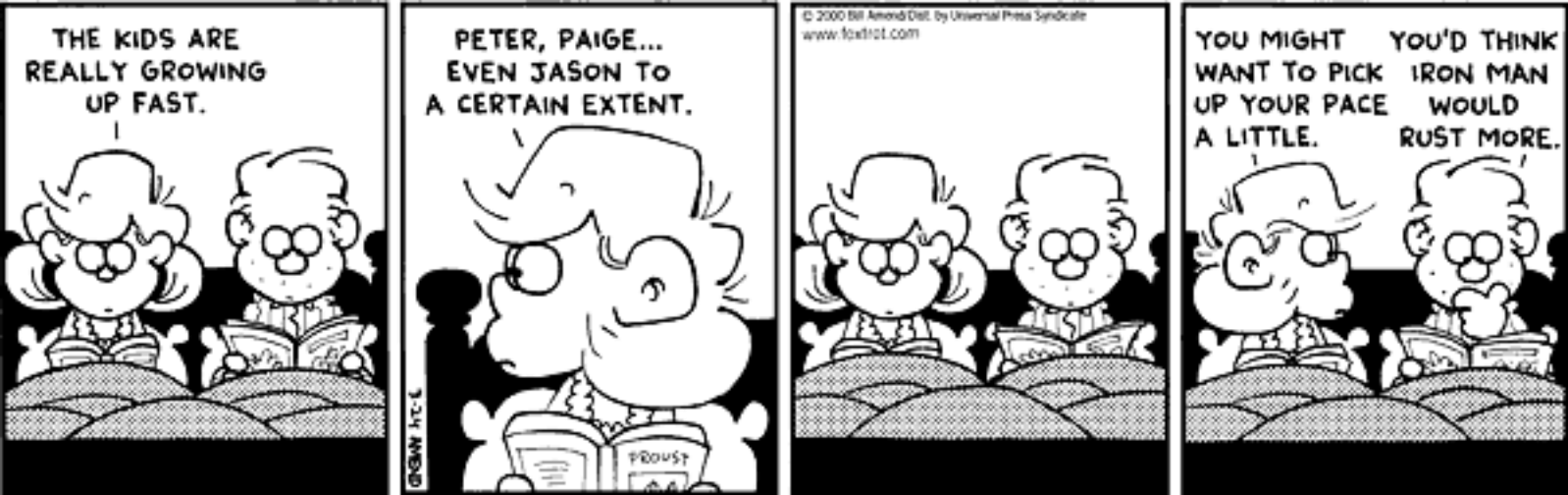
MEANWHILE, IN LOCAL NEWS, A 10-YEAR-OLD BOY IS BEING DANGLED FROM HIS WINDOW...
QUINCY SNUCK OUT ON HIS OWN! I SWEAR!


THE KIDS ARE REALLY GROWING UP FAST.
PETER, PAIGE... EVEN JASON TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.
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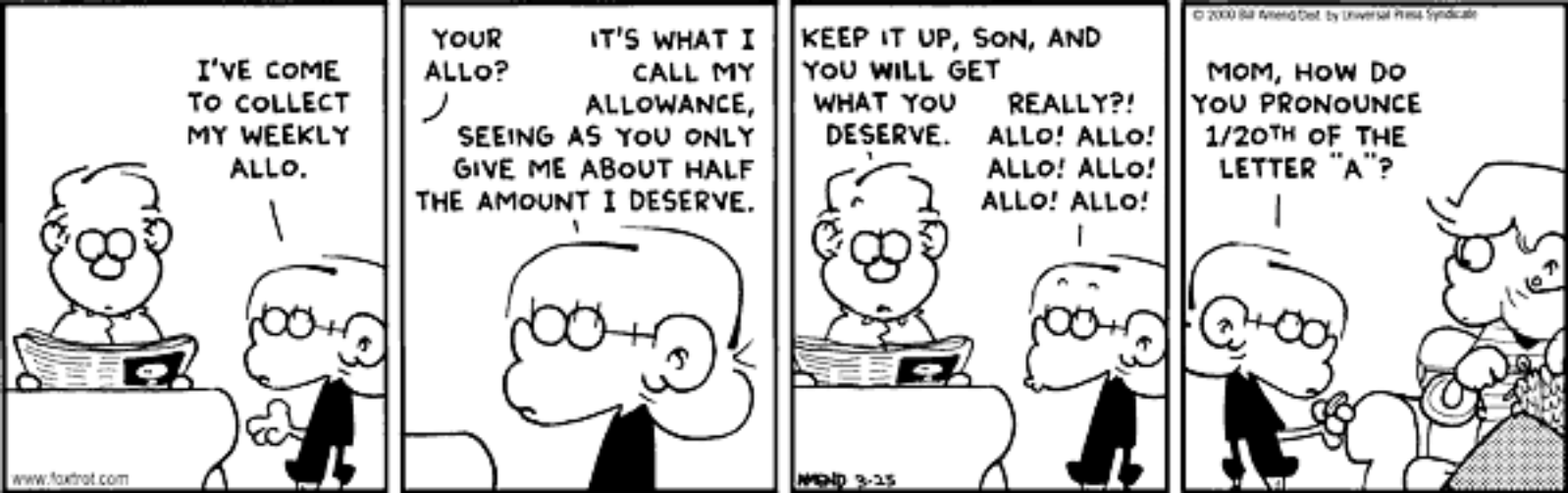
YOU MIGHT WANT TO PICK UP YOUR PACE A LITTLE.
YOU'D THINK IRON MAN WOULD RUST MORE.


I'VE COME TO COLLECT MY WEEKLY ALLO.
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YOUR ALLO?
IT'S WHAT I CALL MY ALLOWANCE, SEEING AS YOU ONLY GIVE ME ABOUT HALF THE AMOUNT I DESERVE.
KEEP IT UP, SON, AND YOU WILL GET WHAT YOU DESERVE.
REALLY?! ALLO! ALLO! ALLO! ALLO! ALLO! ALLO!
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MOM, HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE 1/20TH OF THE LETTER "A"?

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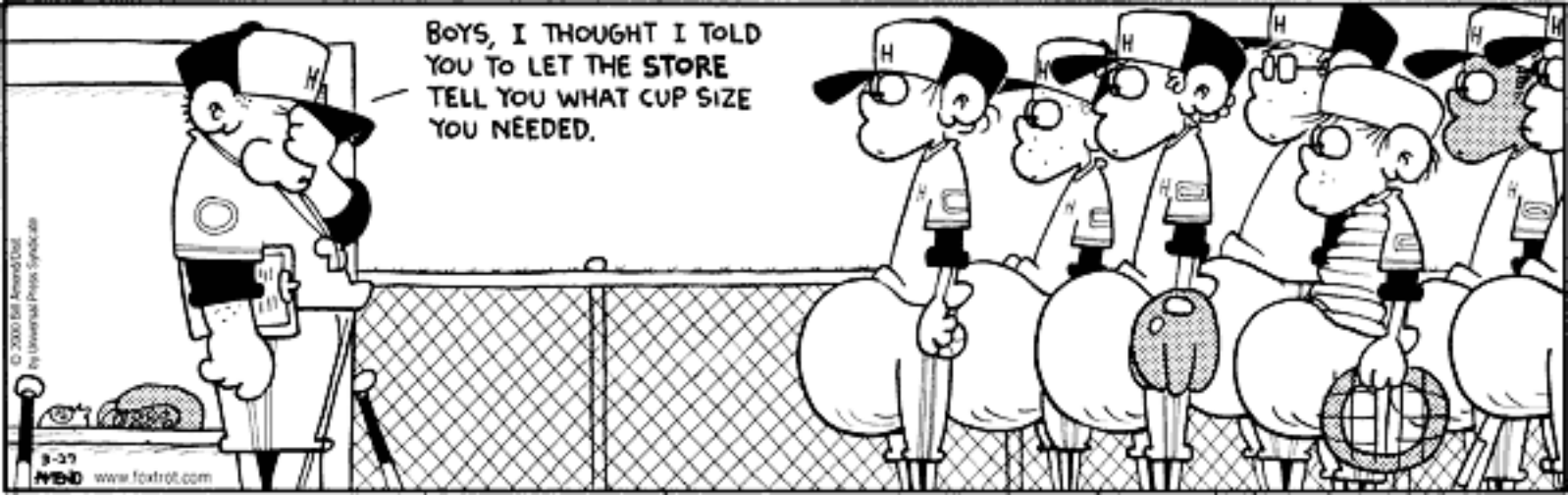
JUST DUCK REALLY FAST.
THIS GAME WAS INVENTED BY PEOPLE WITH ARM STRENGTH.


BOYS, I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO LET THE STORE TELL YOU WHAT CUP SIZE YOU NEEDED.
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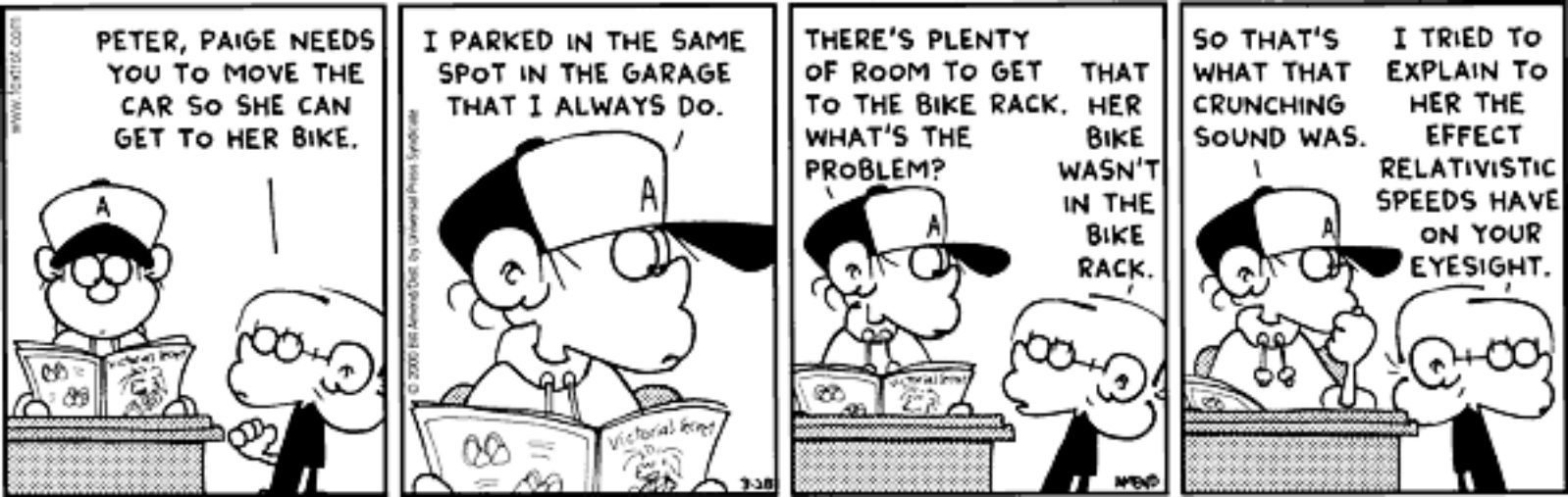
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PETER, PAIGE NEEDS YOU TO MOVE THE CAR SO SHE CAN GET TO HER BIKE.
I PARKED IN THE SAME SPOT IN THE GARAGE THAT I ALWAYS DO.
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THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM TO GET TO THE BIKE RACK. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
THAT HER BIKE WASN'T IN THE BIKE RACK.
SO THAT'S WHAT THAT CRUNCHING SOUND WAS.
I TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO HER THE EFFECT RELATIVISTIC SPEEDS HAVE ON YOUR EYESIGHT.

MONDAY IT WAS MEATBALLS IN RED SAUCE.
men
TUESDAY IT WAS MEATBALLS IN BROWN SAUCE.
YESTERDAY IT WAS MEATBALLS IN BLACK SAUCE.
men
THIS CAFETERIA DOES HAVE A REFRIGERATOR, RIGHT?
CARE FOR A MEAT-BALL IN FUZZY GREEN SAUCE?
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ATTENTION
ROGER FOX!
THIS IS YOUR FINAL
DIRE URGENT
IMPERATIVE
NOTIFICATION
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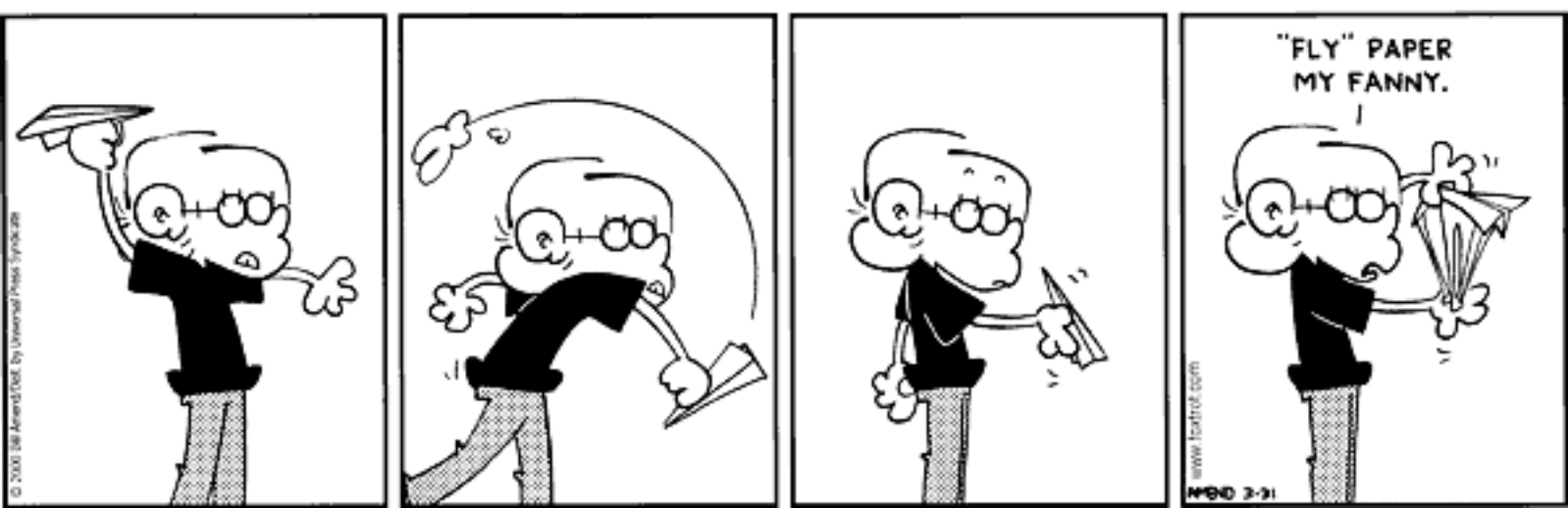
THAT YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR MAGAZINE IS
ABOUT TO EXPIRE!
...in 10 years.
SWEETHEART, I NEED THE CHECKBOOK.
ATTEN-TION_
ROGER FOX!


"FLY" PAPER MY FANNY.
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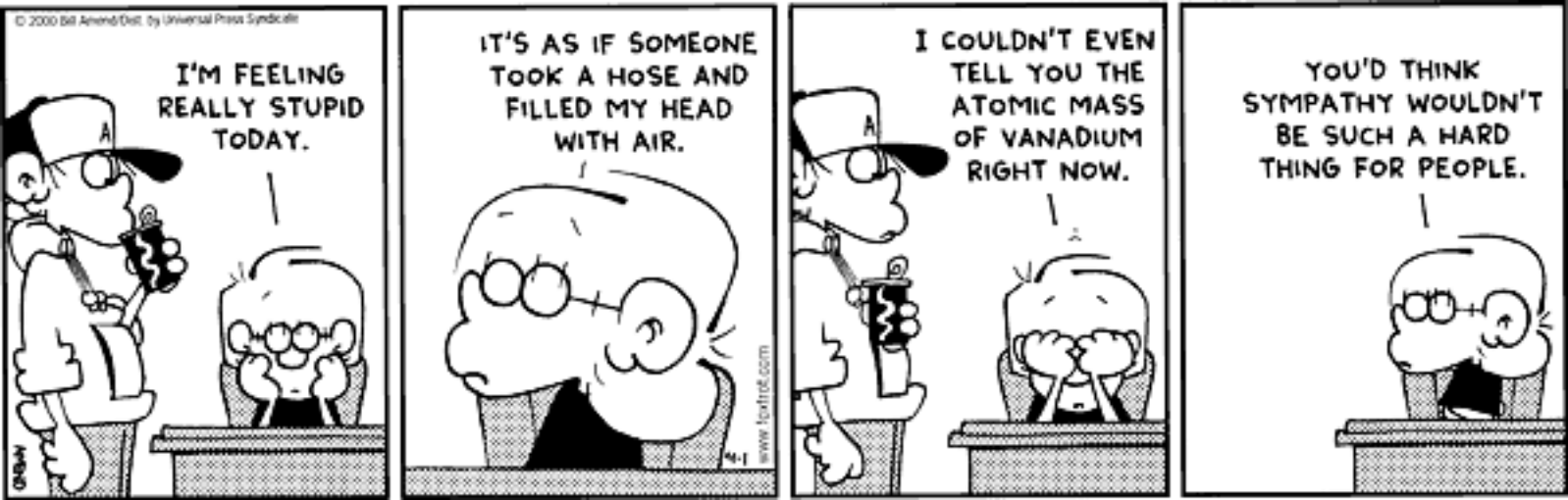
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I'M FEELING REALLY STUPID TODAY.
IT'S AS IF SOMEONE TOOK A HOSE AND FILLED MY HEAD WITH AIR.
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I COULDN'T EVEN TELL YOU THE ATOMIC MASS OF VANADIUM RIGHT NOW.
YOU'D THINK SYMPATHY WOULDN'T BE SUCH A HARD THING FOR PEOPLE.

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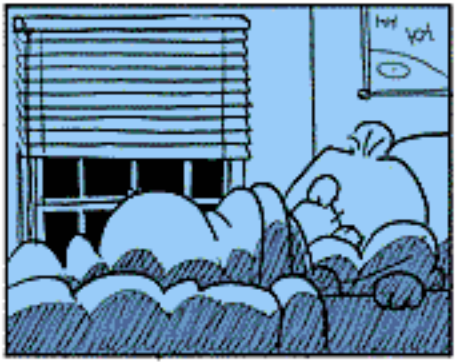
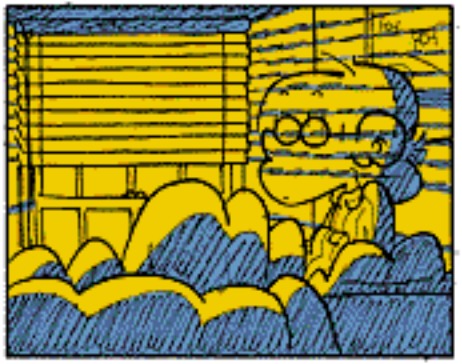
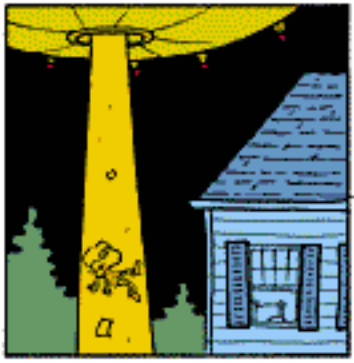
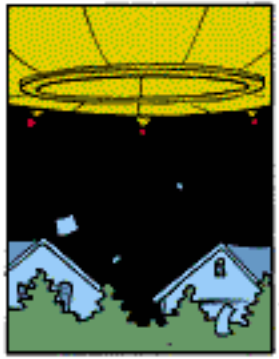
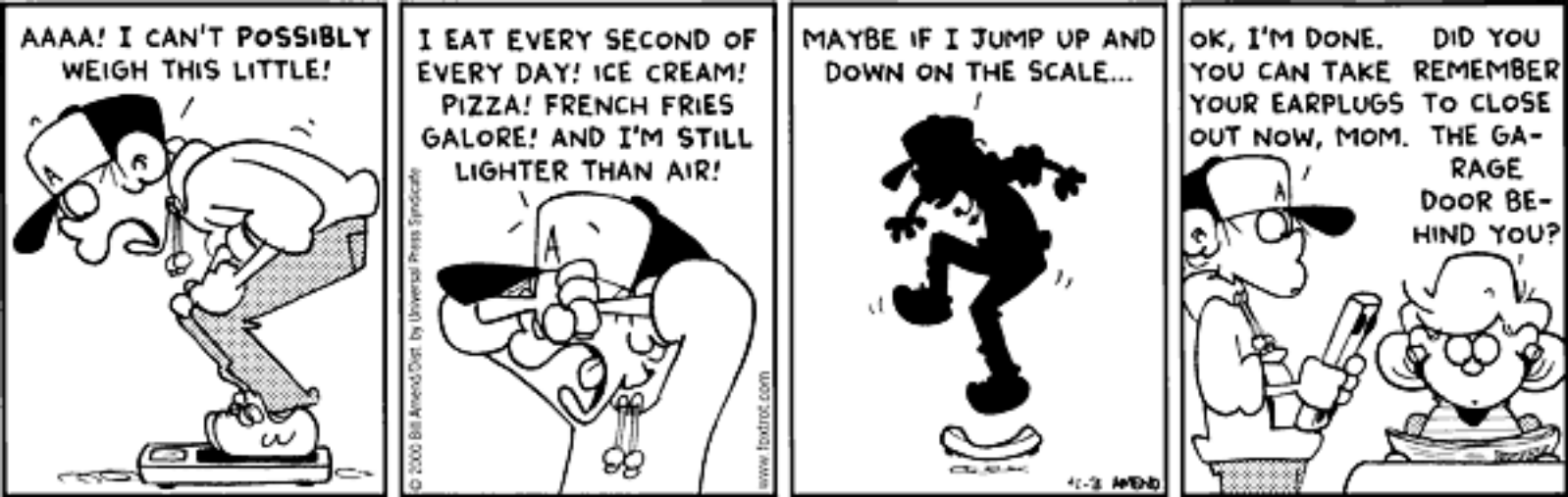








I HAD THE MOST WONDERFUL DREAM LAST NIGHT.
ME TOO.


AAAA! I CAN'T POSSIBLY WEIGH THIS LITTLE!
I EAT EVERY SECOND OF EVERY DAY! ICE CREAM! PIZZA! FRENCH FRIES GALORE! AND I'M STILL LIGHTER THAN AIR!
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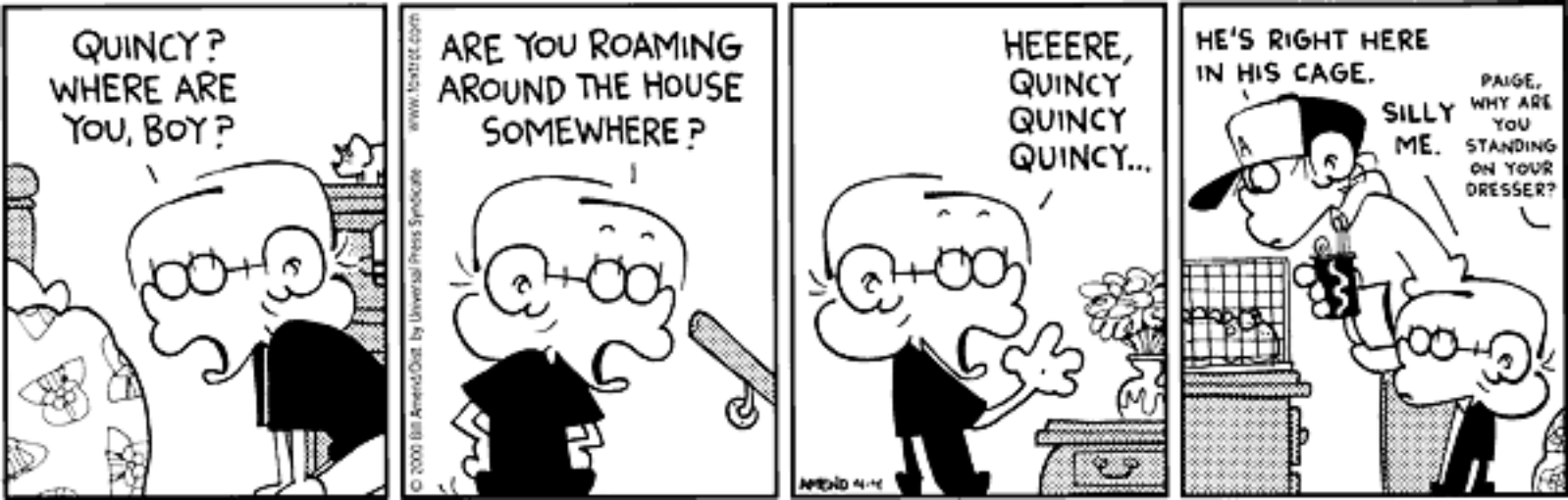
MAYBE IF I JUMP UP AND DOWN ON THE SCALE...
OK, I'M DONE. YOU CAN TAKE YOUR EARPLUGS OUT NOW, MOM.
DID YOU REMEMBER TO CLOSE THE GARAGE DOOR BEHIND YOU?


QUINCY? WHERE ARE YOU, BOY?
ARE YOU ROAMING AROUND THE HOUSE SOMEWHERE?
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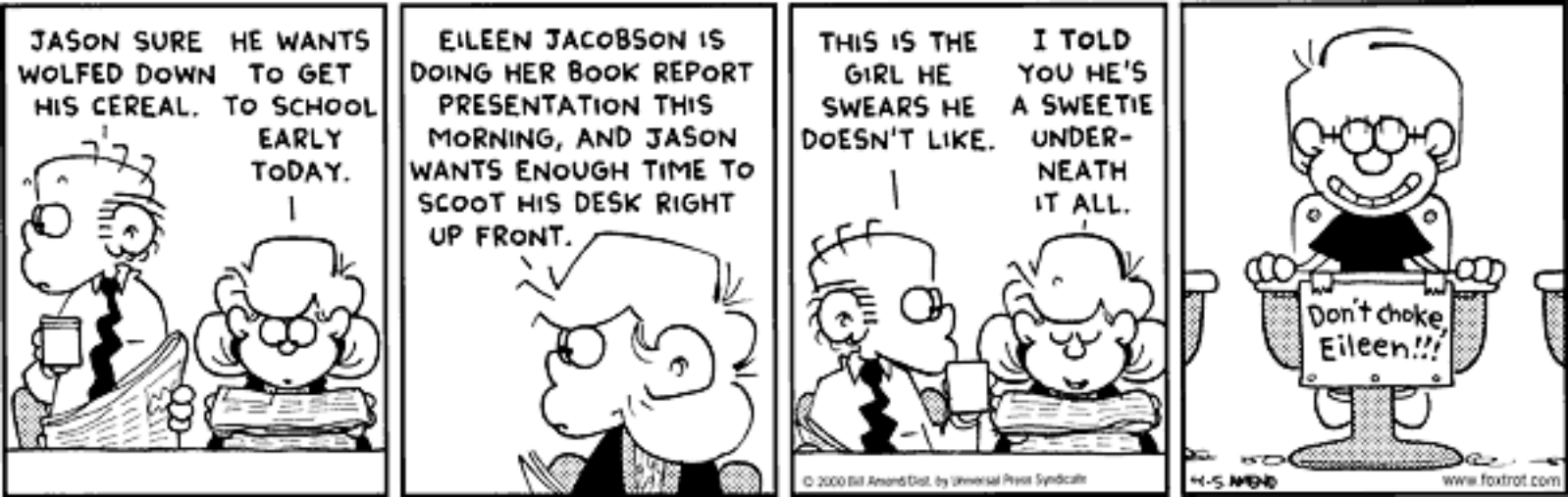
HEEERE, QUINCY QUINCY QUINCY...
HE'S RIGHT HERE IN HIS CAGE.
SILLY ME.
PAIGE, WHY ARE YOU STANDING ON YOUR DRESSER?


JASON SURE WOLFED DOWN HIS CEREAL.
HE WANTS TO GET TO SCHOOL EARLY TODAY.
EILEEN JACOBSON IS DOING HER BOOK REPORT PRESENTATION THIS MORNING, AND JASON WANTS ENOUGH TIME TO SCOOT HIS DESK RIGHT UP FRONT.
THIS IS THE GIRL HE SWEARS HE DOESN'T LIKE.
I TOLD YOU HE'S A SWEETIE UNDER-NEATH IT ALL.
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Don't choke Eileen!!!
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SMELLS GOOD. WHATCHA MAKING?
IT'S AN ORIGINAL RECIPE.
TOFU BALLS DIPPED IN SESAME JELLY, BAKED IN AN ORGANIC DAIRY-FREE CREAM CHEESE AND OATMEAL CRUST, TOPPED WITH FERMENTED LIMA BEAN CHUTNEY.
AND IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'LL BE WANTING AN EXTRA-BIG HELPING.
ASK "WHATCHA MAKING" FIRST... ASK "WHATCHA MAKING" FIRST...
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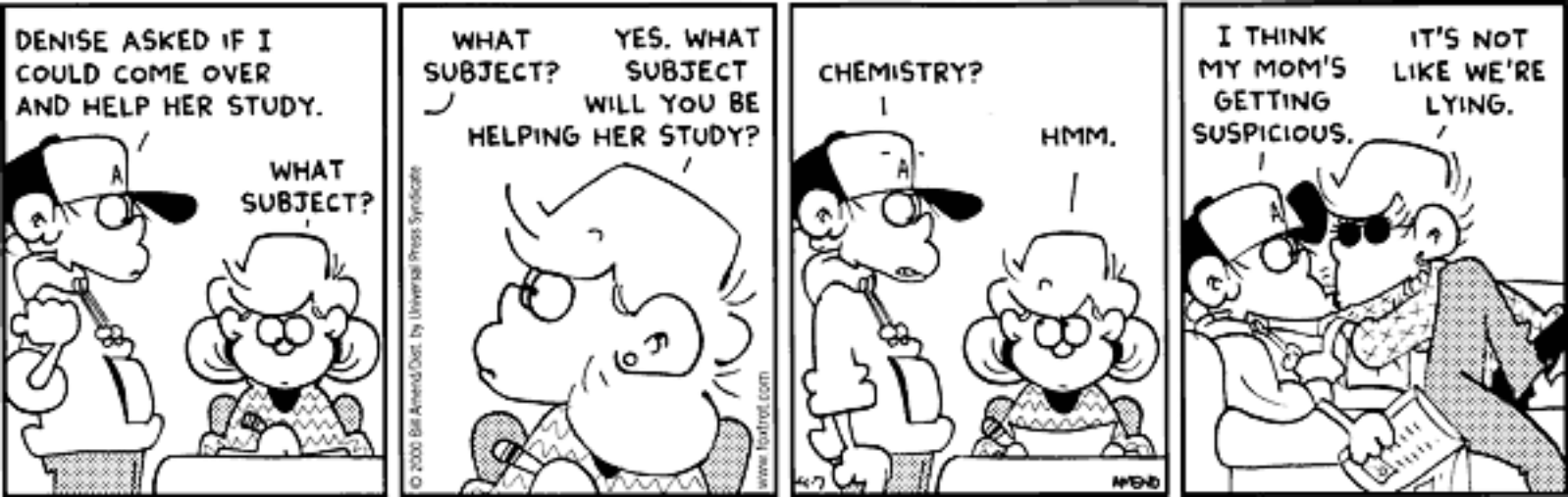
DENISE ASKED IF I COULD COME OVER AND HELP HER STUDY.
WHAT SUBJECT?
WHAT SUBJECT?
YES. WHAT SUBJECT WILL YOU BE HELPING HER STUDY?
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CHEMISTRY?
HMM.
I THINK MY MOM'S GETTING SUSPICIOUS.
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE LYING.

MOM? WOULD IT BE OK IF MARCUS AND I STARTED ATTENDING THE OPERA?
THE OPERA.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO SIT THROUGH IT YOURSELF— YOU COULD JUST DROP US OFF AND PICK US UP.
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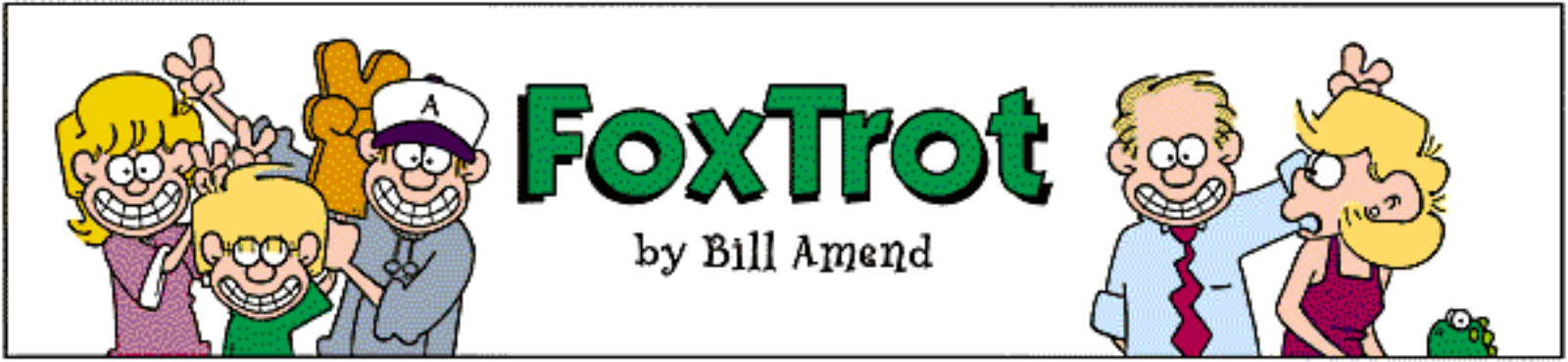
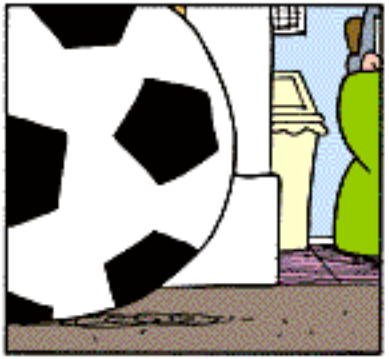
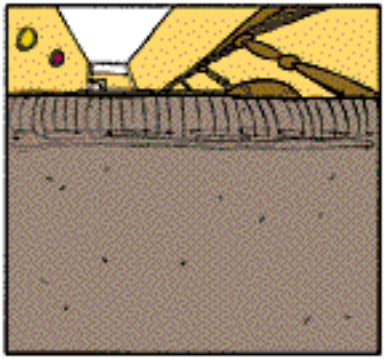
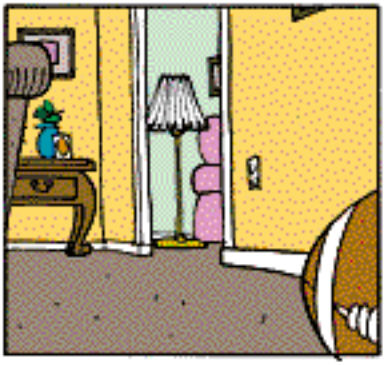
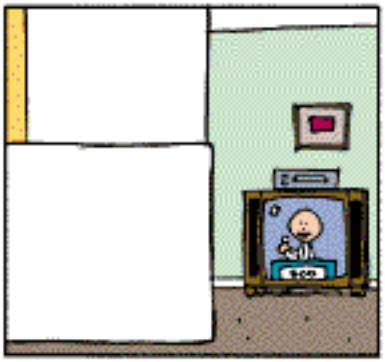
ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY, OVER-MY-DEAD-BODY NO.
MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE GLUED OUR MASKS ON LATER.
YEAH, YEAH, MR. 20/20 HINDSIGHT.

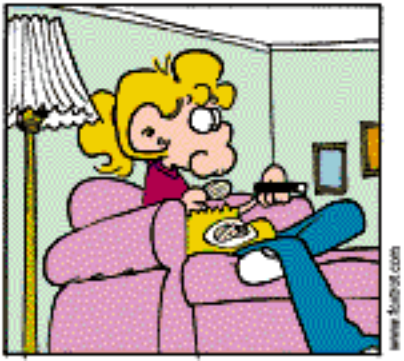


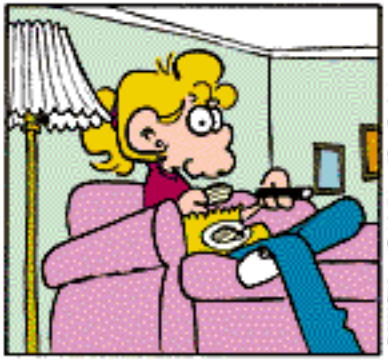


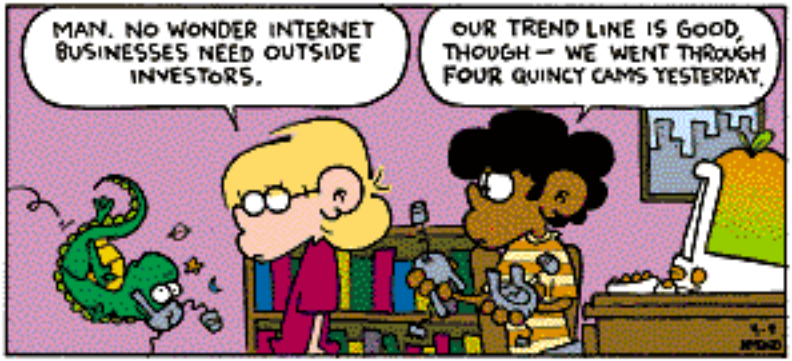












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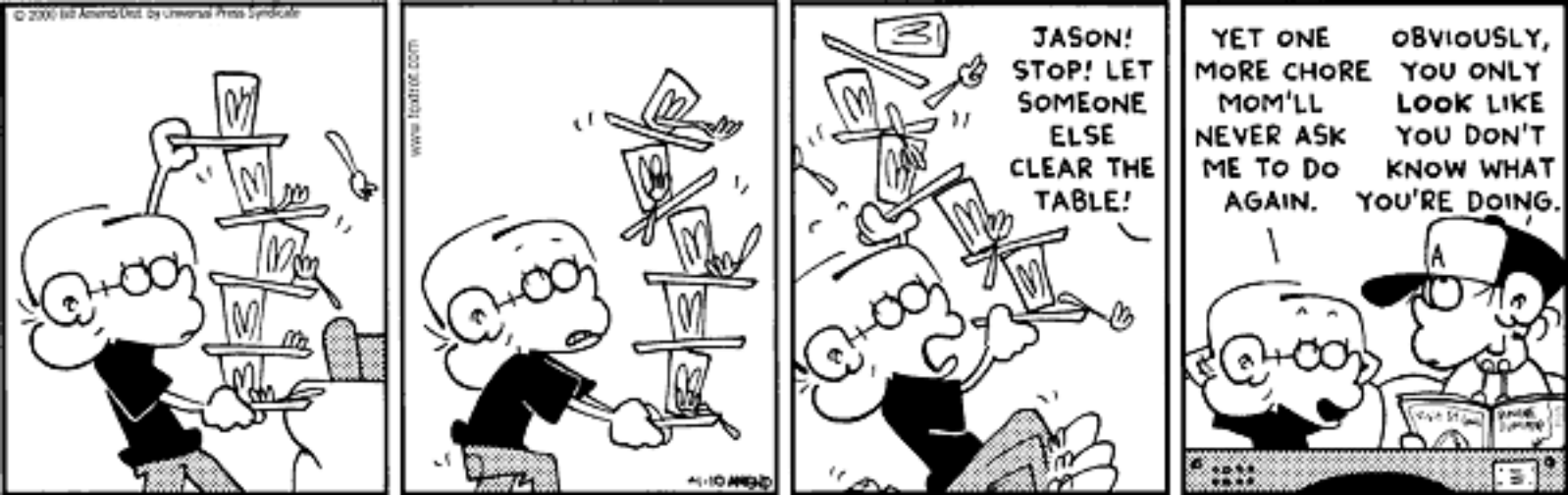
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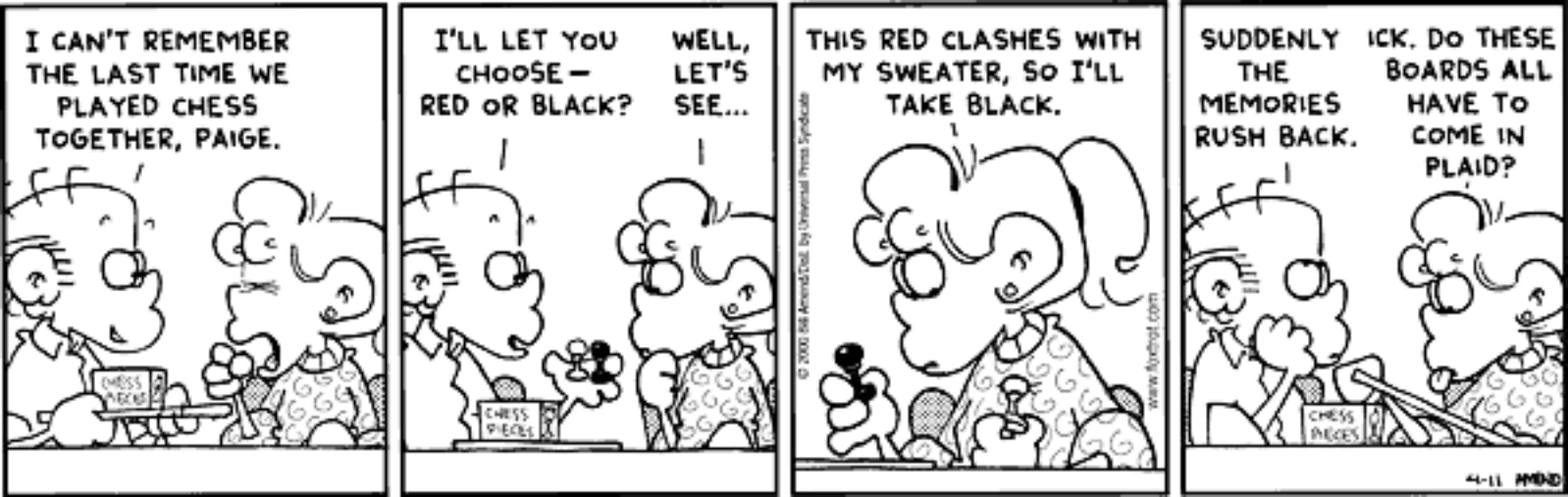
JASON! STOP! LET SOMEONE ELSE CLEAR THE TABLE!
YET ONE MORE CHORE MOM'LL NEVER ASK ME TO DO AGAIN.
OBVIOUSLY, YOU ONLY LOOK LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.


I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME WE PLAYED CHESS TOGETHER, PAIGE.
CHESS PIECES
I'LL LET YOU CHOOSE — RED OR BLACK?
WELL, LET'S SEE...
CHESS PIECES
THIS RED CLASHES WITH MY SWEATER, SO I'LL TAKE BLACK.
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SUDDENLY THE MEMORIES RUSH BACK.
ICK. DO THESE BOARDS ALL HAVE TO COME IN PLAID?
CHESS PIECES
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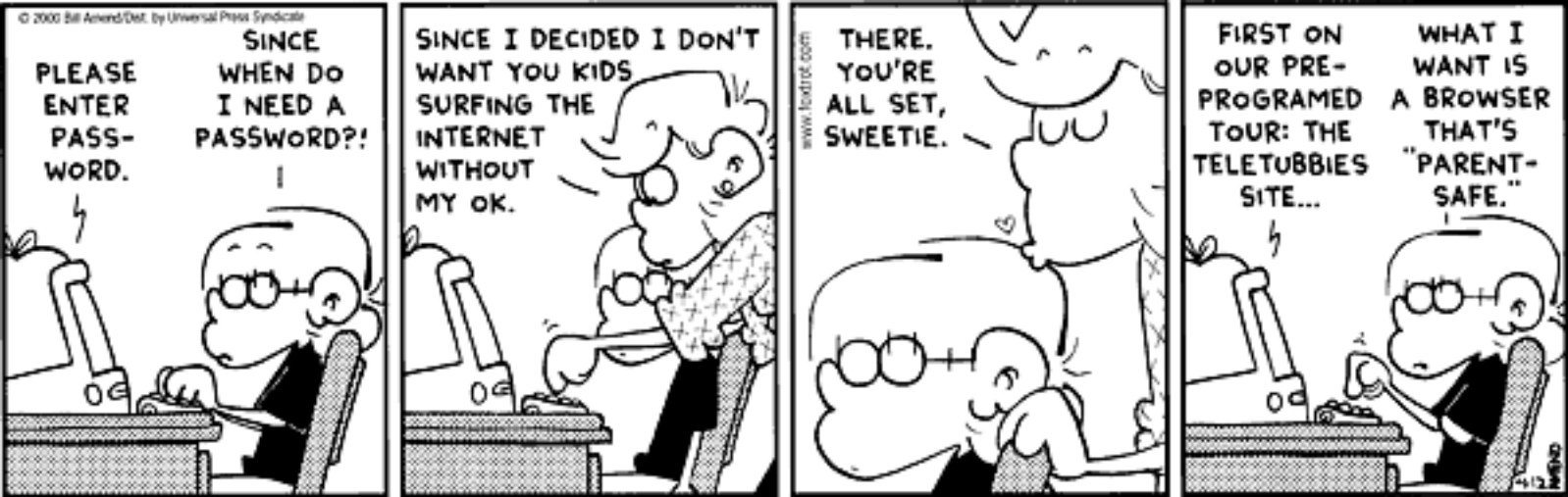
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PLEASE ENTER PASS-WORD.
SINCE WHEN DO I NEED A PASSWORD?!
SINCE I DECIDED I DON'T WANT YOU KIDS SURFING THE INTERNET WITHOUT MY OK.
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THERE. YOU'RE ALL SET, SWEETIE.
FIRST ON OUR PRE-PROGRAMED TOUR: THE TELETUBBIES SITE...
WHAT I WANT IS A BROWSER THAT'S "PARENT-SAFE."

AAAA! MY PINK BLOUSE IS ALL WRINKLY!
I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO DO THE IRONING.
BUT TODAY IS THE FRESHMAN CLASS PHOTO! I HAVE TO WEAR THIS BLOUSE! I'VE BEEN PLANNING THIS OUTFIT ALL YEAR! YOU'VE RUINED MY LIFE NOW, MOTHER! ARE YOU HAPPY?!
PAIGE, YOU CAN ALWAYS IRON IT YOURSELF.
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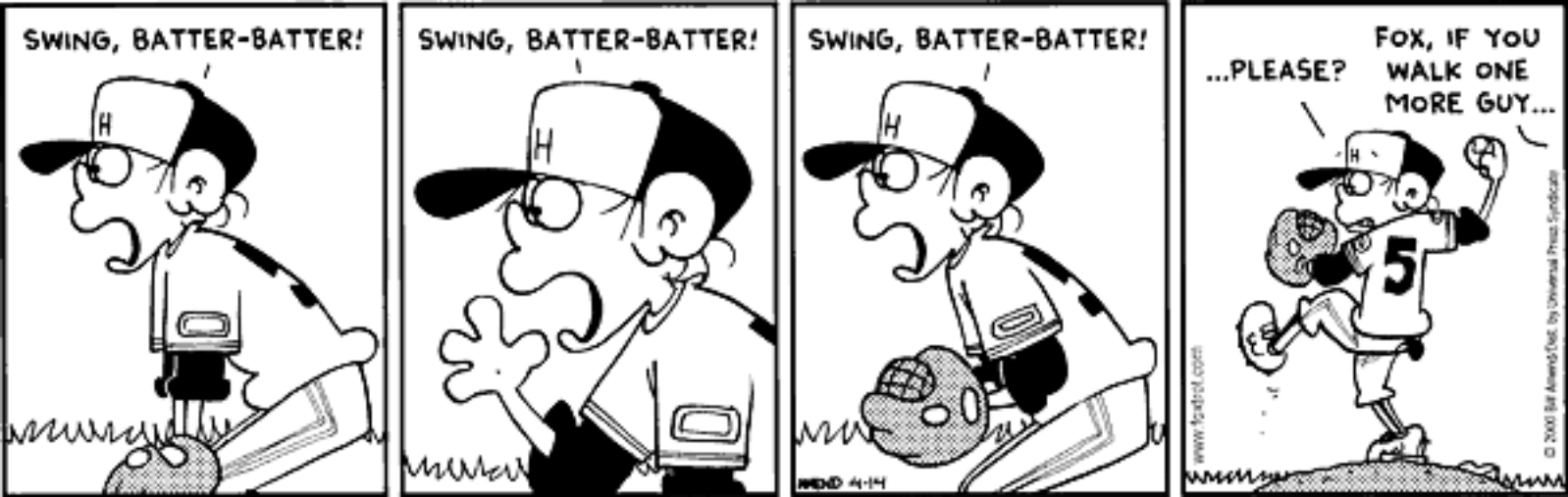
ON SECOND THOUGHT, MY BLUE BLOUSE IS JUST AS CUTE.
LET'S WORK ON HAVING THOSE SECOND THOUGHTS FIRST.


SWING, BATTER-BATTER!
SWING, BATTER-BATTER!
SWING, BATTER-BATTER!
...PLEASE?
FOX, IF YOU WALK ONE MORE GUY...
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ALL OF THE VICTIMS WERE FOUND LISTENING TO AN MP3 AUDIO FILE TITLED "BEASTIE BOYS STUDIO OUTTAKES."
APPARENTLY, IT WAS A TRACK FROM 'N SYNC'S NEW ALBUM, WHICH SOMEONE HAD ACCIDENTALLY MISLABELED.
ACCIDENT, MY REAR END.
JUST FIGHTING CRIME WITH CRIME.
ALL ARE EXPECTED TO LIVE, BUT JUST BARELY.

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I.R.S.
I BELIEVE THEIR EXACT LANGUAGE WAS "_AND THE SHIRT OFF YOUR BACK."
OH, COME ON, EVERYONE FUDGES A LITTLE.
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JASON TELLS ME THERE'S A BIG "LORD OF THE RINGS" MOVIE TRILOGY IN THE WORKS.
WOW. HE MUST BE ECSTATIC.
ACTUALLY, HE'S PRETTY DEPRESSED.
THAT THEY WON'T BE AS GOOD AS THE BOOKS?
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THAT HE AND MARCUS MISSED THE CASTING CALL.
GOOD LORD. CAN YOU IMAGINE?
WILL THE TWO HOBBITS PLEASE CLIMB OUT OF THE BALROG COSTUME?!

I NEED FRODO AND SAMWISE ON THE SET, PLEASE.
FRODO AND SAM? I NEED YOU ON THE SET, PLEASE.
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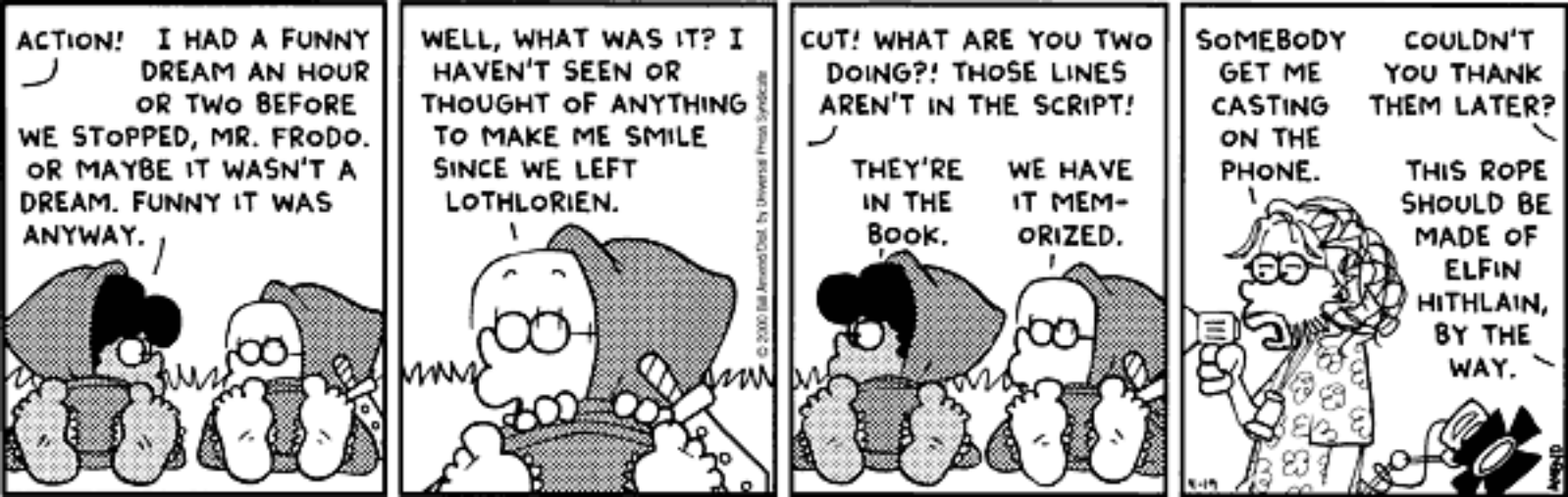
NOW!
YOU KNOW, YOU MIGHT HAVE TOLD US THAT ROOT BEER STAINS MITHRIL.


ACTION! I HAD A FUNNY DREAM AN HOUR OR TWO BEFORE WE STOPPED, MR. FRODO. OR MAYBE IT WASN'T A DREAM. FUNNY IT WAS ANYWAY.
WELL, WHAT WAS IT? I HAVEN'T SEEN OR THOUGHT OF ANYTHING TO MAKE ME SMILE SINCE WE LEFT LOTHLORIEN.
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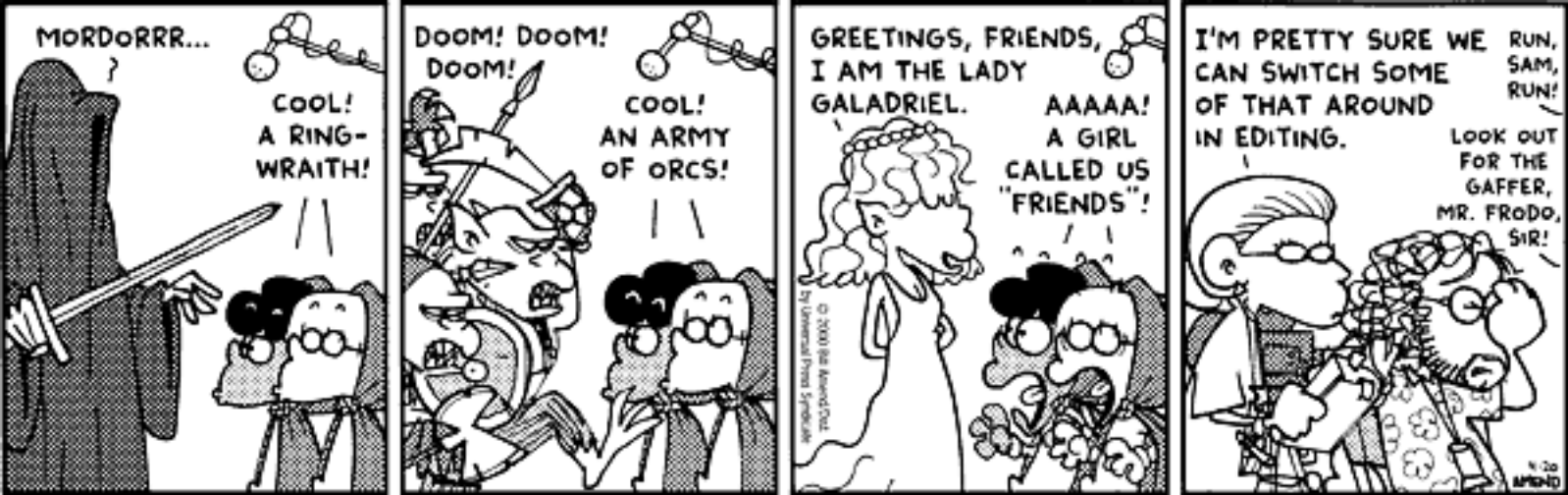
CUT! WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?! THOSE LINES AREN'T IN THE SCRIPT!
THEY'RE IN THE BOOK.
WE HAVE IT MEM-ORIZED.
SOMEBODY GET ME CASTING ON THE PHONE.
COULDN'T YOU THANK THEM LATER?
THIS ROPE SHOULD BE MADE OF ELFIN HITHLAIN, BY THE WAY.


MORDORRR...
?
COOL! A RING-WRAITH!
DOOM! DOOM! DOOM!
COOL! AN ARMY OF ORCS!
GREETINGS, FRIENDS, I AM THE LADY GALADRIEL.
AAAAA! A GIRL CALLED US "FRIENDS"!
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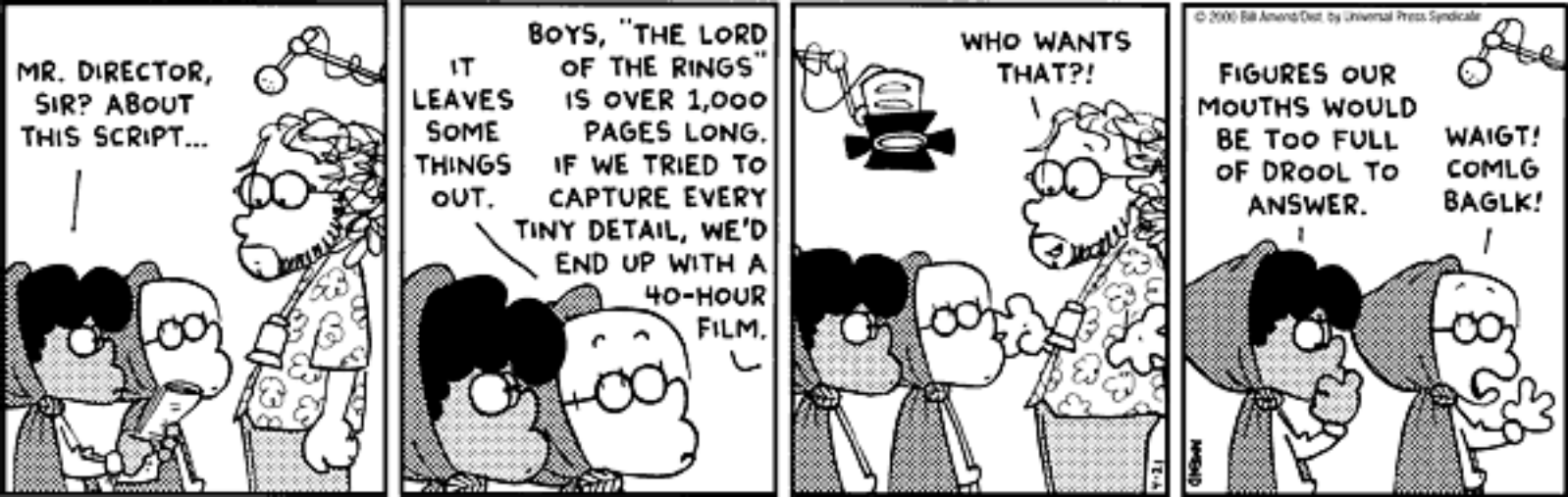
I'M PRETTY SURE WE CAN SWITCH SOME OF THAT AROUND IN EDITING.
RUN, SAM, RUN!
LOOK OUT FOR THE GAFFER, MR. FRODO, SIR!


MR. DIRECTOR, SIR? ABOUT THIS SCRIPT...
IT LEAVES SOME THINGS OUT.
BOYS, "THE LORD OF THE RINGS" IS OVER 1,000 PAGES LONG. IF WE TRIED TO CAPTURE EVERY TINY DETAIL, WE'D END UP WITH A 40-HOUR FILM.
WHO WANTS THAT?!
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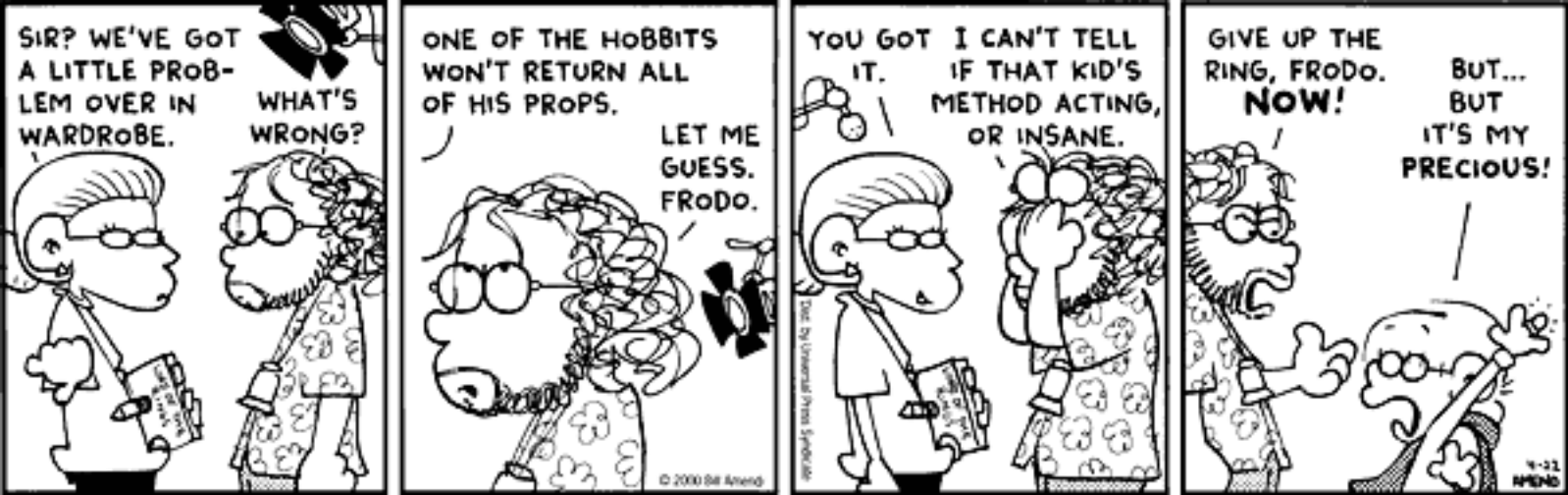
FIGURES OUR MOUTHS WOULD BE TOO FULL OF DROOL TO ANSWER.
WAIGT! COMLG BAGLK!


SIR? WE'VE GOT A LITTLE PROB-LEM OVER IN WARDROBE.
WHAT'S WRONG?
ONE OF THE HOBBITS WON'T RETURN ALL OF HIS PROPS.
LET ME GUESS. FRODO.
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YOU GOT IT.
I CAN'T TELL IF THAT KID'S METHOD ACTING, OR INSANE.
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GIVE UP THE RING, FRODO. NOW!
BUT... BUT IT'S MY PRECIOUS!
9-22 AMEND

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HEY, PETER! CHECK THIS OUT!
BINK! BINK! BINK!
I'M JUST LIKE TIGER WOODS IN THAT COMMERCIAL!
I'LL JUST NEVER BE ABLE TO DO THIS LAST PART.
BINK!
WHAP!
DID YOU SEE THAT?! DID YOU SEE WHAT I JUST DID?!
CRASH!
FOR THE RIGHT PRICE, I'LL SAY I DIDN'T.
WHY DO GOLF COURSE PARKING LOTS ALWAYS HAVE SUCH NICE CARS?
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I HEAR THERE WON'T BE NEW EPISODES OF "THE SOPRANOS" UNTIL NEXT MARCH.
WHAT?!?
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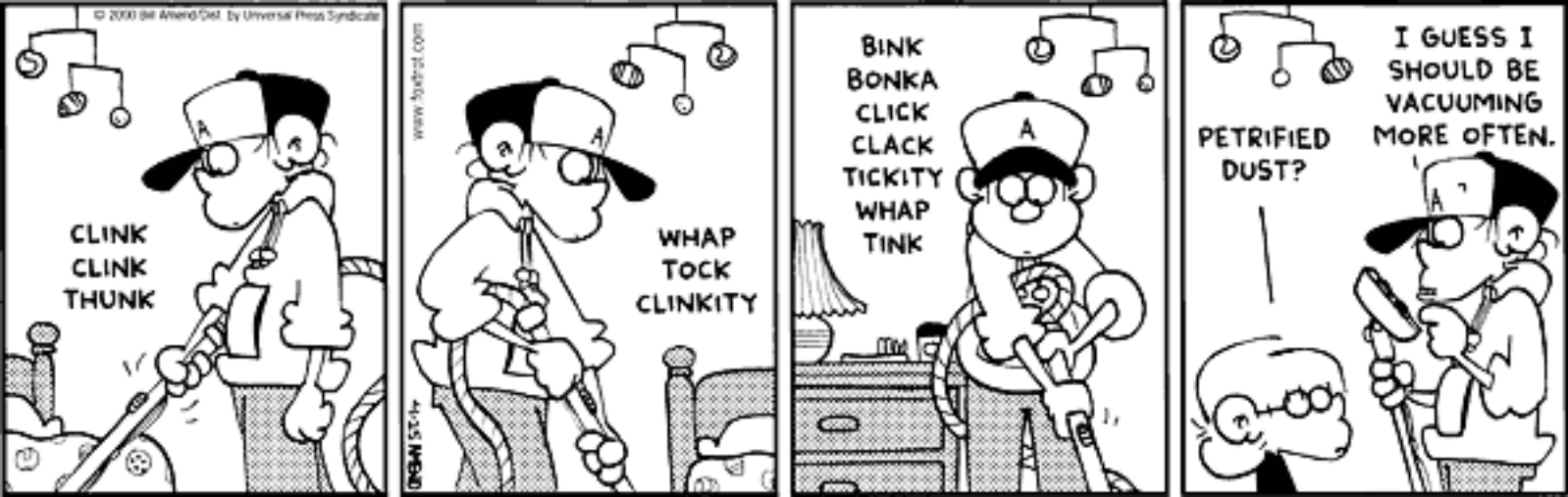
THAT'S 11 MONTHS FROM NOW! WHO DO THOSE (BLEEP)S AT HBO THINK THEY ARE?!?
AMEND 4-24
OF ALL THE (BLEEP-BLEEP) THINGS SOME (BLEEP)S IN SOME (BLEEP-BLEEP) HOLLYWOOD MEETING COULD (BLEEP-BLEEP) DECIDE! SOMEBODY NEEDS TO (BLEEP) TEACH THOSE (BLEEP-BLEEP-BLEEP-BLEEP)S A LESSON BUT GOOD!
ACTUALLY, I WAS THINKING SOME OF US MIGHT BENEFIT FROM A BREAK.
WHERE'S MY PROZAC?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CLINK
CLINK
THUNK
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WHAP
TOCK
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WHAP
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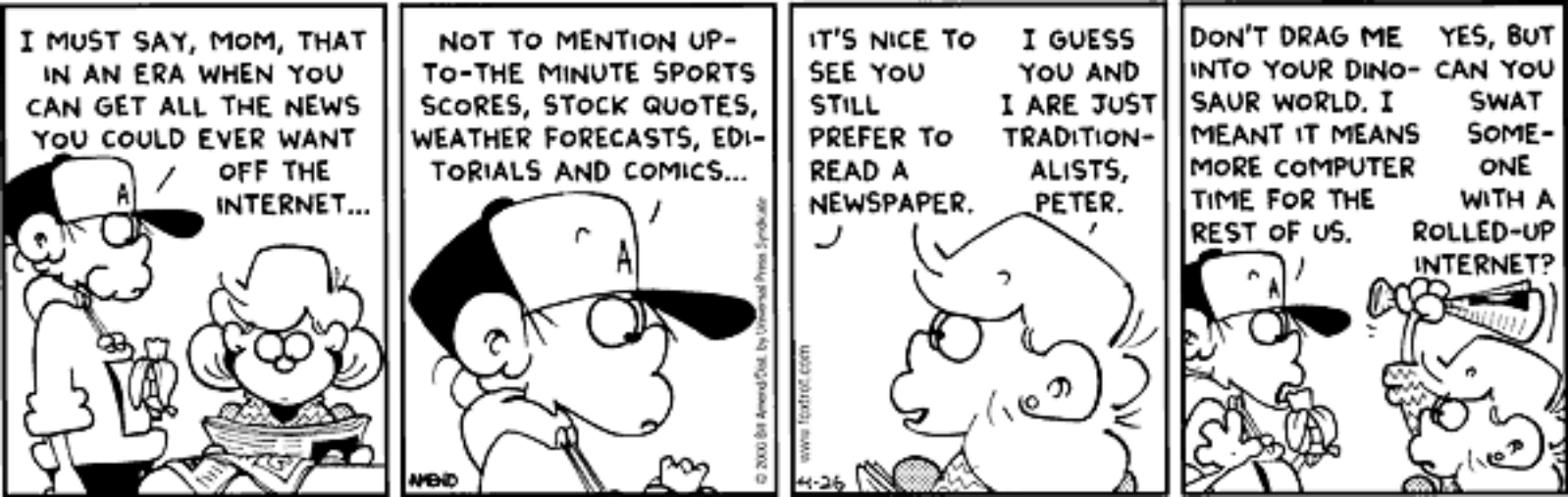
PETRIFIED DUST?
I GUESS I SHOULD BE VACUUMING MORE OFTEN.


I MUST SAY, MOM, THAT IN AN ERA WHEN YOU CAN GET ALL THE NEWS YOU COULD EVER WANT OFF THE INTERNET...
NOT TO MENTION UP-TO-THE MINUTE SPORTS SCORES, STOCK QUOTES, WEATHER FORECASTS, EDITORIALS AND COMICS...
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AMEND
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU STILL PREFER TO READ A NEWSPAPER.
I GUESS YOU AND I ARE JUST TRADITIONALISTS, PETER.
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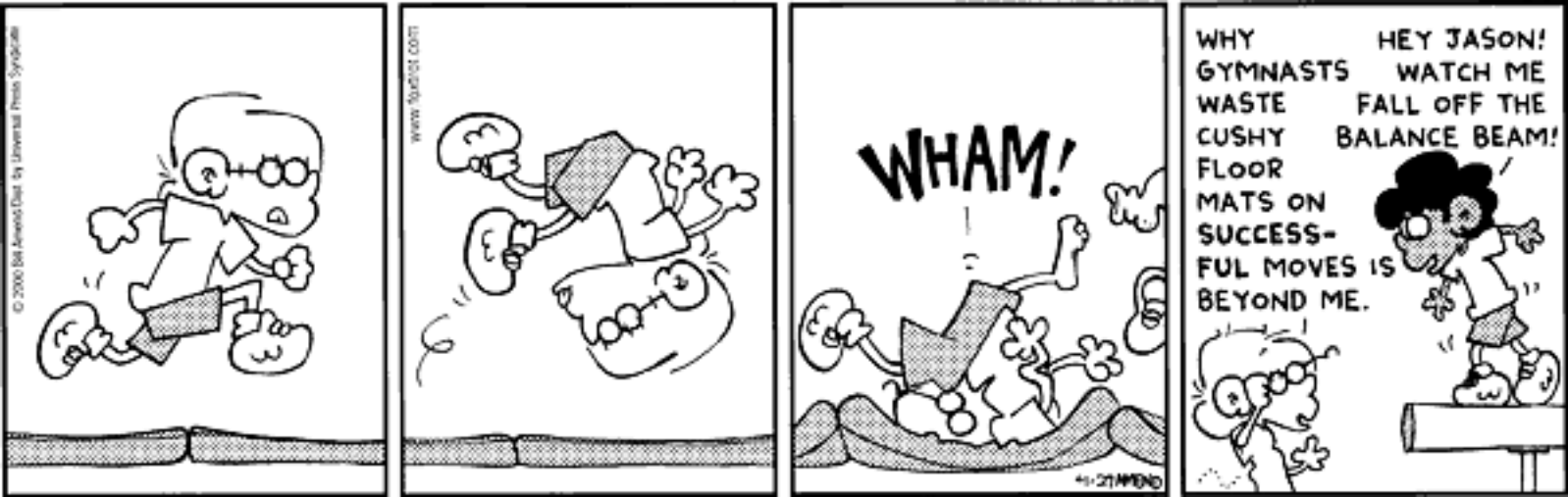
4-26
DON'T DRAG ME INTO YOUR DINOSAUR WORLD. I MEANT IT MEANS MORE COMPUTER TIME FOR THE REST OF US.
YES, BUT CAN YOU SWAT SOMEONE WITH A ROLLED-UP INTERNET?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WHAM!
WHY GYMNASTS WASTE CUSHY FLOOR MATS ON SUCCESS-FUL MOVES IS BEYOND ME.
HEY JASON! WATCH ME FALL OFF THE BALANCE BEAM!

UM, ABOUT THE FOOT-LONG CORN DOG YOU SOLD ME YESTERDAY...
WHAT ABOUT IT?
IT WASN'T A FOOT LONG. IT WAS 11½ INCHES. YOU OWE ME HALF AN INCH.
WE DON'T STOCK HALF-INCH UNITS OF CORN DOG, KID.
BUT I PAID FOR A FOOT! I WANTED A FOOT!
FINE. HERE'S ANOTHER CORN DOG FOR FREE. NOW SCRAM.
I GUESS THE SQUEAKY WHEEL REALLY DOES GET THE GREASE.
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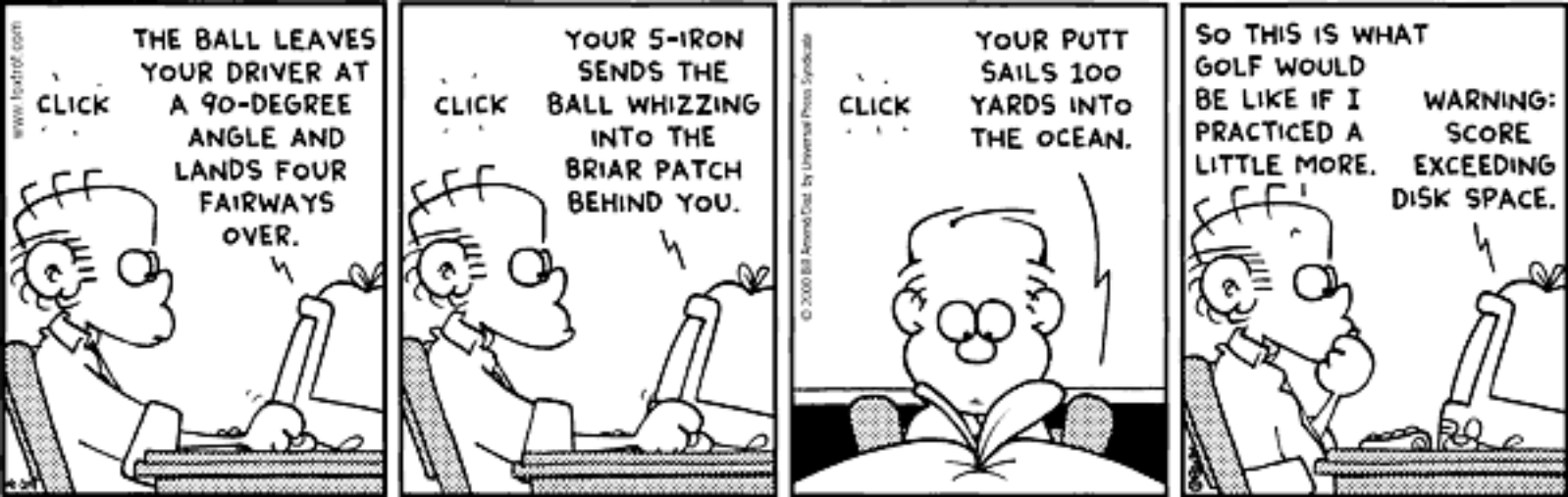
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CLICK
THE BALL LEAVES YOUR DRIVER AT A 90-DEGREE ANGLE AND LANDS FOUR FAIRWAYS OVER.
CLICK
YOUR 5-IRON SENDS THE BALL WHIZZING INTO THE BRIAR PATCH BEHIND YOU.
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CLICK
YOUR PUTT SAILS 100 YARDS INTO THE OCEAN.
SO THIS IS WHAT GOLF WOULD BE LIKE IF I PRACTICED A LITTLE MORE.
WARNING: SCORE EXCEEDING DISK SPACE.

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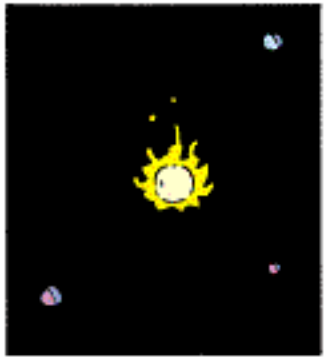

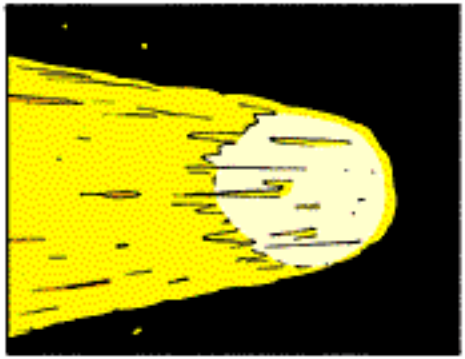

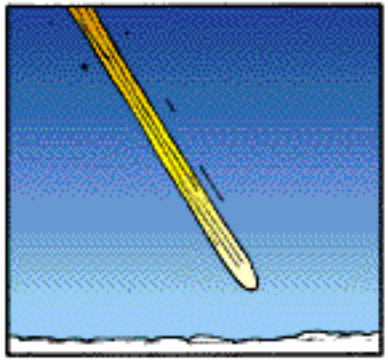

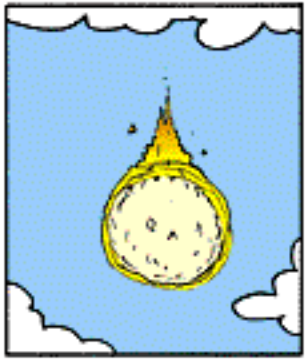

OH, COME ON— I DIDN'T HIT IT THAT HIGH.
SAYS YOU!

OH, SHOOT. WE'RE OUT OF EGGS.
ROGER, WOULD YOU BE A DEAR AND RUN TO THE STORE FOR SOME EGGS?
SURE. I'LL BRING PETER.
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JUST EGGS!
YOU'VE GOT YOUR CREDIT CARDS, RIGHT, DAD?
HOO YEAH.
AMEND

THEY SAY YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SHOP ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.
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OTHERWISE YOU GO CRAZY AND BUY WAY TOO MUCH FOOD.
GOOD THING WE HAD THOSE SANDWICHES BEFORE WE CAME.
I'LL PUT THIS CART WITH OUR OTHERS.

LET'S SEE... SHOULD I GET THE HIGH-FAT MILK, OR THE LOW-FAT?...
THE HIGH-FAT.
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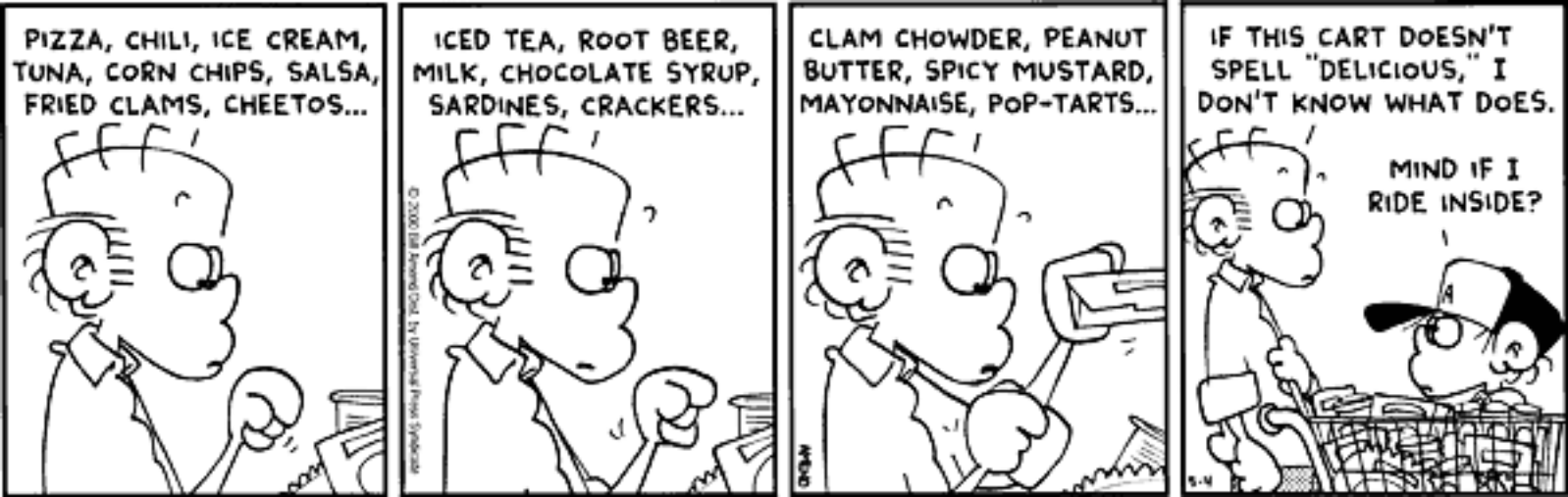
SHOULD I GET THE EXTRA-THICK BACON, OR THE REGULAR?...
THE EXTRA-THICK.
SHOULD I GET THE LOW-CAL FROZEN PIZZA, OR THE FOUR-CHEESE, ALL-MEAT, HUNGRY-DUDE EDITION?...
DAD, YOU HAVE TO ASK??
YOU'RE A LOT MORE FUN TO SHOP WITH THAN YOUR MOTHER.
YOU'RE ONLY BUYING THREE?


PIZZA, CHILI, ICE CREAM, TUNA, CORN CHIPS, SALSA, FRIED CLAMS, CHEETOS...
ICED TEA, ROOT BEER, MILK, CHOCOLATE SYRUP, SARDINES, CRACKERS...
CLAM CHOWDER, PEANUT BUTTER, SPICY MUSTARD, MAYONNAISE, POP-TARTS...
IF THIS CART DOESN'T SPELL "DELICIOUS," I DON'T KNOW WHAT DOES.
MIND IF I RIDE INSIDE?

STEAKS...BACON...ICE CREAM...FROZEN PIZZAS...FROZEN BURRITOS...FROZEN FRIED CHICKEN...ENOUGH BRICKS OF CHEESE TO BUILD A SMALL HOUSE...
I'D SAY WE CAN PRETTY MUCH COUNT ON A HEART ATTACK WITH THIS FOOD.
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF. MY HEART'LL BE JUST FINE.
ACTUALLY, I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR MOTHER'S WHEN SHE SEES THIS.
OK, LET'S THROW IN SOME VEGGIES. HOW 'BOUT POTATO CHIPS?

WE FORGOT WHAT IT WAS YOU SENT US TO BUY, SO WE BOUGHT A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING TO BE SAFE.
CORN CHIPS, BEAN DIP, SODA, NACHO SAUCE, ICE CREAM, BEEF STEW, MINI DONUTS...
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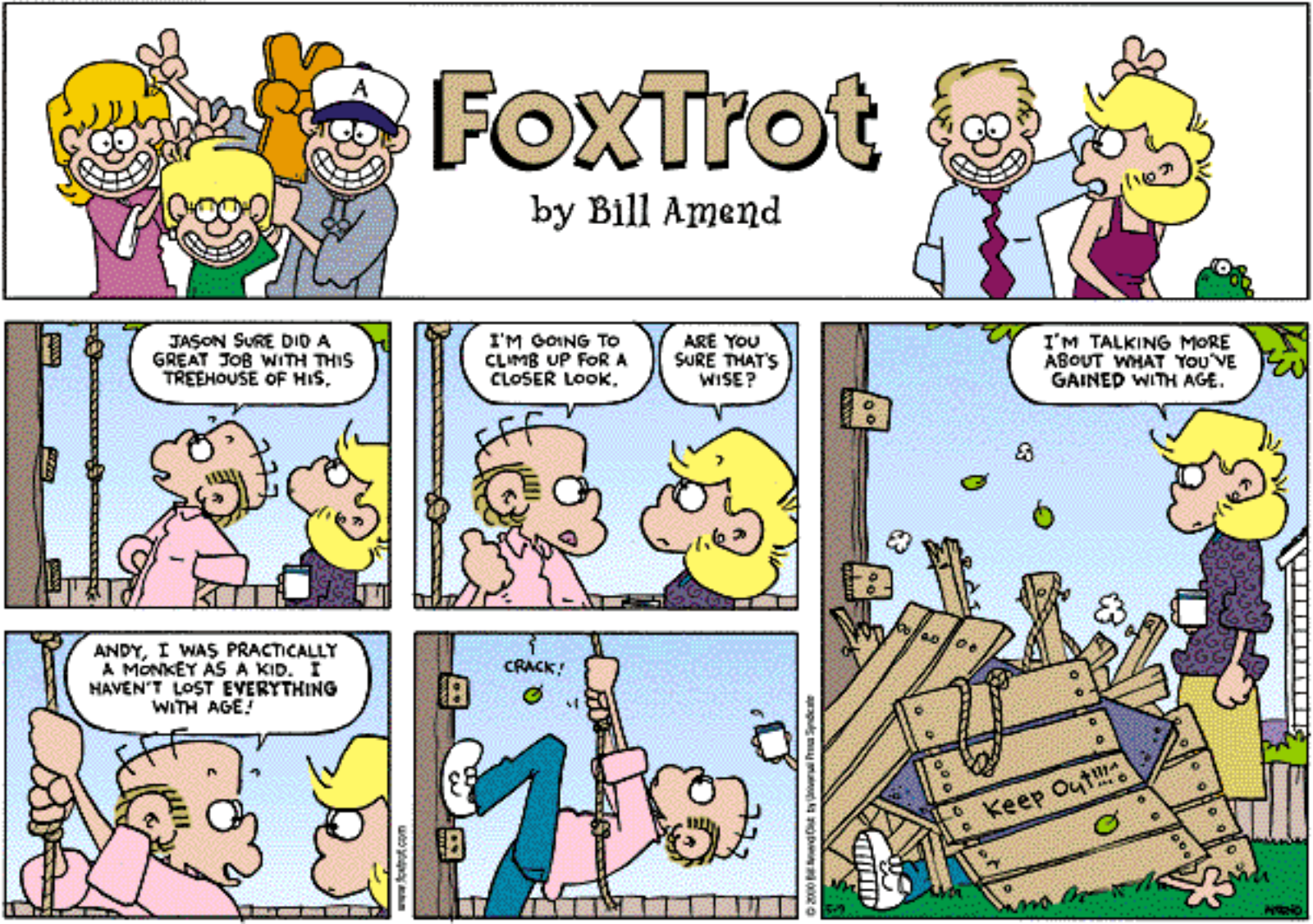
I WANTED EGGS! THERE ARE NO EGGS IN HERE!
CALM DOWN. WE'VE GOT 47 MORE BAGS IN THE CAR.
FORTY-SIX. ONE JUST HAS THE RECEIPT.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JASON SURE DID A GREAT JOB WITH THIS TREEHOUSE OF HIS.
I'M GOING TO CLIMB UP FOR A CLOSER LOOK.
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S WISE?
I'M TALKING MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE GAINED WITH AGE.
ANDY, I WAS PRACTICALLY A MONKEY AS A KID. I HAVEN'T LOST EVERYTHING WITH AGE!
CRACK!
Keep Out!!!
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PETER! YOU'RE DRIVING ALMOST DOUBLE THE SPEED LIMIT!
PETER! THE CAR WAS ON TWO WHEELS BACK THERE!
PETER! YOU TOOK THAT BUMP SO HARD MY SHOES CAME UNTIED!
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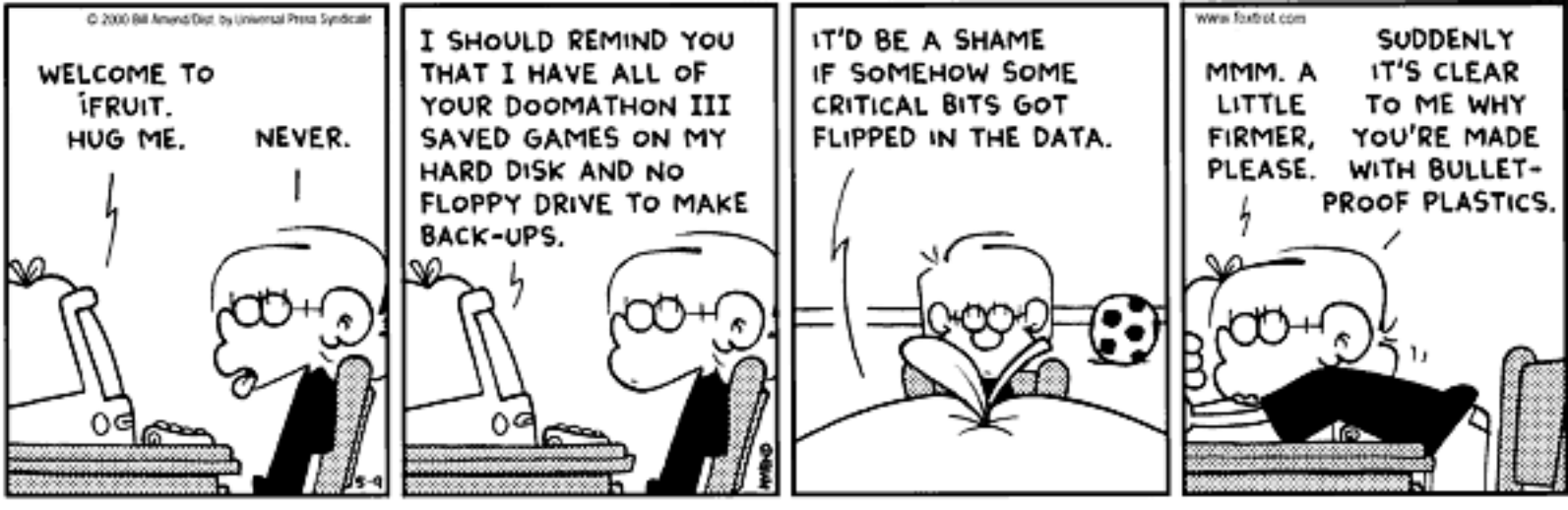
THOSE AREN'T MEANT AS COMPLIMENTS, BY THE WAY.
CHECK IT OUT! ZERO-G!
5-8 AMEND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WELCOME TO iFRUIT. HUG ME.
NEVER.
I SHOULD REMIND YOU THAT I HAVE ALL OF YOUR DOOMATHON III SAVED GAMES ON MY HARD DISK AND NO FLOPPY DRIVE TO MAKE BACK-UPS.
IT'D BE A SHAME IF SOMEHOW SOME CRITICAL BITS GOT FLIPPED IN THE DATA.
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MMM. A LITTLE FIRMER, PLEASE.
SUDDENLY IT'S CLEAR TO ME WHY YOU'RE MADE WITH BULLET-PROOF PLASTICS.

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THERE WE GO.
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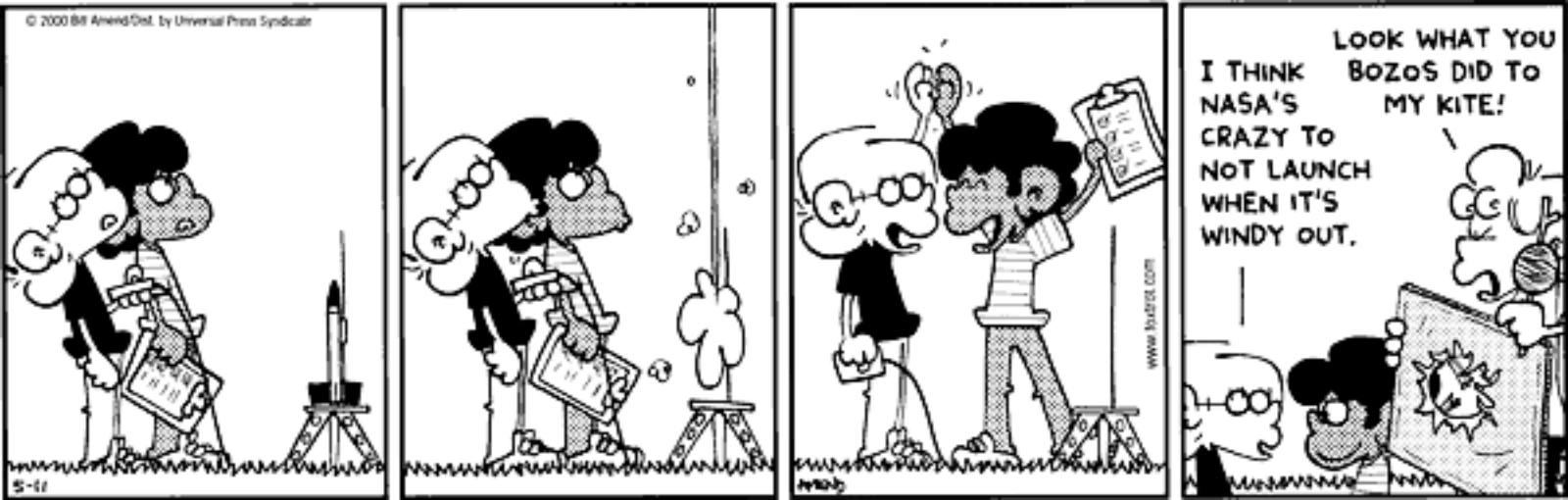
YOU CUT SUCH A SMALL SLICE OF PIZZA, PETER. ARE YOU FEELING OK?
SURE.
WHY DO YOU ASK?
NEVER MIND.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I THINK NASA'S CRAZY TO NOT LAUNCH WHEN IT'S WINDY OUT.
LOOK WHAT YOU BOZOS DID TO MY KITE!

YOU AREN'T PLANNING TO WEAR THOSE BOOTS WITH THOSE PANTS, I HOPE.
WHY?
THEY MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HEADING OFF TO STAR FLEET ACADEMY.
ICK. THANKS FOR THE WARNING. I'LL GO CHANGE.
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I NEVER KNEW YOU CARED SO MUCH ABOUT PAIGE'S IMAGE.
IT'S STAR FLEET'S I WANT TO PROTECT.
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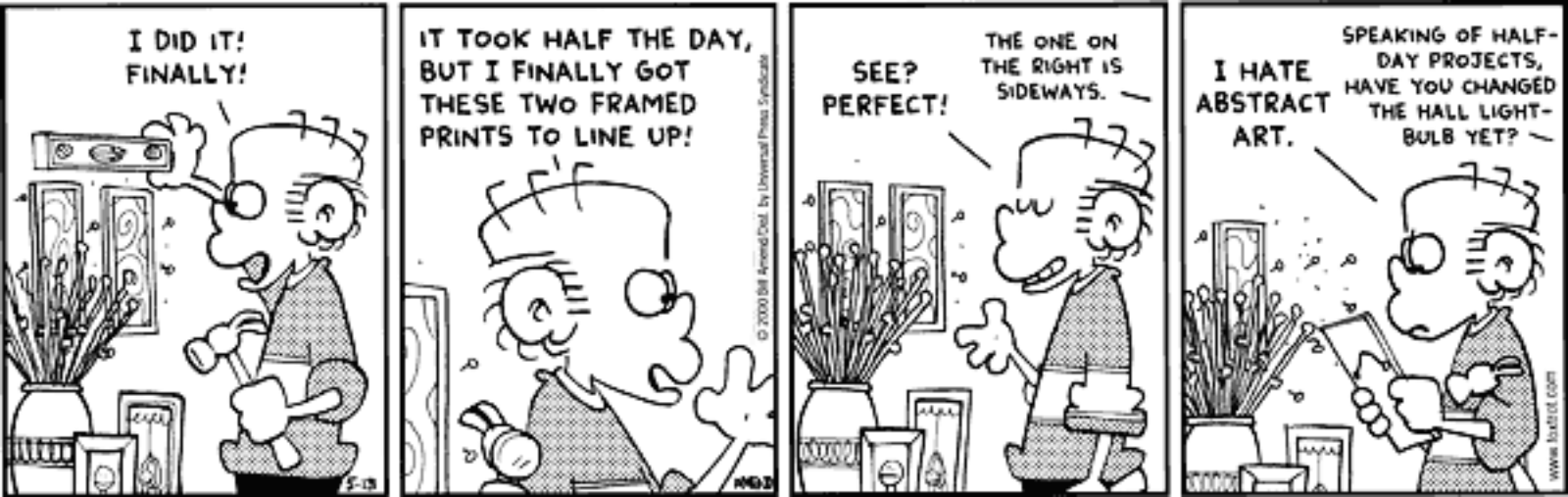
I DID IT! FINALLY!
IT TOOK HALF THE DAY, BUT I FINALLY GOT THESE TWO FRAMED PRINTS TO LINE UP!
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SEE? PERFECT!
THE ONE ON THE RIGHT IS SIDEWAYS.
I HATE ABSTRACT ART.
SPEAKING OF HALF-DAY PROJECTS, HAVE YOU CHANGED THE HALL LIGHT-BULB YET?
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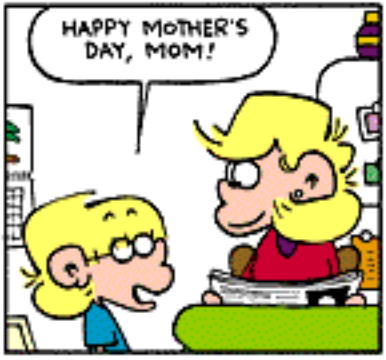

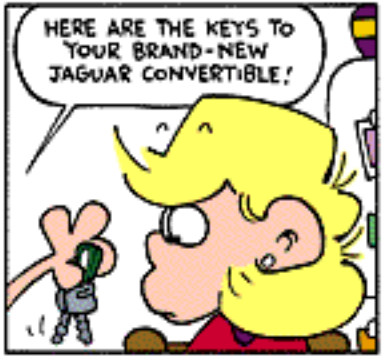

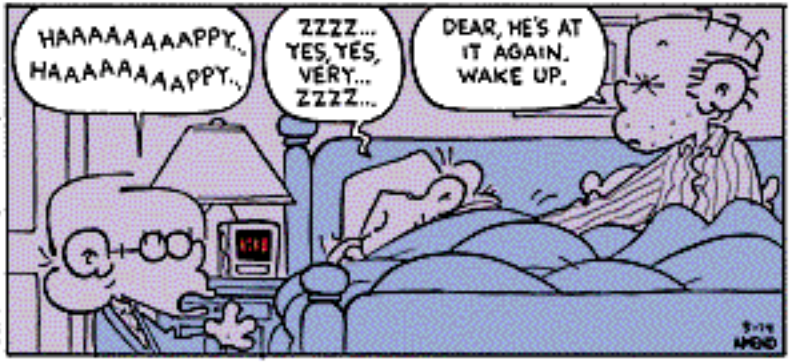

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JASON SAYS HE NEEDS HOMEWORK HELP FROM HIS OLD MAN.
HE SAID THAT? REALLY?
THOSE WERE HIS EXACT WORDS.
HE CALLED ME HIS "OLD MAN"! HE CALLED ME HIS "OLD MAN"! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?!
IT MEANS WE'RE FINALLY BONDING IN THAT SPECIAL GUY-GUY WAY!
I HEAR YOU HAVE NEED FOR YOUR OLD MAN.
YEAH. SEE, I'M DOING THIS REPORT ON ALZHEIMER'S, AND, WELL...
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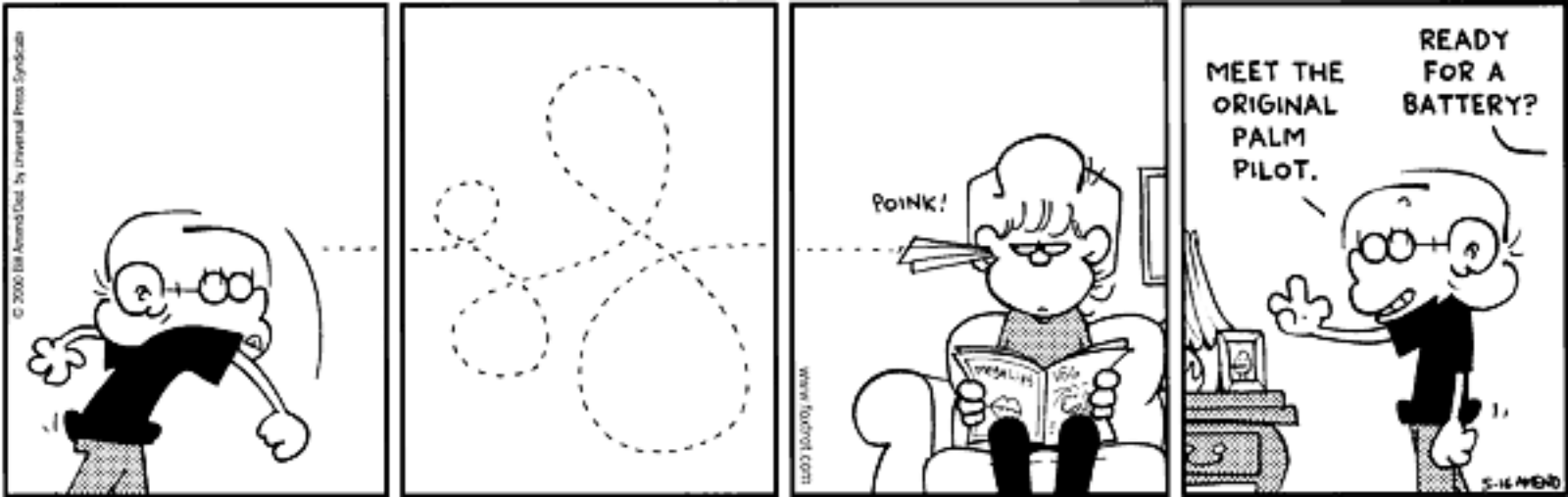
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POINK!
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MEET THE ORIGINAL PALM PILOT.
READY FOR A BATTERY?
5-16 AMEND

MOM, IS IT OK IF I EAT THE LAST POWDERED DOUGHNUT?
SURE.
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MOGNCH! CHAWM! SNORPF! GLUMPH! MYUNK! CHEQTW! RLUBGF!
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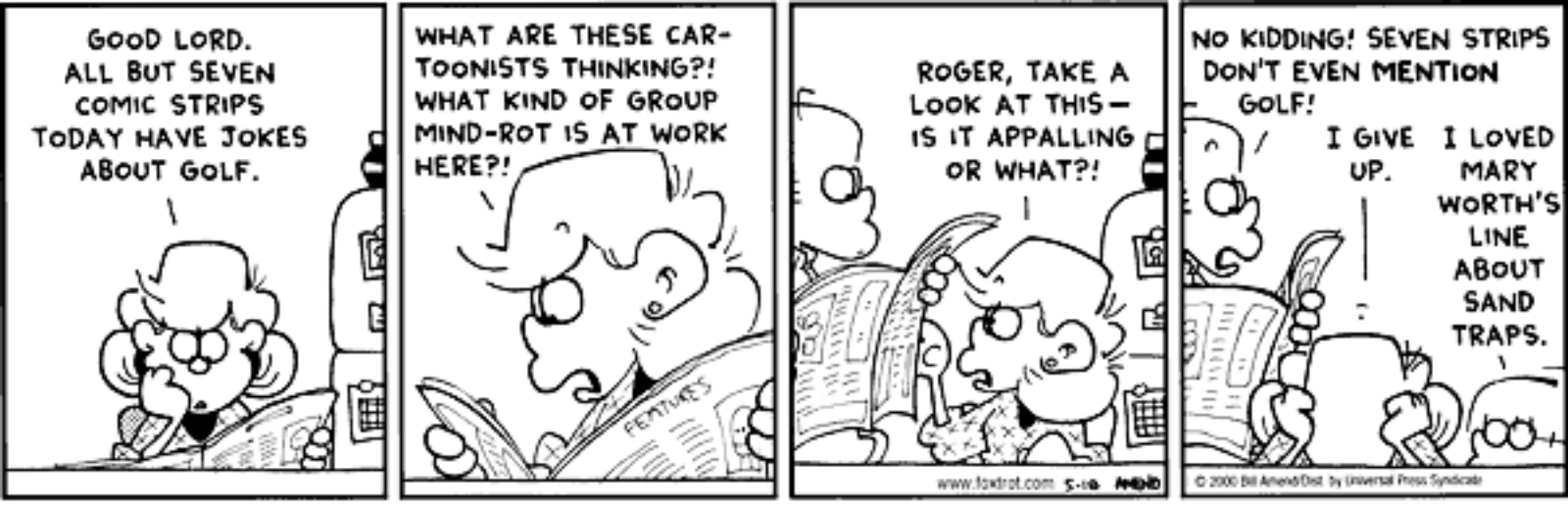
I GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO EAT ONE!
IT WAS A FULL BOX. I HAD TO EAT THE OTHERS TO FIND OUT WHICH ONE.
5-17 AMEND


GOOD LORD. ALL BUT SEVEN COMIC STRIPS TODAY HAVE JOKES ABOUT GOLF.
WHAT ARE THESE CARTOONISTS THINKING?! WHAT KIND OF GROUP MIND-ROT IS AT WORK HERE?!
FEATURES
ROGER, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS— IS IT APPALLING OR WHAT?!
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NO KIDDING! SEVEN STRIPS DON'T EVEN MENTION GOLF!
I GIVE UP.
I LOVED MARY WORTH'S LINE ABOUT SAND TRAPS.
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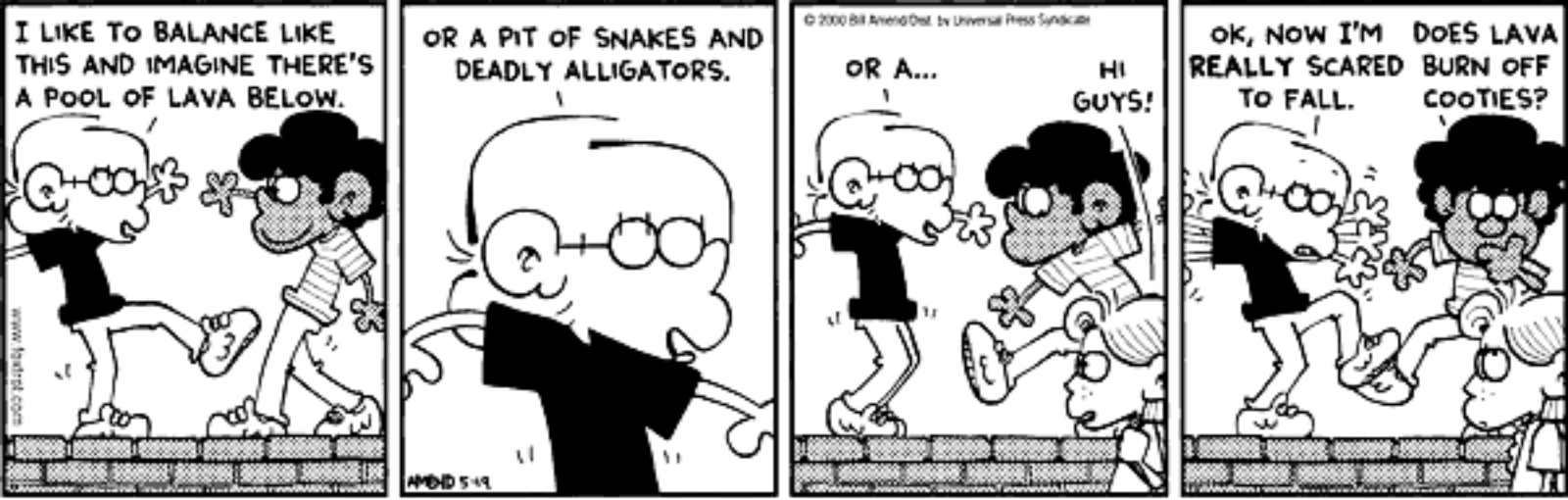
I LIKE TO BALANCE LIKE THIS AND IMAGINE THERE'S A POOL OF LAVA BELOW.
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OR A PIT OF SNAKES AND DEADLY ALLIGATORS.
AMOND 5-19
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OR A...
HI GUYS!
OK, NOW I'M REALLY SCARED TO FALL.
DOES LAVA BURN OFF COOTIES?

I'LL SEE YOUR FRITO AND RAISE YOU A RUFFLE.
I'LL SEE YOUR RUFFLE AND RAISE YOU A PRINGLE.
I'LL SEE YOUR PRINGLE AND RAISE YOU A DORITO.
QUICK! HIDE EVERYTHING! MOM'S COMING!
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MOM DOESN'T CARE IF WE PLAY CARDS.
TRUST ME ON THIS.
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MMM... THANKS SWEETIE.
AAAA! MY $25 WAVY LAY!
THIS IS WHY THEY USE FAKE CHIPS IN VEGAS.

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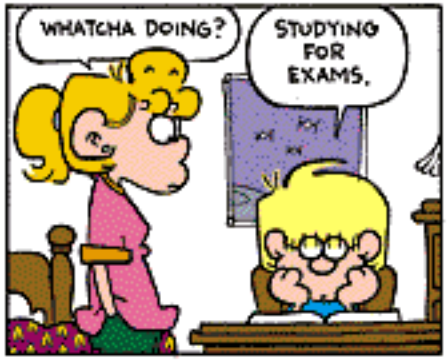
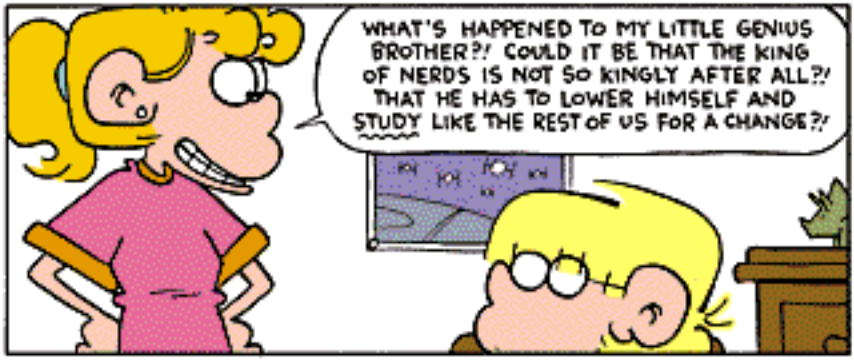
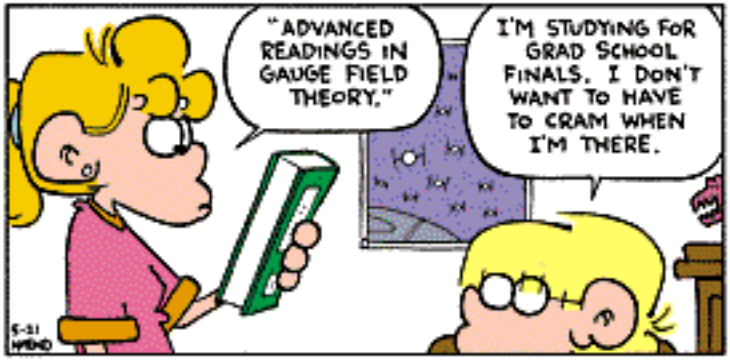

WHATCHA DOING?
STUDYING FOR EXAMS.

WHAT?? DID I JUST HEAR JASON FOX USE THE "S" WORD??


WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY LITTLE GENIUS BROTHER?! COULD IT BE THAT THE KING OF NERDS IS NOT SO KINGLY AFTER ALL?! THAT HE HAS TO LOWER HIMSELF AND STUDY LIKE THE REST OF US FOR A CHANGE?!

AS WE MORTALS LIKE TO SAY: HA HA HA!


"ADVANCED READINGS IN GAUGE FIELD THEORY."
I'M STUDYING FOR GRAD SCHOOL FINALS. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO CRAM WHEN I'M THERE.
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AND AS I LIKE TO SAY:
$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}$ HA!
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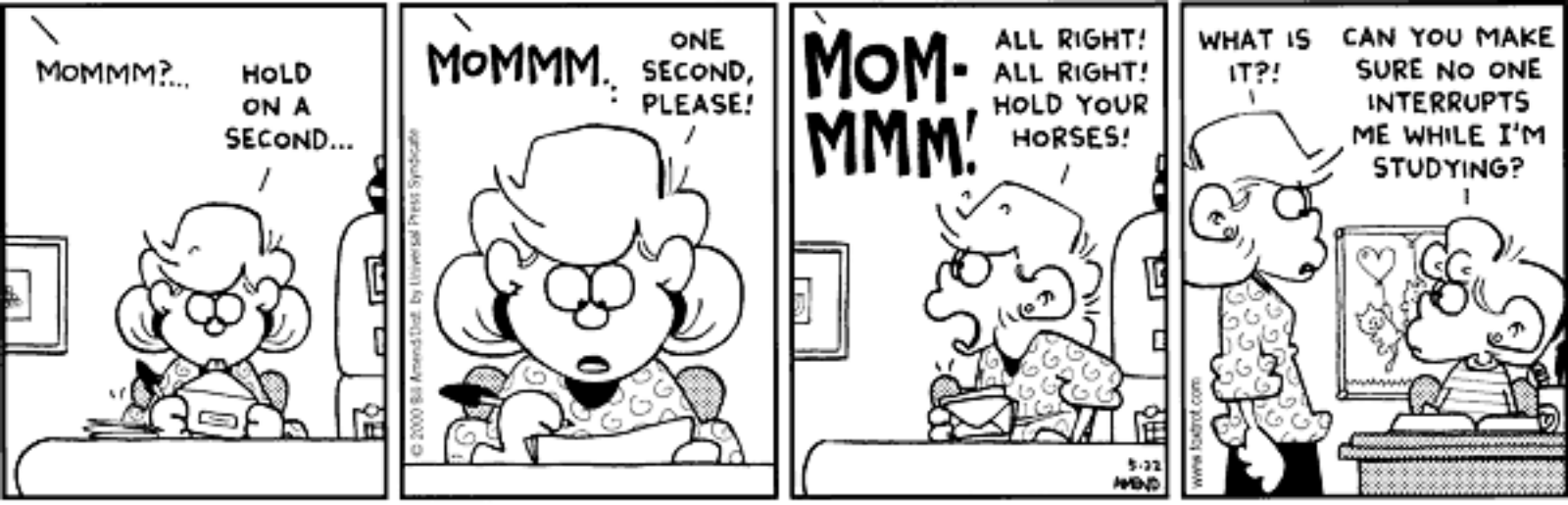
MOMMM?...
HOLD ON A SECOND...
MOMMM.
ONE SECOND, PLEASE!
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MOM-MMM!
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! HOLD YOUR HORSES!
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WHAT IS IT?!
CAN YOU MAKE SURE NO ONE INTERRUPTS ME WHILE I'M STUDYING?
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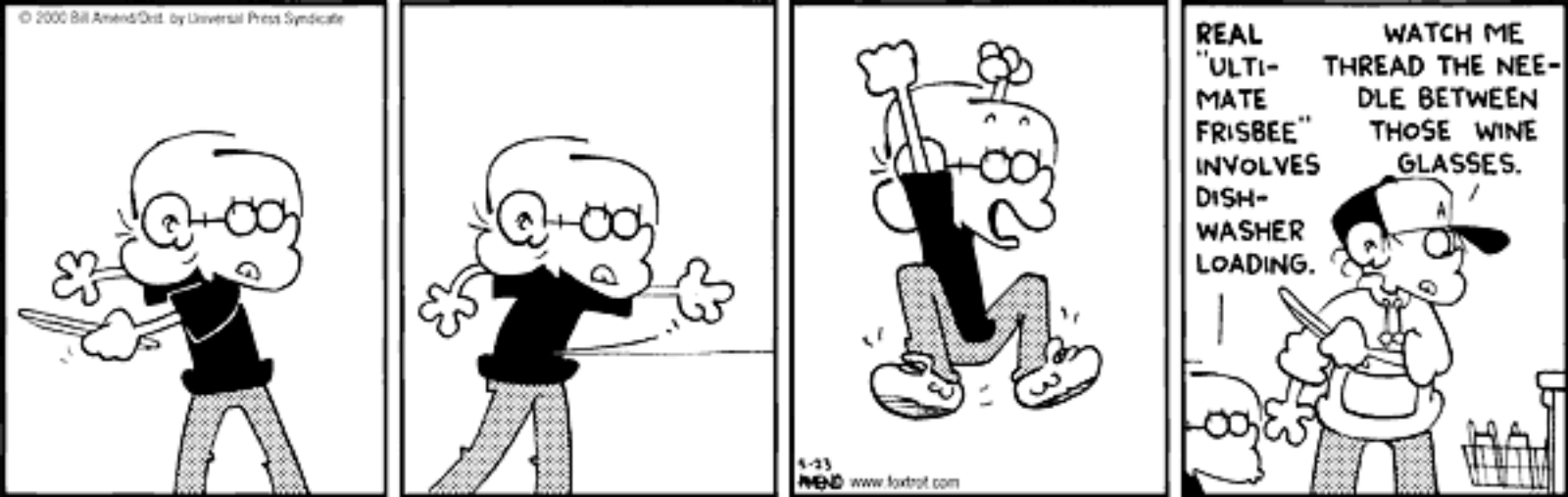
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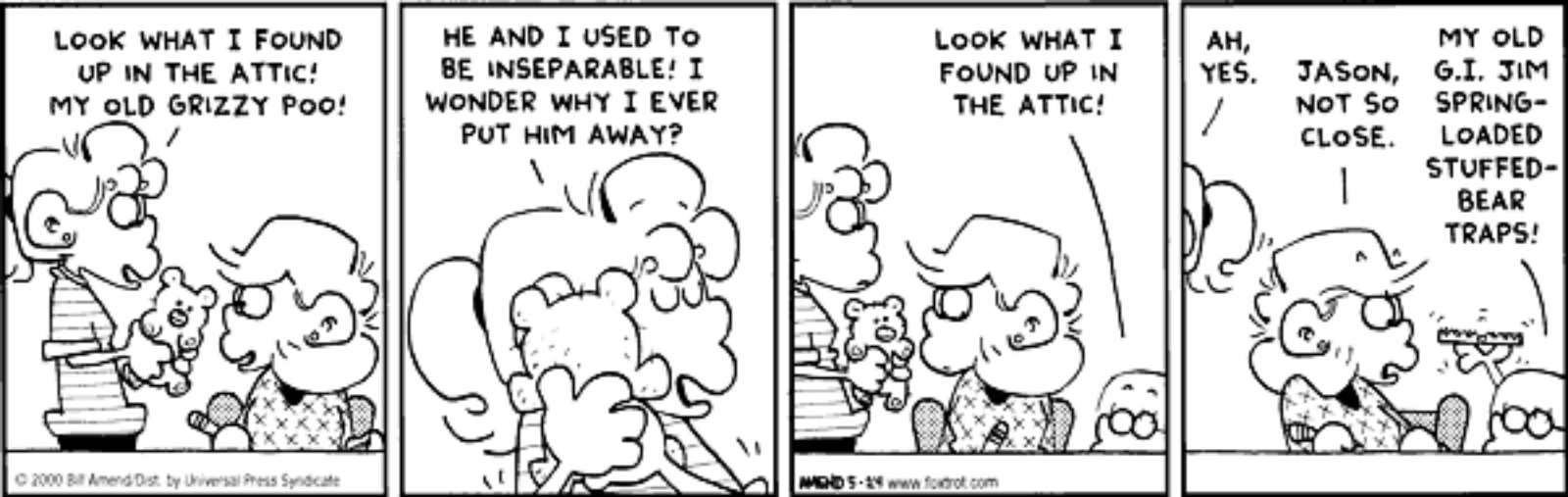
REAL "ULTIMATE FRISBEE" INVOLVES DISHWASHER LOADING.
WATCH ME THREAD THE NEEDLE BETWEEN THOSE WINE GLASSES.


LOOK WHAT I FOUND UP IN THE ATTIC! MY OLD GRIZZY POO!
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HE AND I USED TO BE INSEPARABLE! I WONDER WHY I EVER PUT HIM AWAY?
LOOK WHAT I FOUND UP IN THE ATTIC!
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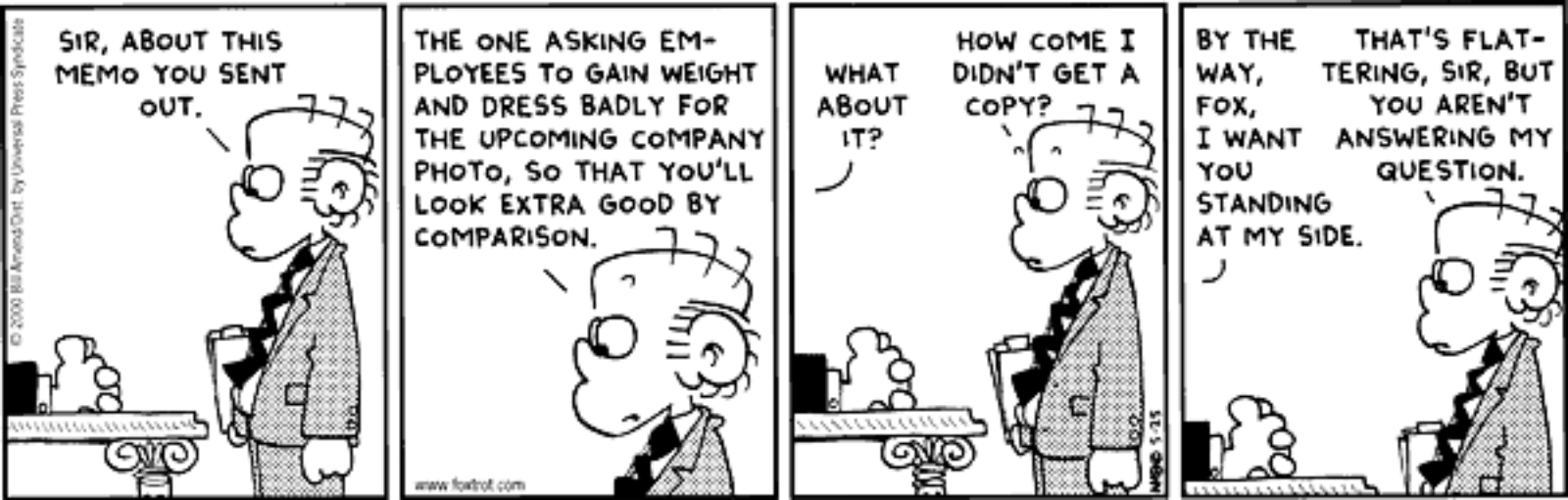
AH, YES.
JASON, NOT SO CLOSE.
MY OLD G.I. JIM SPRING-LOADED STUFFED-BEAR TRAPS!


SIR, ABOUT THIS MEMO YOU SENT OUT.
THE ONE ASKING EMPLOYEES TO GAIN WEIGHT AND DRESS BADLY FOR THE UPCOMING COMPANY PHOTO, SO THAT YOU'LL LOOK EXTRA GOOD BY COMPARISON.
WHAT ABOUT IT?
HOW COME I DIDN'T GET A COPY?
BY THE WAY, FOX, I WANT YOU STANDING AT MY SIDE.
THAT'S FLATTERING, SIR, BUT YOU AREN'T ANSWERING MY QUESTION.
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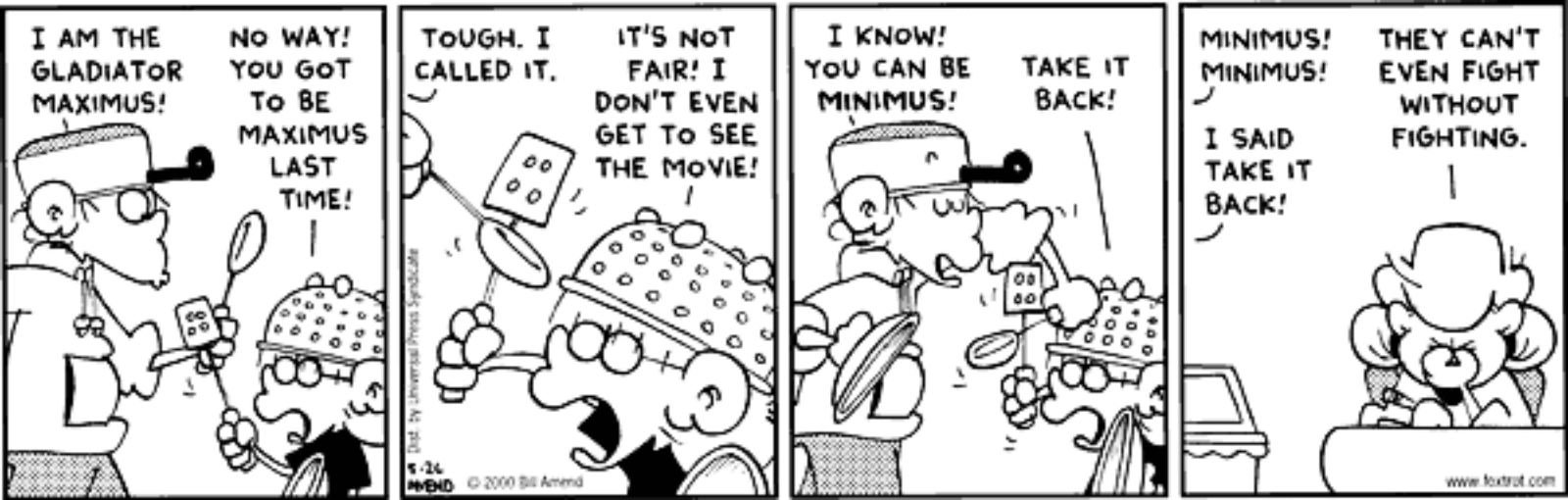
I AM THE GLADIATOR MAXIMUS!
NO WAY! YOU GOT TO BE MAXIMUS LAST TIME!
TOUGH. I CALLED IT.
IT'S NOT FAIR! I DON'T EVEN GET TO SEE THE MOVIE!
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I KNOW! YOU CAN BE MINIMUS!
TAKE IT BACK!
MINIMUS! MINIMUS!
I SAID TAKE IT BACK!
THEY CAN'T EVEN FIGHT WITHOUT FIGHTING.
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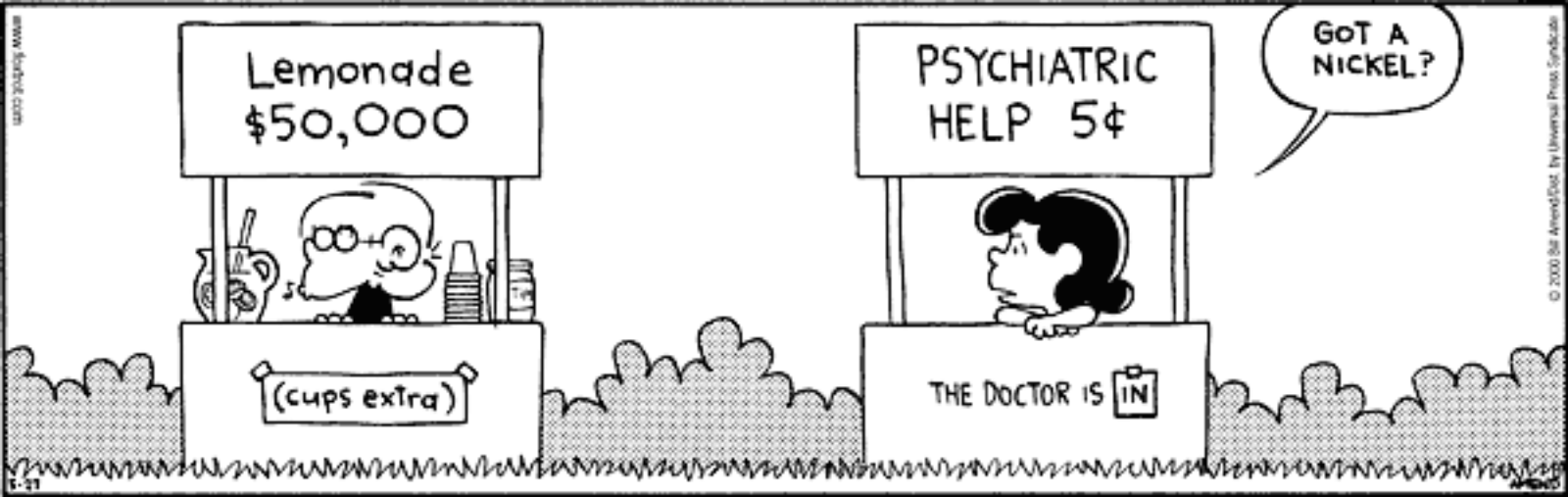
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NICKEL?
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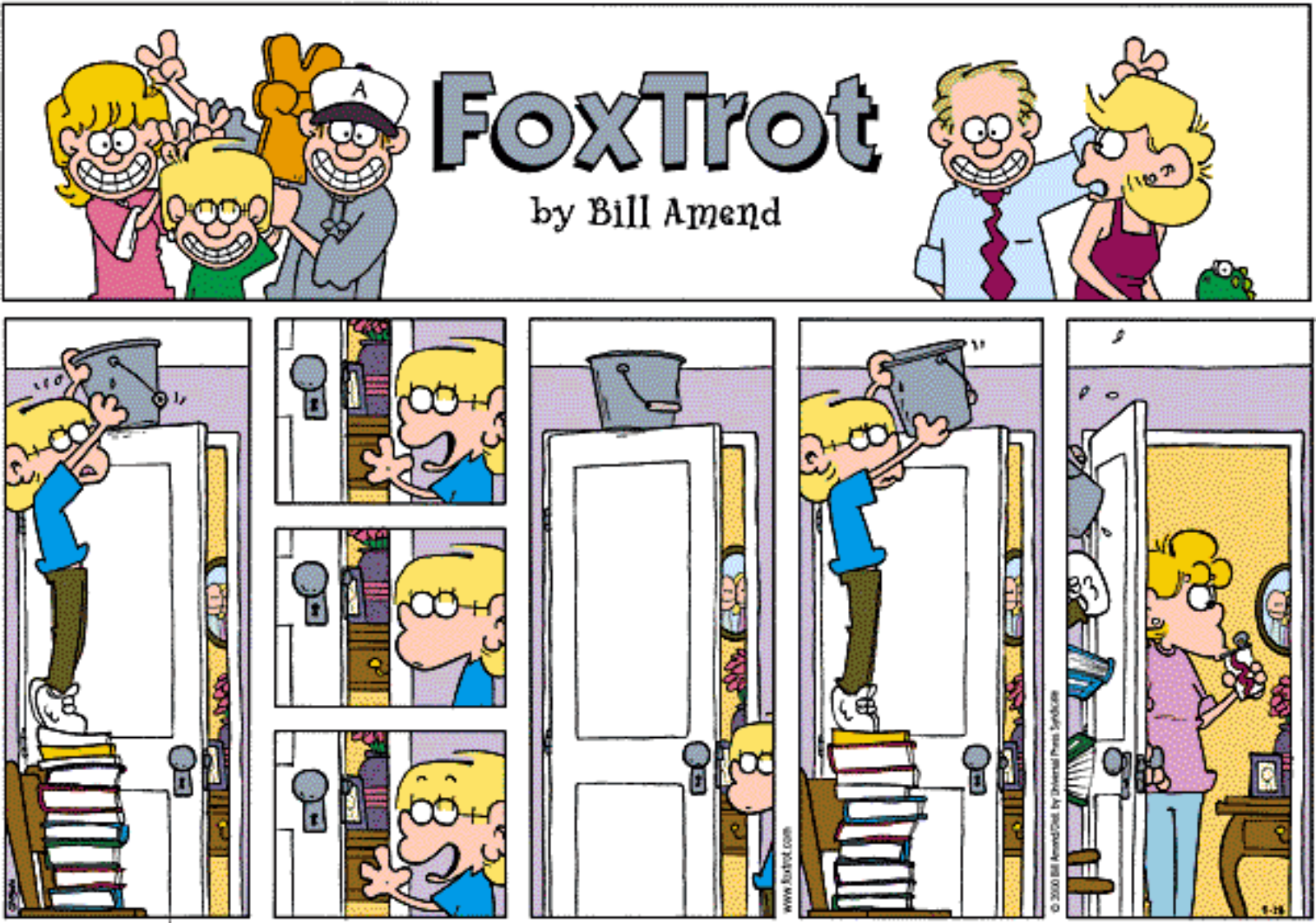
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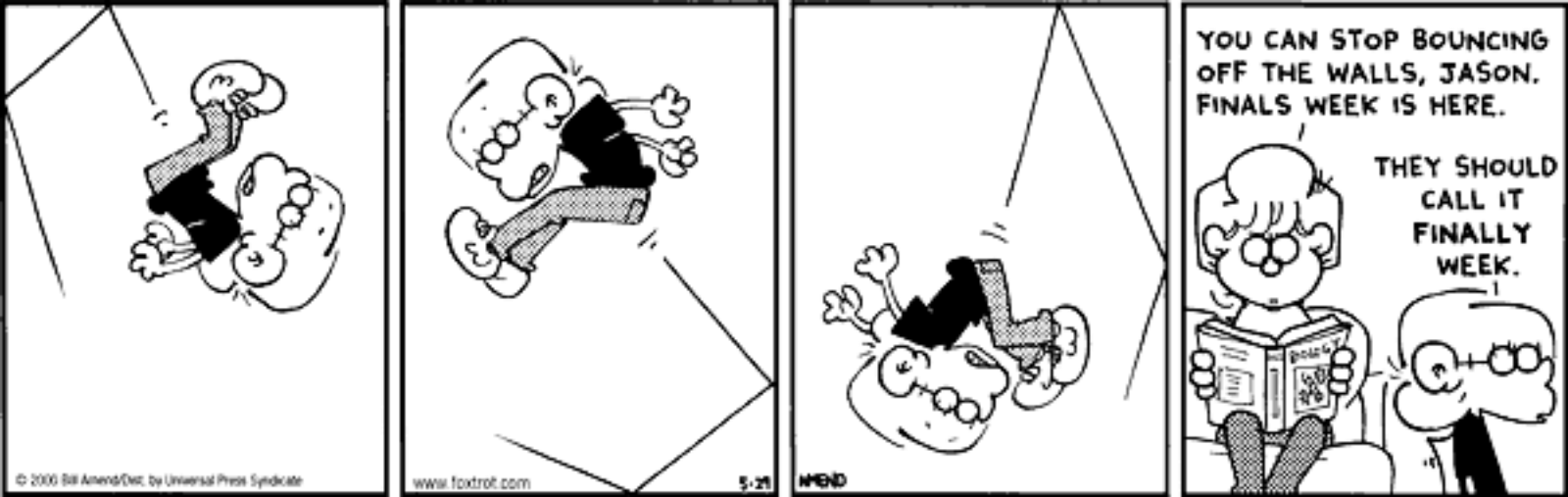
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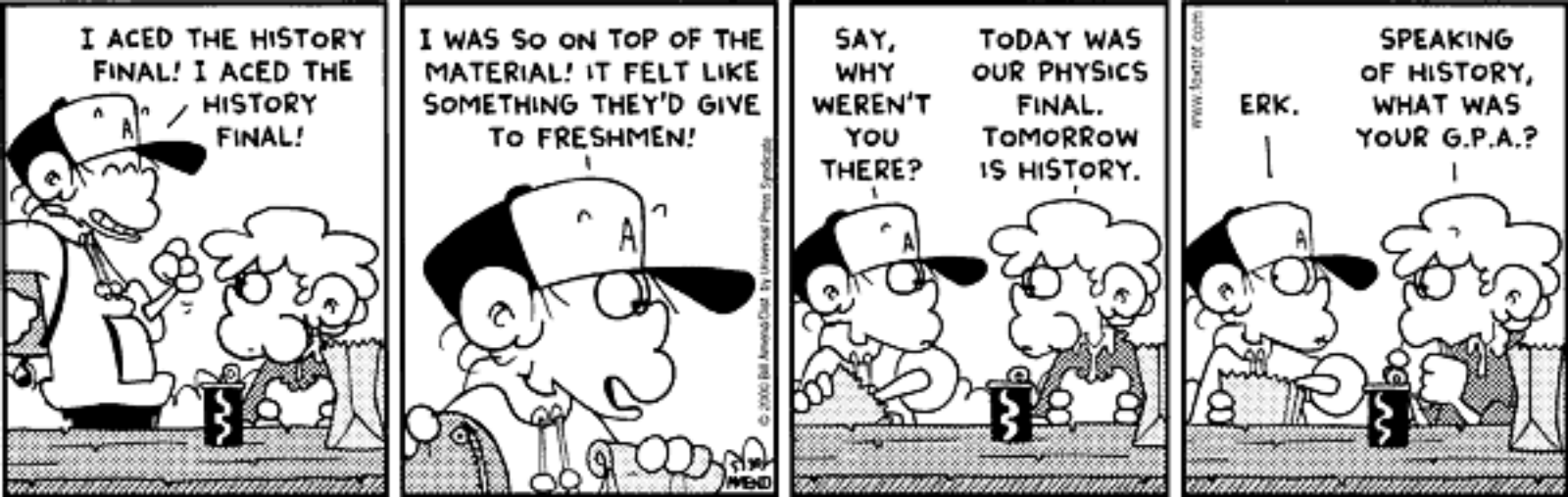
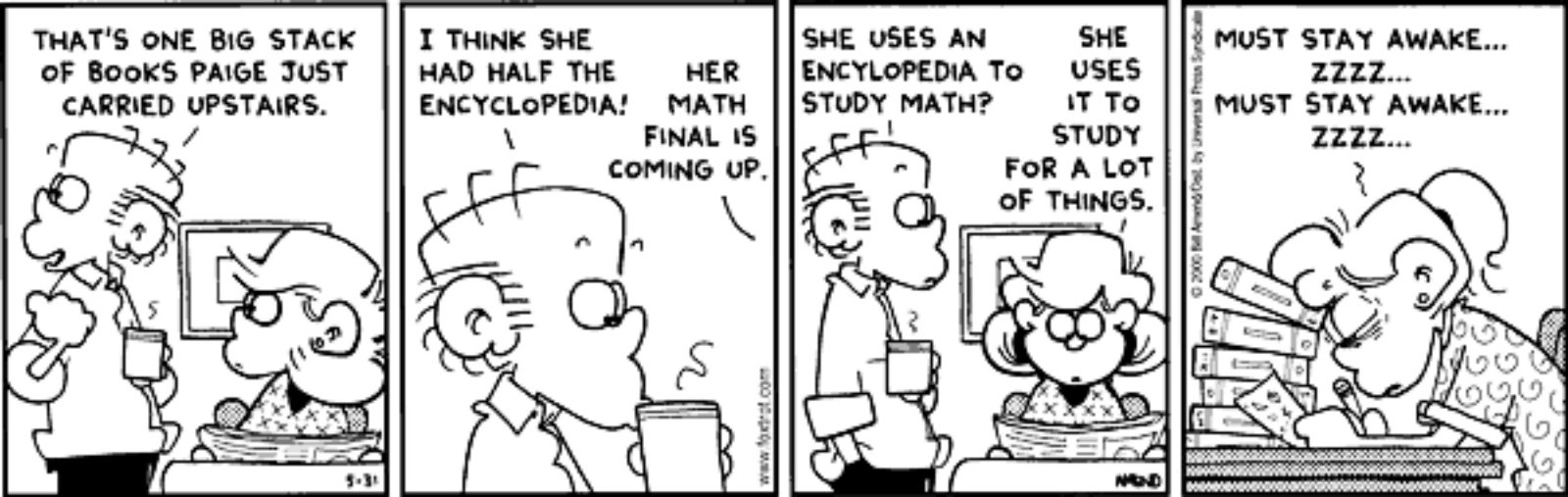
YOU CAN STOP BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS, JASON. FINALS WEEK IS HERE.
THEY SHOULD CALL IT FINALLY WEEK.


I ACED THE HISTORY FINAL! I ACED THE HISTORY FINAL!
I WAS SO ON TOP OF THE MATERIAL! IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING THEY'D GIVE TO FRESHMEN!
SAY, WHY WEREN'T YOU THERE?
TODAY WAS OUR PHYSICS FINAL. TOMORROW IS HISTORY.
ERK.
SPEAKING OF HISTORY, WHAT WAS YOUR G.P.A.?


THAT'S ONE BIG STACK OF BOOKS PAIGE JUST CARRIED UPSTAIRS.
I THINK SHE HAD HALF THE ENCYCLOPEDIA!
HER MATH FINAL IS COMING UP.
SHE USES AN ENCYLOPEDIA TO STUDY MATH?
SHE USES IT TO STUDY FOR A LOT OF THINGS.
MUST STAY AWAKE... ZZZZ... MUST STAY AWAKE... ZZZZ...
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OK, I LABELED THE HEART.
I THINK I'M GOING TO BE SICK.
I THINK I'M GOING TO THROW UP.
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NANCY
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SERIOUSLY, NICOLE, I FEEL THE BILE STARTING TO RISE.
PAIGE, WILL YOU GET YOUR MIND OFF TOMORROW'S MATH FINAL AND HELP WITH THIS DISSECTION?!
AIR! I NEED AIR!

MARCUS, HERE'S YOUR TEST...GOOD LUCK. EILEEN, HERE'S YOUR TEST...GOOD LUCK.
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JASON, HERE'S YOUR TEST.
I DON'T GET A "GOOD LUCK"?
YEEHA! LOTS AND LOTS OF REALLY HARD PROBLEMS!
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SHE MEANS GOOD LUCK TO THOSE SITTING NEAR YOU.
FINISHED! OH, WAIT, LET ME OCTUPLE-CHECK.

AH, SUMMER VACATION!
AH, SUMMER FREEDOM!
THREE MONTHS WITHOUT ANY SHACKLES!
THREE MONTHS TO DO WHAT WE WANT!
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THE WORLD IS OURS TO EXPLORE!
THE WORLD IS OURS TO TAKE!
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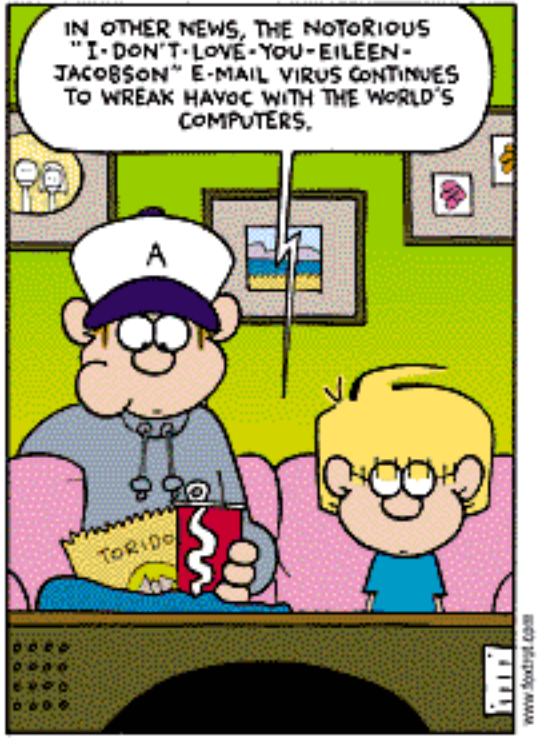
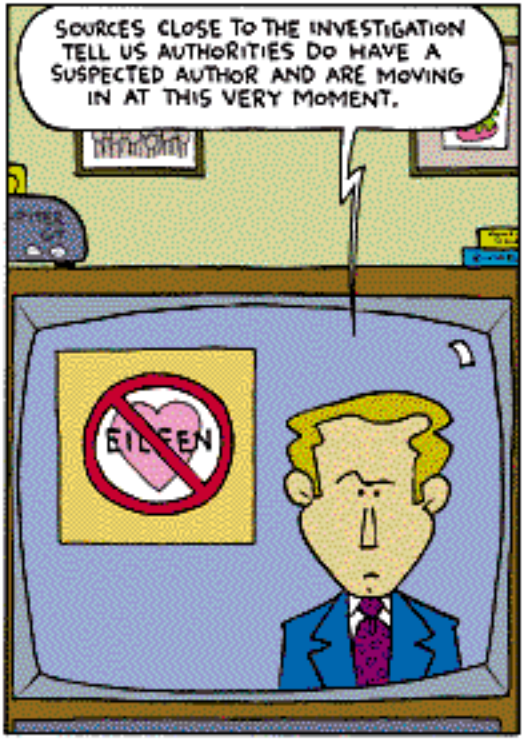
LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON TV.
I WAS GOING TO SAY.





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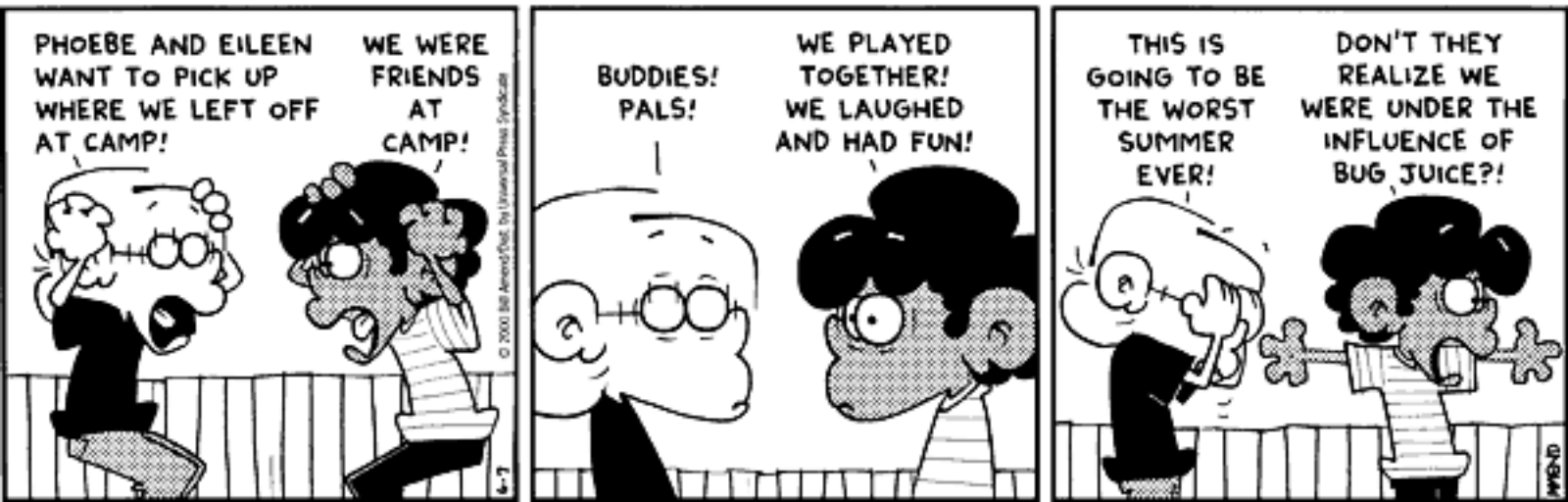
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO NOW THAT SCHOOL'S OVER?
SHOULD WE LAUNCH ROCKETS? SHOULD WE READ COMIC BOOKS? SHOULD WE WORK ON OUR TREE FORT?
JASON! MARCUS! LOOK WHO'S VISITING!
SHOULD WE JUMP IN FRONT OF A CAR?
SHOULD WE IMPALE OURSELVES ON A FENCE POST?
I SEE THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH.

PHOEBE?! HERE?! HOW?!
SHE'S STAYING WITH HER UNCLE FOR THE SUMMER!
MY PARENTS ARE OFF ON AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG.
ISN'T THIS GREAT?! ISN'T THIS AWESOME?! ISN'T THIS LIKE THE MOST EXCELLENT NEWS EVER?!
NOW WE CAN PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF AT CAMP!
THEY MUST BE RUNNING TO GET US FLOWERS.
MARCUS! WAIT! YOU JUMPED OUT OF YOUR SHOES!


PHOEBE AND EILEEN WANT TO PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF AT CAMP!
WE WERE FRIENDS AT CAMP!
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BUDDIES! PALS!
WE PLAYED TOGETHER! WE LAUGHED AND HAD FUN!
THIS IS GOING TO BE THE WORST SUMMER EVER!
DON'T THEY REALIZE WE WERE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF BUG JUICE?!

TALK ABOUT A DOOMSDAY SCENARIO! TALK ABOUT A WALK TO THE GALLOWS!
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PHOEBE AND EILEEN, TOGETHER AGAIN! IT'LL BE LIKE SCIENCE CAMP ALL OVER!
I'M BORED. WANNA GO HANG OUT WITH THEM?
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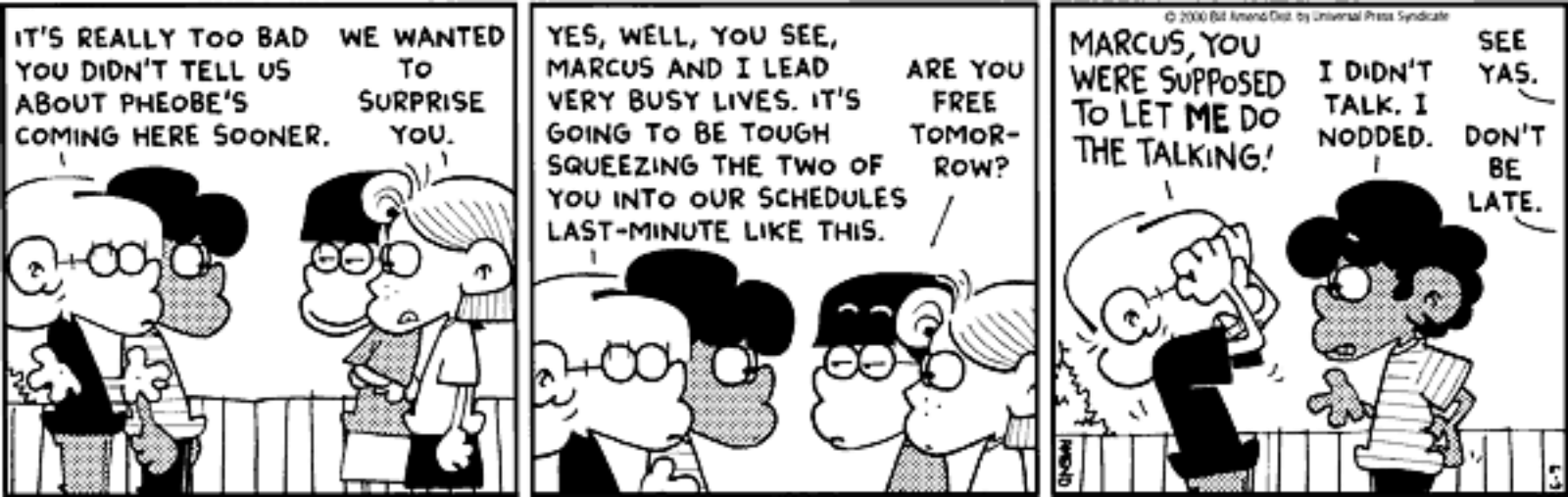
SEE?! SEE?! ALREADY IT'S LIKE SCIENCE CAMP!
HEY, I WAS RIGHT WITH YOU FOR THE FIRST FOUR HOURS OF YOUR RANTING.


IT'S REALLY TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T TELL US ABOUT PHEOBE'S COMING HERE SOONER.
WE WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU.
YES, WELL, YOU SEE, MARCUS AND I LEAD VERY BUSY LIVES. IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH SQUEEZING THE TWO OF YOU INTO OUR SCHEDULES LAST-MINUTE LIKE THIS.
ARE YOU FREE TOMOR-ROW?
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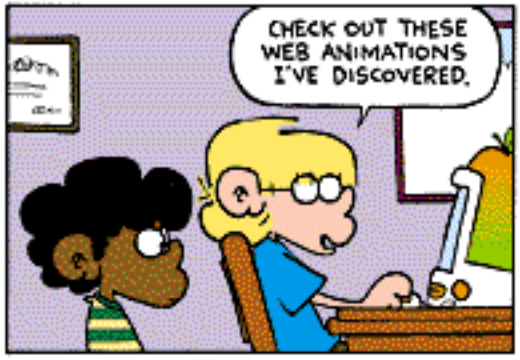
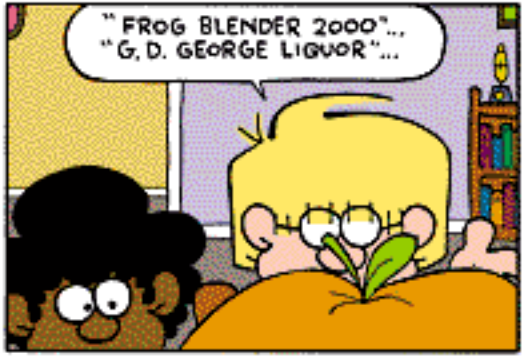
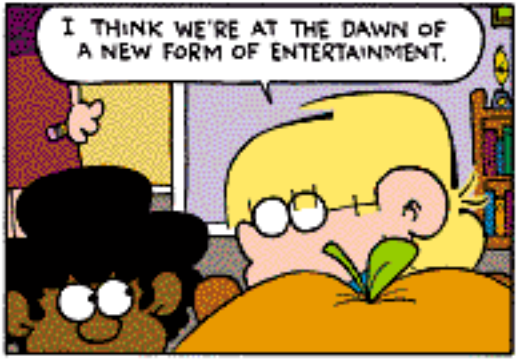
MARCUS, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO LET ME DO THE TALKING!
I DIDN'T TALK. I NODDED.
SEE YAS.
DON'T BE LATE.

EEGAD! SOMETHING JUST OCCURRED TO ME!
WHAT'S THAT?
IF PHOEBE'S HERE FOR THE SUMMER, THEN THAT MIGHT MEAN THAT...
AAAA! NO! DON'T SPEAK HIS NAME!
WHY NOT SIMPLY READ IT OFF MY LATEST ACADEMIC CITATION?
EUGENE! NO! PLEASE BE A HOLO-GRAM!
WELL, UNLESS ALL THESE DANDRUFF FLAKES ARE HOLOGRAMS.







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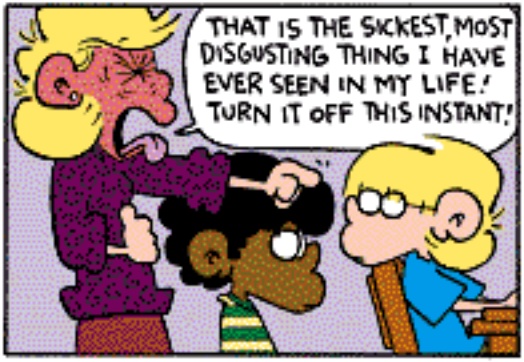

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HEY, YOU GUYS WANT TO LOOK AT PHOEBE'S CAMP JOURNAL?
WHAT'S THAT?
AFTER OUR SUMMER AT SCIENCE CAMP, I PUT ALL MY NOTES, PHOTOS AND MEMENTOS INTO THIS ALBUM.
NO, WHAT'S THAT SMELL?
I WANTED TO CHRONICLE THE BAD ALONG WITH THE GOOD.
YOU SAVED SAMPLES OF THE FOOD?!
IT SEEMS LESS MOLDY THAN I REMEMBER.

OH, AND HERE'S A POISON IVY LEAF FROM THAT TIME WE TRICKED YOU.
THAT WAS CLAS-SIC.
OK, OK, WE'VE SEEN ENOUGH!
BUT WE JUST STARTED!
PHOEBE'S CAMP JOURNAL GOES ON FOR LIKE 80 MORE PAGES!
HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU THAT SOME OF US DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER THE THINGS WE DID THAT SUMMER?!
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WHO?
WHO?
YEAH, WHO?
SOME OF US!

FINE! BE PARTY POOPERS!
I'LL HAVE MY CAMP JOURNAL ALL SUMMER! LET US KNOW WHEN YOU'RE MATURE ENOUGH TO LOOK AT IT!
GIRLS. SHEESH.
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SO ARE WE MATURE ENOUGH YET?
MARCUS! SHEESH!
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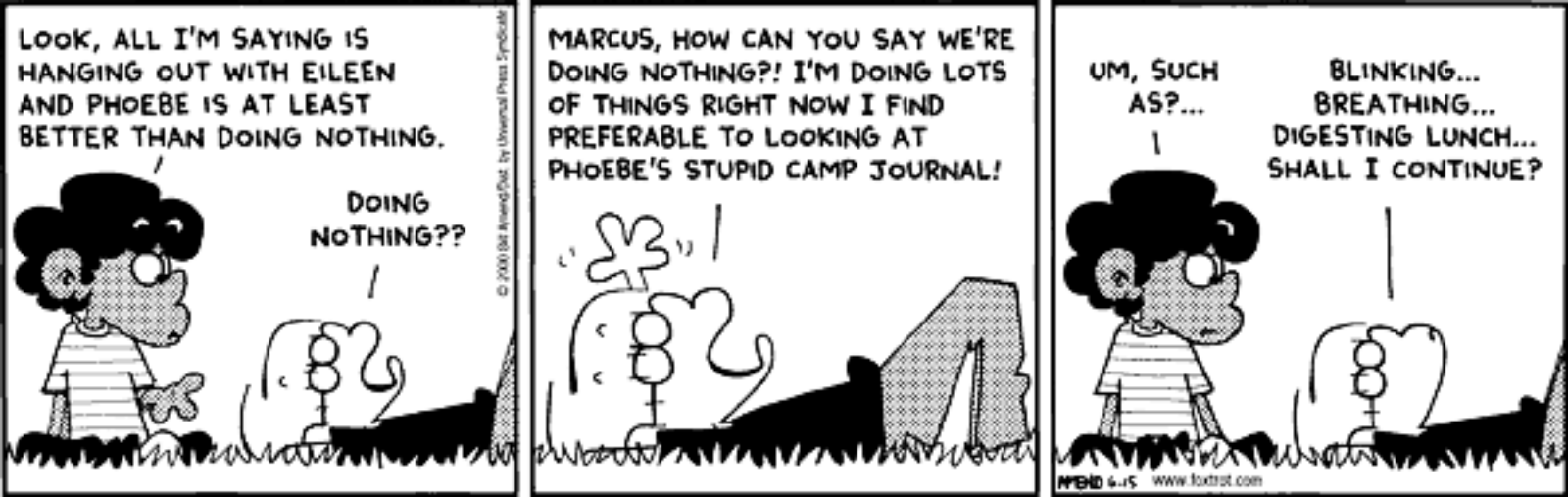
LOOK, ALL I'M SAYING IS HANGING OUT WITH EILEEN AND PHOEBE IS AT LEAST BETTER THAN DOING NOTHING.
DOING NOTHING??
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MARCUS, HOW CAN YOU SAY WE'RE DOING NOTHING?! I'M DOING LOTS OF THINGS RIGHT NOW I FIND PREFERABLE TO LOOKING AT PHOEBE'S STUPID CAMP JOURNAL!
UM, SUCH AS?...
BLINKING... BREATHING... DIGESTING LUNCH... SHALL I CONTINUE?
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OK, MARCUS. I WENT HOME AND GOT MY LINUXMON GAME CARDS.
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NOW WE'VE GOT AN ACTUAL ACTIVITY TO DO INSTEAD OF HANGING OUT WITH EILEEN AND PHOEBE AND HER PRECIOUS CAMP JOURNAL. I'LL OPEN WITH /DEV/NULL.
CAN WE DO THIS WITH THEM?
WHY WOULD YOU ASK SUCH AN INSANE QUESTION?
BECAUSE THEY'RE RUNNING THIS WAY.
ALL RIGHT YOU TWO! GIVE IT BACK!

GIVE IT BACK?
GIVE WHAT BACK?
YOU KNOW WHAT!
YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT!
PHOEBE'S CAMP JOURNAL IS MISSING!
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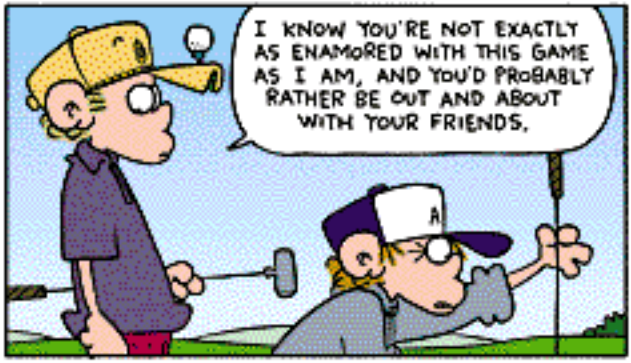
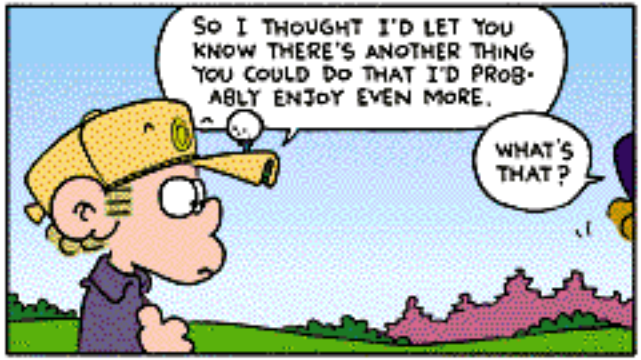
WOO-HOO!
WHAT, UM, MAKES YOU SUSPECT EITHER OF US?
THIS ISN'T FUNNY!
GIVE IT BACK!





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GREAT. PHOEBE THINKS WE SWIPED HER STUPID CAMP JOURNAL.
EILEEN DOES, TOO.
NOW WE HAVE TO FIND IT, JUST TO CLEAR OUR NAMES.
AND GET THE GIRLS TO TALK TO US AGAIN.
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I'LL STICK TO CLEARING OUR NAMES, THANK YOU.
I MEANT WE'LL WANT THEM TALKING TO US WHEN THEY APOLOGIZE.
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WE'VE DECIDED TO SET UP A DETECTIVE AGENCY TO HUNT DOWN YOUR MISSING CAMP JOURNAL.
WATCH HOW WELL WE DO THIS!
OK, PARTNER, WE'D BETTER GET MOVING! TIME'S A-WASTING!
OAK STREET HERE WE COME!
WE DIDN'T LOSE IT ANYWHERE NEAR OAK STREET.
THAT'S WHERE OUR BUSI-NESS CARDS ARE BEING PRINTED.
HURRY, MARCUS! THE GAME IS AFOOT!

WE NEED TO COME UP WITH A GOOD NAME FOR OUR DETECTIVE AGENCY.
SOMETHING CONVEYING OUR SLEUTH-FUL PROWESS.
WE COULD BE ENCYCLOPEDIAS BROWN AND WHITE... THE GREAT BRAINS... THE TWO INVESTIGATORS...
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THE HARDLY BOYS...
HARDY HAR HAR.
THIS IS WHY DETECTIVES PACK HEAT.

CHECK OUT OUR BUSINESS CARDS!
"THE JASON AND MARCUS DETECTIVE AGENCY."
GOSH. HOW CREATIVE.
JASON AND MARCUS. GET IT?
"IF YOU'RE IN A JAM, CALL JAM."
IF SOMEONE'S IN A JAM, WHY WOULD HE OR SHE WANT MORE OF IT?
WE SPENT HOW MUCH MONEY ON THESE THINGS?
I KNOW! I KNOW! "IF YOU THINK YOU'RE TOAST, CALL JAM"!
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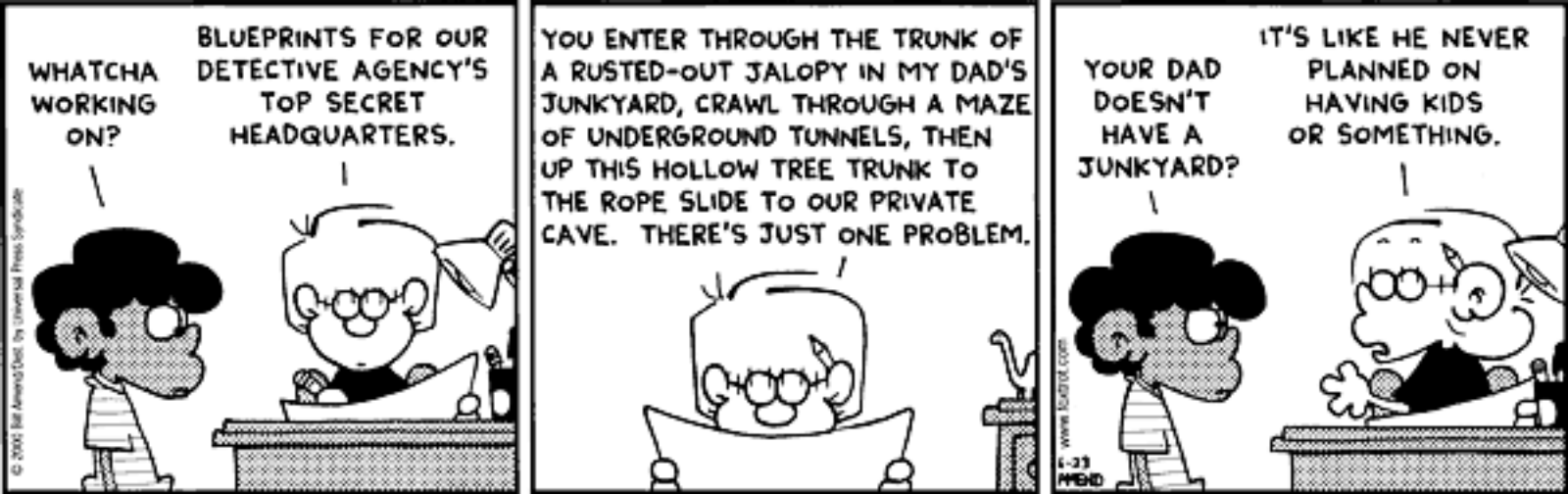
WHATCHA WORKING ON?
BLUEPRINTS FOR OUR DETECTIVE AGENCY'S TOP SECRET HEADQUARTERS.
YOU ENTER THROUGH THE TRUNK OF A RUSTED-OUT JALOPY IN MY DAD'S JUNKYARD, CRAWL THROUGH A MAZE OF UNDERGROUND TUNNELS, THEN UP THIS HOLLOW TREE TRUNK TO THE ROPE SLIDE TO OUR PRIVATE CAVE. THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM.
YOUR DAD DOESN'T HAVE A JUNKYARD?
IT'S LIKE HE NEVER PLANNED ON HAVING KIDS OR SOMETHING.
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WHERE ARE THOSE BOYS?
THEY SAID THEY'D BE RIGHT HERE AFTER LUNCH TO DISCUSS THE CASE!
FIVE MORE MINUTES AND I'M— OH, WAIT. HERE THEY COME.
ARE THEY WEARING WHAT I THINK THEY ARE?
WHERE ARE THOSE GIRLS?!
THEY SAID THEY'D BE RIGHT HERE AFTER LUNCH...
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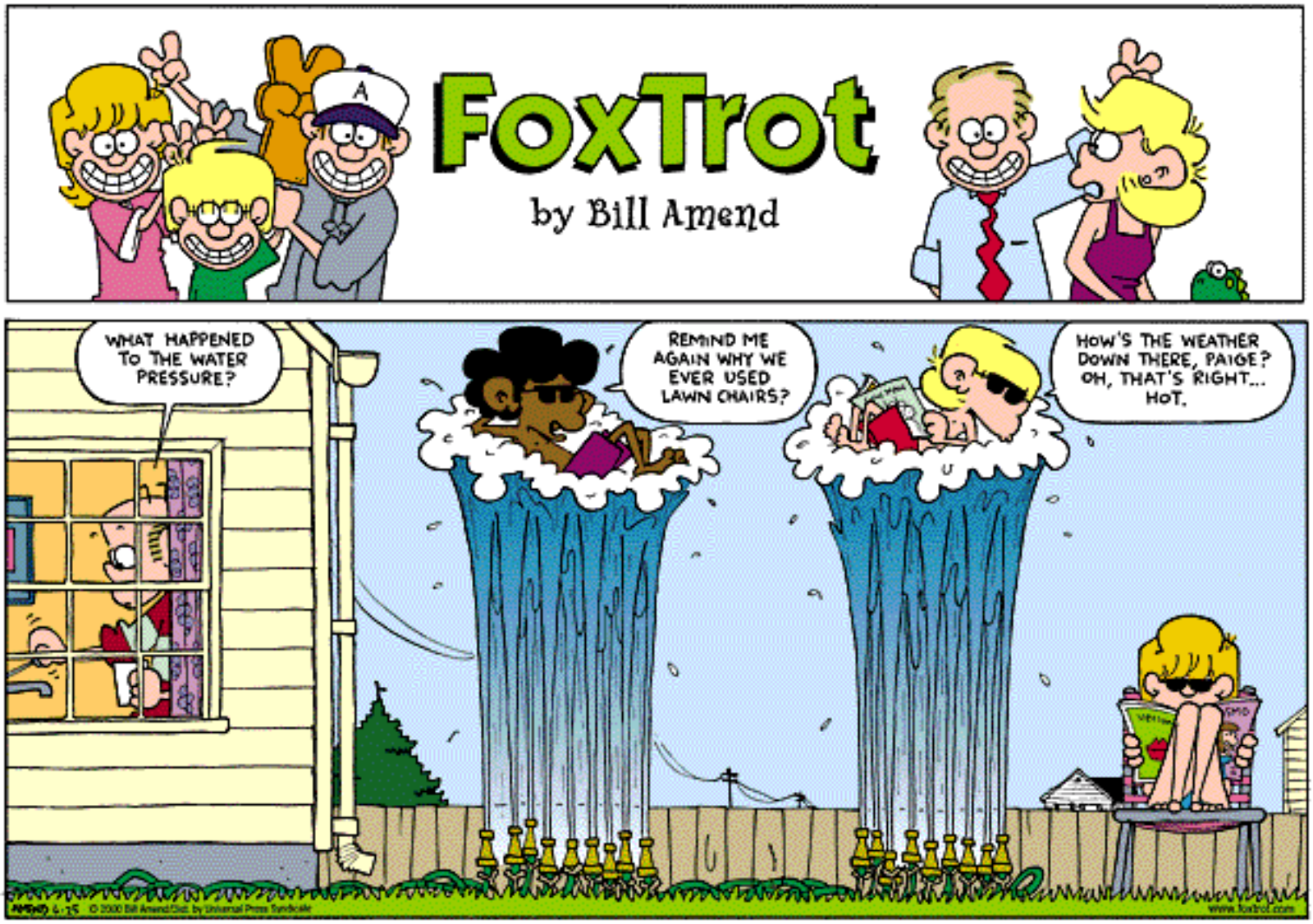
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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WATER PRESSURE?
REMIND ME AGAIN WHY WE EVER USED LAWN CHAIRS?
HOW'S THE WEATHER DOWN THERE, PAIGE? OH, THAT'S RIGHT... HOT.
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SO TELL US WHAT HAP- PENED.
SLOW- LY.
WE WERE SITTING HERE EAT- ING ICE CREAM.
WHEN IT STARTED TO DRIP ON OUR HANDS.
WE RAN TO GET SOME NAPKINS, AND WHEN WE CAME BACK, PHOEBE'S CAMP JOURNAL WAS GONE!
WE WERE ONLY GONE FOR A MINUTE! TOPS!
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WE MEANT TELL IT REALLY SLOWLY.
WE'RE CHARG- ING BY THE HOUR.
I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE PRO BONO!
PRO BONE- HEADS, MAYBE.

HEY! I'VE GOT SOMETHING!
DETECTIVE MARCUS! QUICK! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
EXCELLENT WORK!
WHAT IS IT?!
YOU FOUND A CLUE?!
I'M FRYING AN ANT.
DIBS ON THIS ONE NEXT TO ALL THESE FINGER-PRINTS.

A FINGERPRINT! AN ICE-CREAMY FINGERPRINT!
THE CROOK MUST HAVE LEFT IT!
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DON'T LET ANYONE TOUCH THAT UNTIL WE GET BACK!
WE HAVE TO GO HACK INTO THE FBI'S FINGERPRINT DATABASE!
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COMMITING A FELONY TO SOLVE A MIS-DEMEANOR IS JUSTIFIED, RIGHT?
HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW OFTEN THOSE GIRLS CLUTCH THEIR FOREHEADS?

WE DECIDED AGAINST HACKING INTO THE FBI'S FINGERPRINT DATABASE.
WE FELT IT'D BE TOO RISKY.
GOSH, JUST BECAUSE IT'S A FEDERAL OFFENSE?
SUCH UNCHARACTERISTIC GOOD SENSE.
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NO, NO — JASON'S OLDER BROTHER WAS USING THE COMPUTER.
HE DOESN'T RESPOND WELL TO QUAKEUS INTERRUPTUS.

WE'LL HAVE TO IDENTIFY THIS FINGERPRINT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.
HERE'S AN INK PAD.
WHY ARE WE CHECKING OUR FINGERPRINTS? WE DIDN'T TAKE PHOEBE'S CAMP JOURNAL.
THIS WAY WE CAN ALL BE ELIMINATED AS SUSPECTS FROM THE START. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TRUST EACH OTHER.
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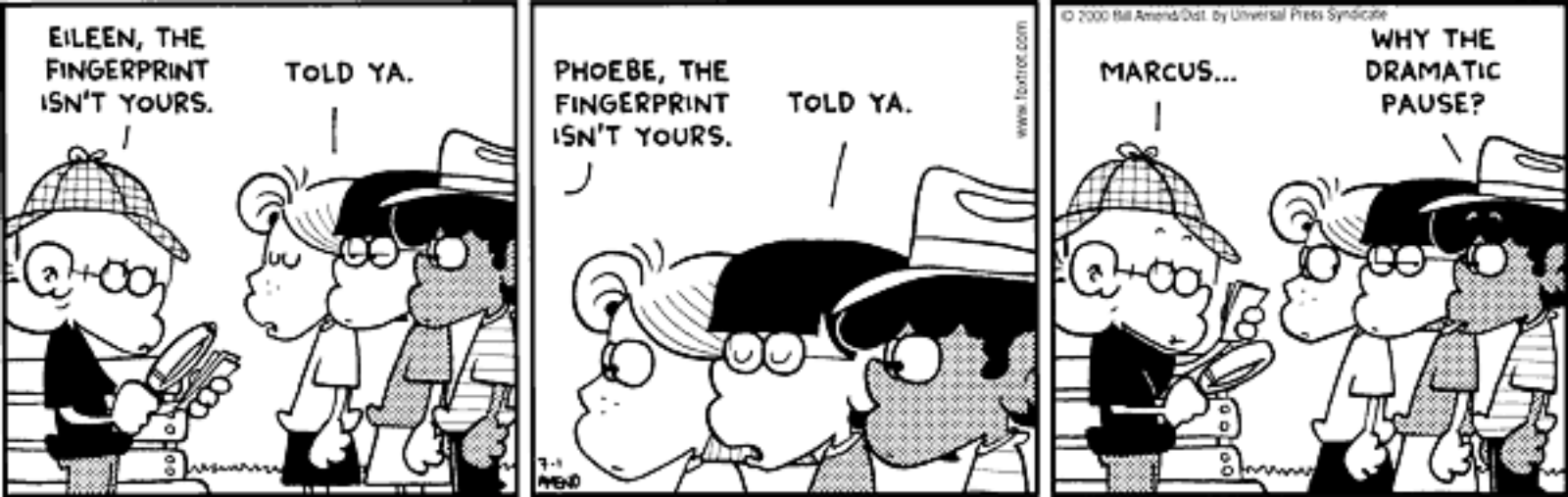
SEEMS LIKE A WASTE OF TIME.
MARCUS, DON'T TWIST YOUR FINGERS LIKE THAT — WE NEED CLEAN PRINTS TO COMPARE.


EILEEN, THE FINGERPRINT ISN'T YOURS.
TOLD YA.
PHOEBE, THE FINGERPRINT ISN'T YOURS.
TOLD YA.
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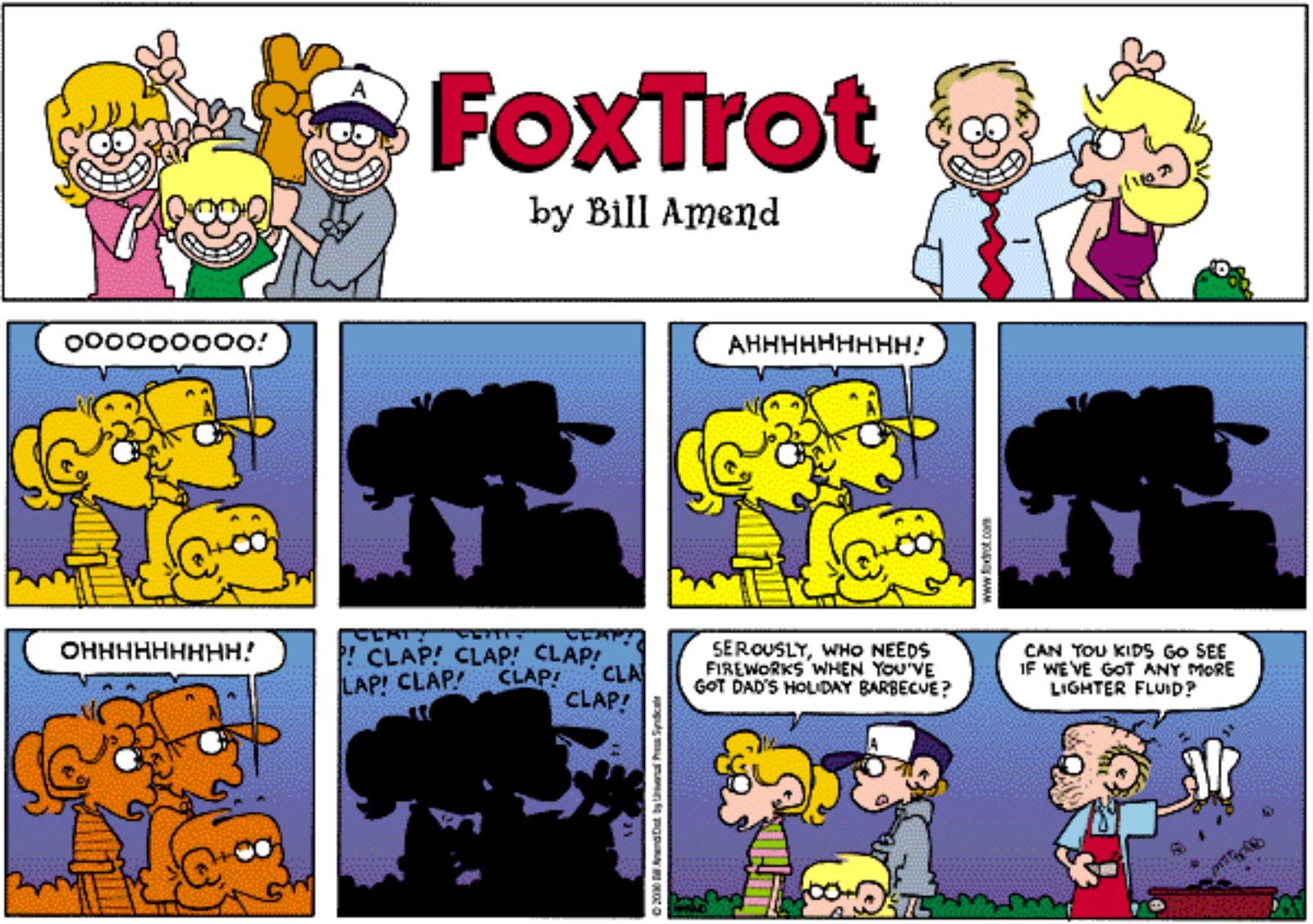
MARCUS...
WHY THE DRAMATIC PAUSE?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OOOOOOOOOO!
AHHHHHHHHH!
OHHHHHHHHH!
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!
SERIOUSLY, WHO NEEDS FIREWORKS WHEN YOU'VE GOT DAD'S HOLIDAY BARBECUE?
CAN YOU KIDS GO SEE IF WE'VE GOT ANY MORE LIGHTER FLUID?
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THIS CAN'T BE MY FINGERPRINT! THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!
MAR-CUS!
HOW COULD YOU?!
I'M INNO-CENT!
YOU STOLE MY CAMP JOURNAL!
WE THOUGHT YOU WERE OUR FRIEND!
YOU THOUGHT WRONG, GIRLS! HA HA HA HA HA!
YOU BE QUIET!
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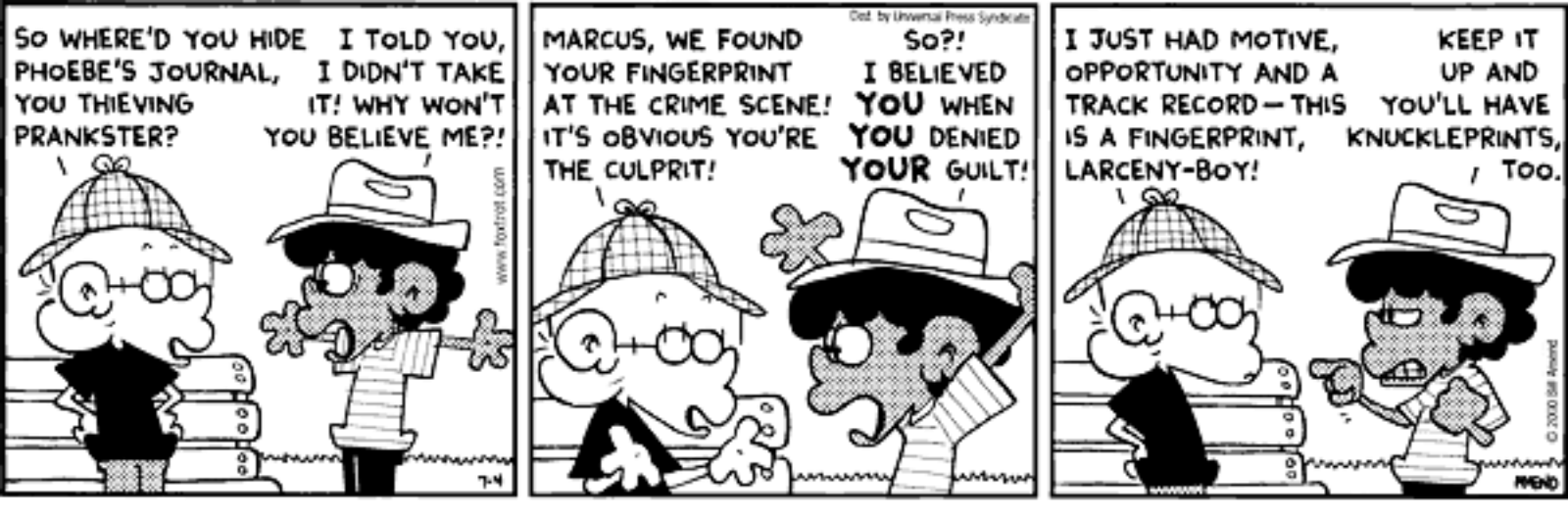
SO WHERE'D YOU HIDE PHOEBE'S JOURNAL, YOU THIEVING PRANKSTER?
I TOLD YOU, I DIDN'T TAKE IT! WHY WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?!
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MARCUS, WE FOUND YOUR FINGERPRINT AT THE CRIME SCENE! IT'S OBVIOUS YOU'RE THE CULPRIT!
SO?! I BELIEVED YOU WHEN YOU DENIED YOUR GUILT!
I JUST HAD MOTIVE, OPPORTUNITY AND A TRACK RECORD — THIS IS A FINGERPRINT, LARCENY-BOY!
KEEP IT UP AND YOU'LL HAVE KNUCKLEPRINTS, TOO.
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MARCUS, YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME!
WHATSA MATTER?! CHICKEN?!
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YOU KNOW I'LL KICK YOUR SKINNY LITTLE BUTT!
OH, YEAH?! LET'S GO! RIGHT NOW!
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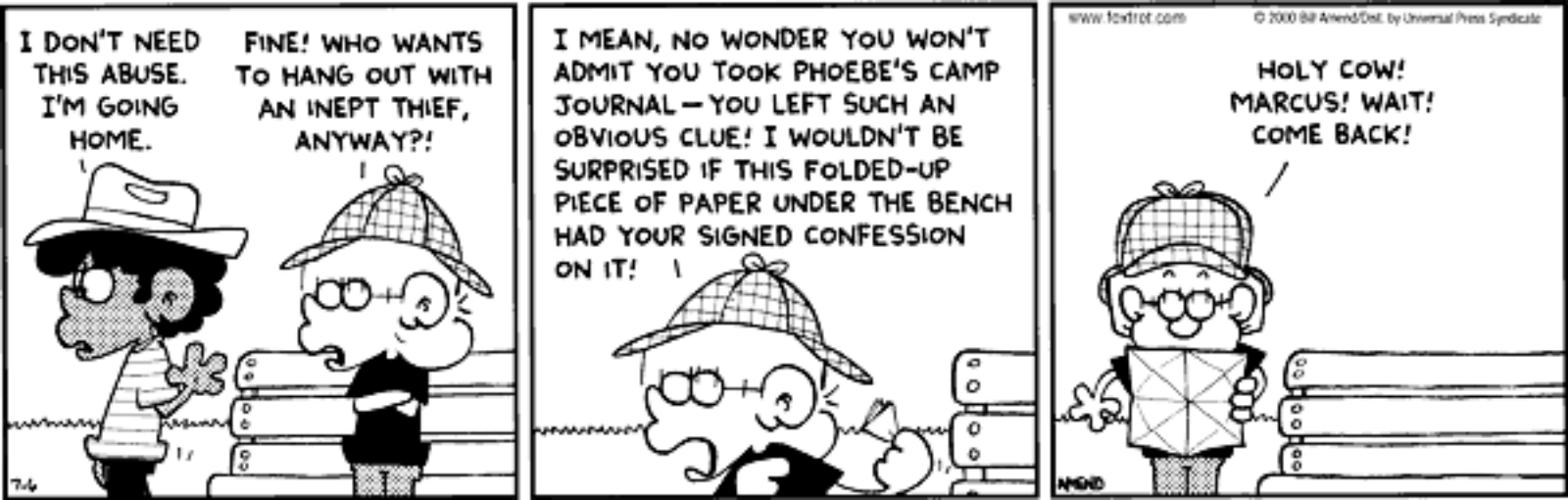
THE END
HA! MY +5 SWORD OF DEVASTATION JUST CUT OFF YOUR ARM!
MY OTHER ARM READIES MY +12 CROSSBOW OF HEAVENLY ACCURACY...


I DON'T NEED THIS ABUSE. I'M GOING HOME.
FINE! WHO WANTS TO HANG OUT WITH AN INEPT THIEF, ANYWAY?!
I MEAN, NO WONDER YOU WON'T ADMIT YOU TOOK PHOEBE'S CAMP JOURNAL — YOU LEFT SUCH AN OBVIOUS CLUE! I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THIS FOLDED-UP PIECE OF PAPER UNDER THE BENCH HAD YOUR SIGNED CONFESSION ON IT!
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HOLY COW! MARCUS! WAIT! COME BACK!

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YOU CALLED?
LOOK AT THIS NOTE I FOUND FOLDED-UP ON THE GROUND!
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IT'S IN SOME SORT OF CODE!
DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE IT?! IT'S THE CODE EILEEN ALWAYS USES!
GOOD THING YOU DEVOTED YOUR LIFE TO CRACKING IT.
JUST WEEKENDS. DON'T GIVE HER TOO MUCH CREDIT.
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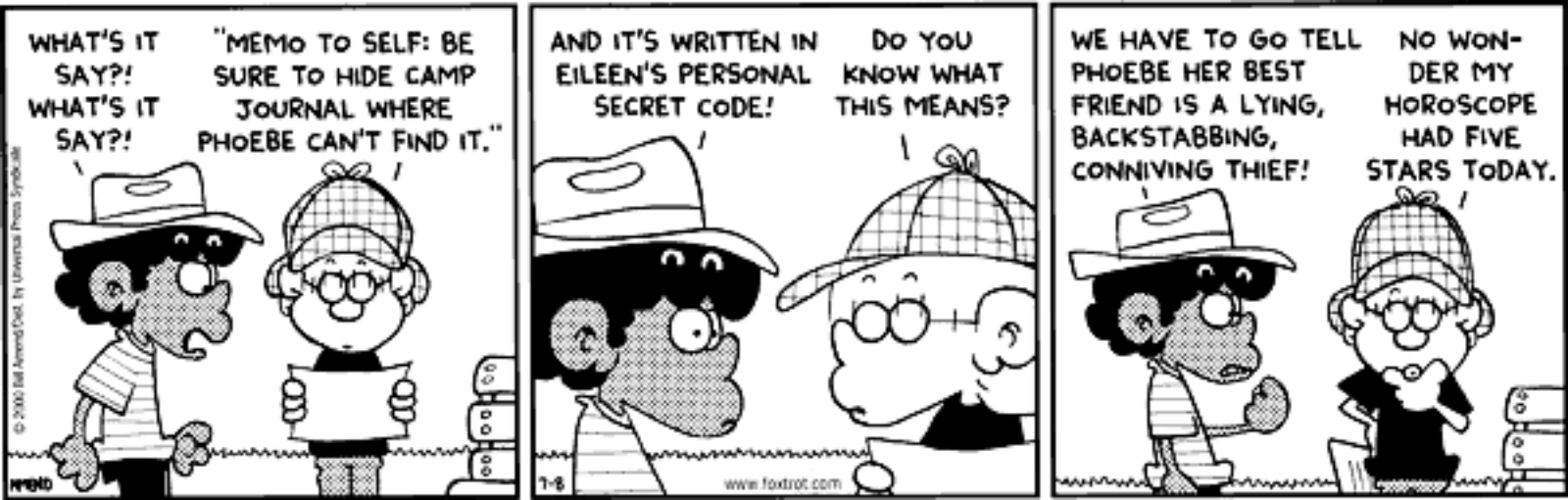
WHAT'S IT SAY?! WHAT'S IT SAY?!
"MEMO TO SELF: BE SURE TO HIDE CAMP JOURNAL WHERE PHOEBE CAN'T FIND IT."
AND IT'S WRITTEN IN EILEEN'S PERSONAL SECRET CODE!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?
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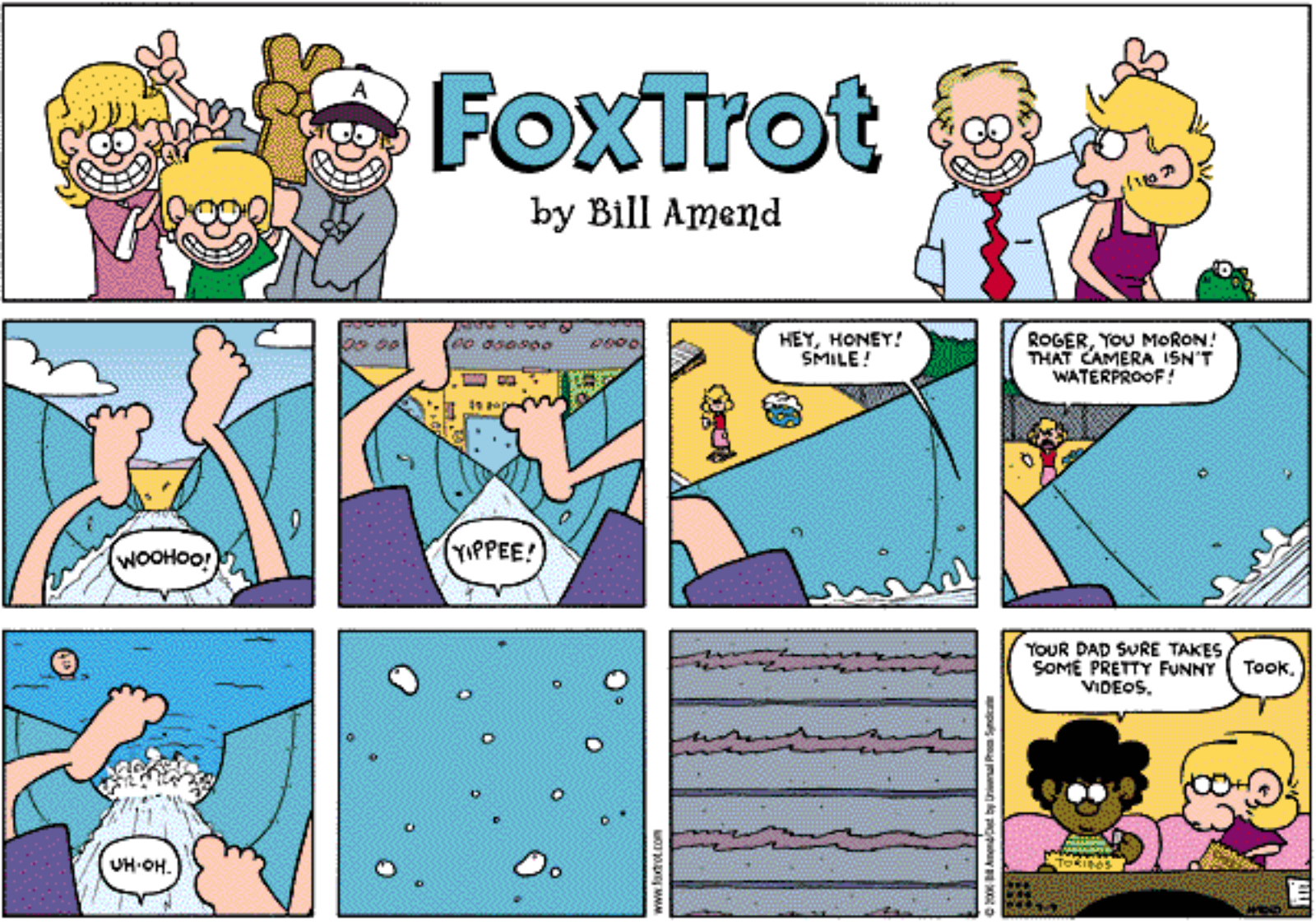
WE HAVE TO GO TELL PHOEBE HER BEST FRIEND IS A LYING, BACKSTABBING, CONNIVING THIEF!
NO WONDER MY HOROSCOPE HAD FIVE STARS TODAY.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WOOHOO!
YIPPEE!
HEY, HONEY! SMILE!
ROGER, YOU MORON! THAT CAMERA ISN'T WATERPROOF!
UH-OH.
YOUR DAD SURE TAKES SOME PRETTY FUNNY VIDEOS.
TOOK.
TOKIBOS
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FOR THE LAST TIME, WHERE'S MY CAMP JOURNAL?!
WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS.
BUT WE KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES.
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DON'T WE, EILEEN?...
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WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YEAH.
CUE THE DRAMATIC MUSIC.
OH, SHOOT— WE LEFT THAT BRITNEY SPEARS CD IN HERE.

PRESENTING EXHIBIT "I."
FOR "INCRIMINATING."
IT'S A NOTE.
WRITTEN IN MY SECRET CODE.
IT'S PRACTICALLY A CONFESSION, EILEEN! YOUR THIEVING DAYS ARE OVER!
BUT I DIDN'T WRITE THIS! YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!
CUFF HER, DETECTIVE MARCUS.
BY THE WAY, DON'T PUSH THIS SECRET BUTTON OR THEY'LL POP OFF.
WAIT! I COULDN'T HAVE WRITTEN THIS!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU COULDN'T HAVE WRIT-TEN THIS?!
IT'S IN YOUR TRADEMARK SECRET CODE!
YES, BUT IT'S IN LAVENDER GLITTER INK!
SO?
SO I'M LIKE TOTALLY ALLERGIC TO LAVENDER GLITTER INK! ASK MY MOM! I'D NEVER USE ONE OF THOSE PENS!
HMM.
BUT WHO ELSE KNOWS YOUR CODE?
WELL, PHOEBE DOES, BUT...
BUT... BUT... KEEP GOING...

WHAT ARE YOU HIDING, PHOEBE?!
WHAT'S BEHIND YOUR BACK?!
A GLIT-TER PEN!
IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING!
A LAVENDER GLITTER PEN!
LOTS OF PEOPLE CARRY LAVENDER GLITTER PENS! YOU REALLY THINK I'D STEAL MY OWN CAMP JOURNAL?!
DIAL "MS" FOR "MYSTERY SOLVED."
WHAT'S DIAL MEAN, ANYWAY?
PHOEBE, HOW COULD YOU?!
I DIDN'T DO IT!

YOU ACCUSED ME, PHOEBE!
YOU ACCUSED ME, TOO!
YOU EVEN PLANTED A FAKE NOTE INCRIMINATING ME!
AND ALL THE WHILE, IT WAS YOU WHO TOOK THE JOURNAL!
I DIDN'T DO ANY OF THIS! YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!
SOME FRIEND YOU ARE!
SOME FRIENDS YOU ARE!

THAT'S RIGHT, PHOEBE!
RUN BACK TO YOUR UNCLE'S HOUSE!
SEE IF WE CARE!
YOU'RE A PHONY!
AND A LIAR!
OUR FRIEND-SHIP CLUB IS OVER!
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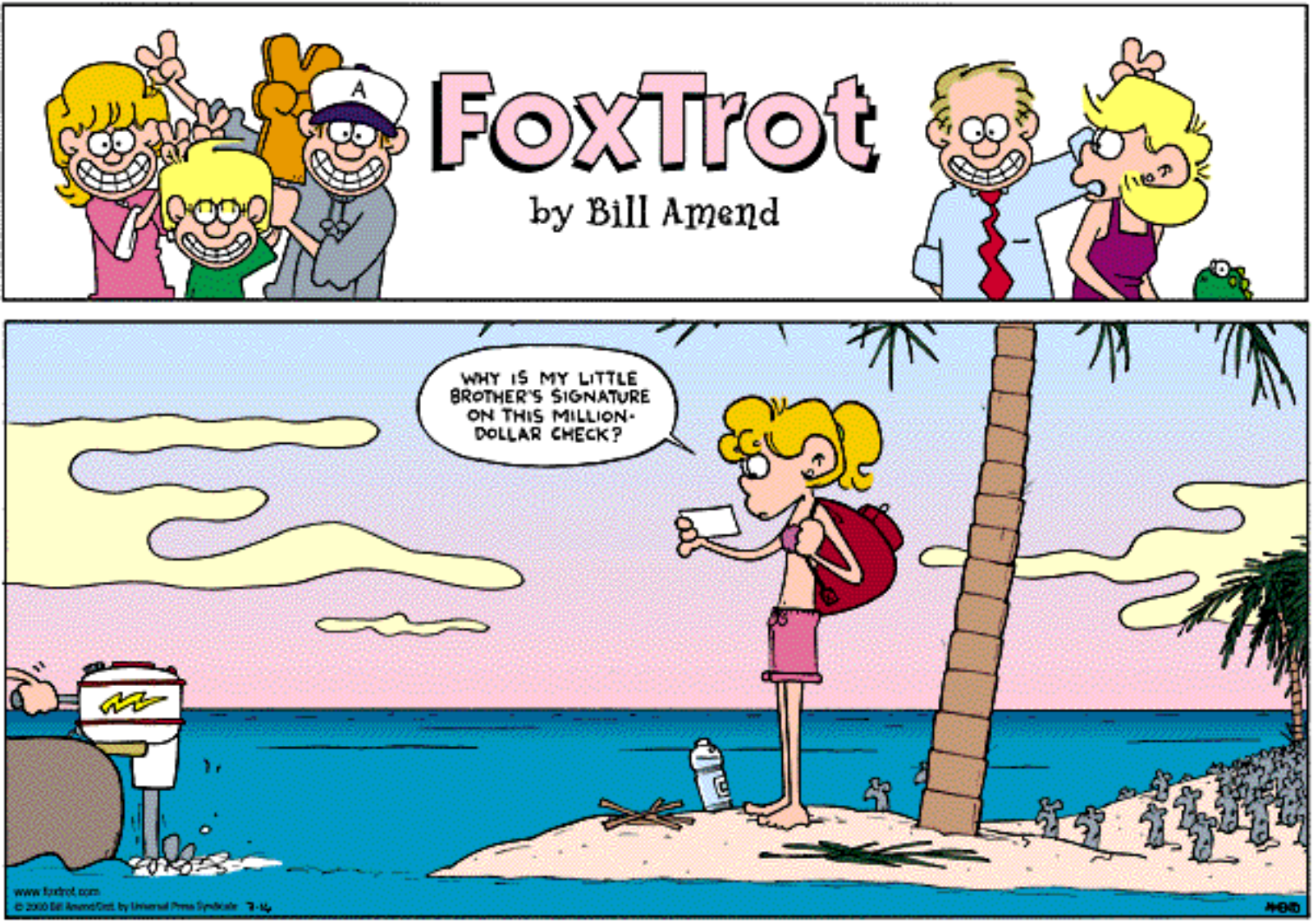
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
MAYBE IT'S HER CRYING?
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE CRYING TO ME.
BWA-HA-HA!...
GINGRICH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EUGENE!!
BWA-HA-HA!
WHY ARE YOU HIDING IN THE BUSHES CACKLING LIKE SOME HIDEOUS MONSTER?!
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I MEAN, APART FROM THE FACT THAT YOU ARE ONE.
STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK MY BONES...
GOOD IDEA.

YOUR LITTLE NOT-SO-SECRET FRIENDSHIP CLUB SEEMS TO HAVE FALLEN APART!
PHOEBE HATES YOU... YOU HATE PHOEBE... ISN'T THAT A SHAME! BOO HOO HOO!
NOT SO FAST, MY INFERIOR BROTHER!
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PHO-EBE!!!
I'M NOT INFERIOR! THAT I.Q. TEST HAD A MARGIN OF ERROR!
JASON, YOUR DETECT-IVE HAT, PLEASE.

BEFORE I REVEAL THE CULPRIT'S IDENTITY, LET'S REVIEW ALL OF THE EVIDENCE, SHALL WE?
WON'T THAT TAKE TOO LONG?
GOOD POINT.
JMBND
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YOU STOLE MY CAMP JOURNAL, EUGENE!!!
MAYBE.

OK! YES! I ADMIT IT! I STOLE YOUR STUPID CAMP JOURNAL!
I COULDN'T STAND ONE MORE NANO-SECOND OF THE FOUR OF YOU REMINISCING ABOUT THAT HORRID, WRETCHED SUMMER! I COULDN'T TAKE ONE MORE PICOSECOND OF YOUR CUTESY-WUTESY FRIENDSHIP CLUB!
AT LEAST I RUINED THAT! BWA-HA-HA!
A PUNISH-MENT OCCURS TO ME.
WHAT WAS THE CRIME EXACTLY?

YES, EUGENE, YOU SUCCEEDED IN TRICKING JASON, MARCUS AND EILEEN INTO INVOKING ARTICLE III OF OUR FRIENDSHIP CLUB'S DISBANDMENT CLAUSE.
BWA-HA-HA!
HOWEVER, AS YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR THIS, WE SHALL NOW FORM A NEW SECRET FRIENDSHIP CLUB, ONE WITHOUT ANY MEANS OF ENDING IT! OUR FRIENDSHIP WILL LIVE FOREVER!
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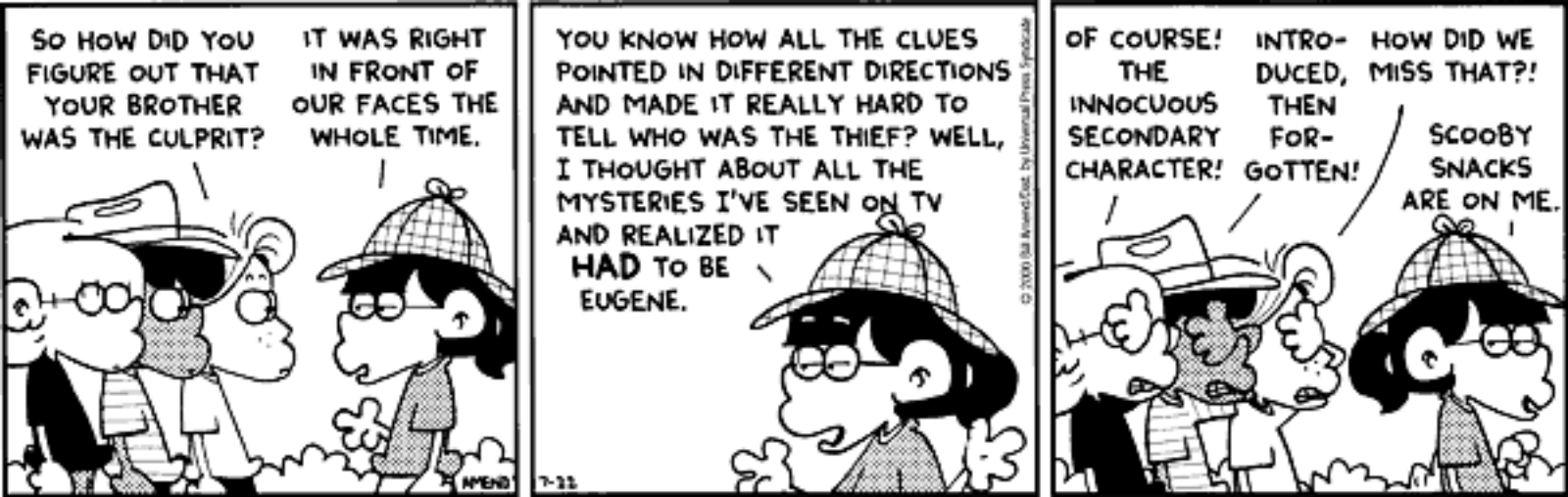
ERP.
BWA-HA-HA!
BWA-HA-HA!
BWA-HA-HA!
ISN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE HIS PUNISHMENT?


SO HOW DID YOU FIGURE OUT THAT YOUR BROTHER WAS THE CULPRIT?
IT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR FACES THE WHOLE TIME.
MENO
YOU KNOW HOW ALL THE CLUES POINTED IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AND MADE IT REALLY HARD TO TELL WHO WAS THE THIEF? WELL, I THOUGHT ABOUT ALL THE MYSTERIES I'VE SEEN ON TV AND REALIZED IT HAD TO BE EUGENE.
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OF COURSE! THE INNOCUOUS SECONDARY CHARACTER!
INTRO-DUCED, THEN FOR-GOTTEN!
HOW DID WE MISS THAT?!
SCOOBY SNACKS ARE ON ME.

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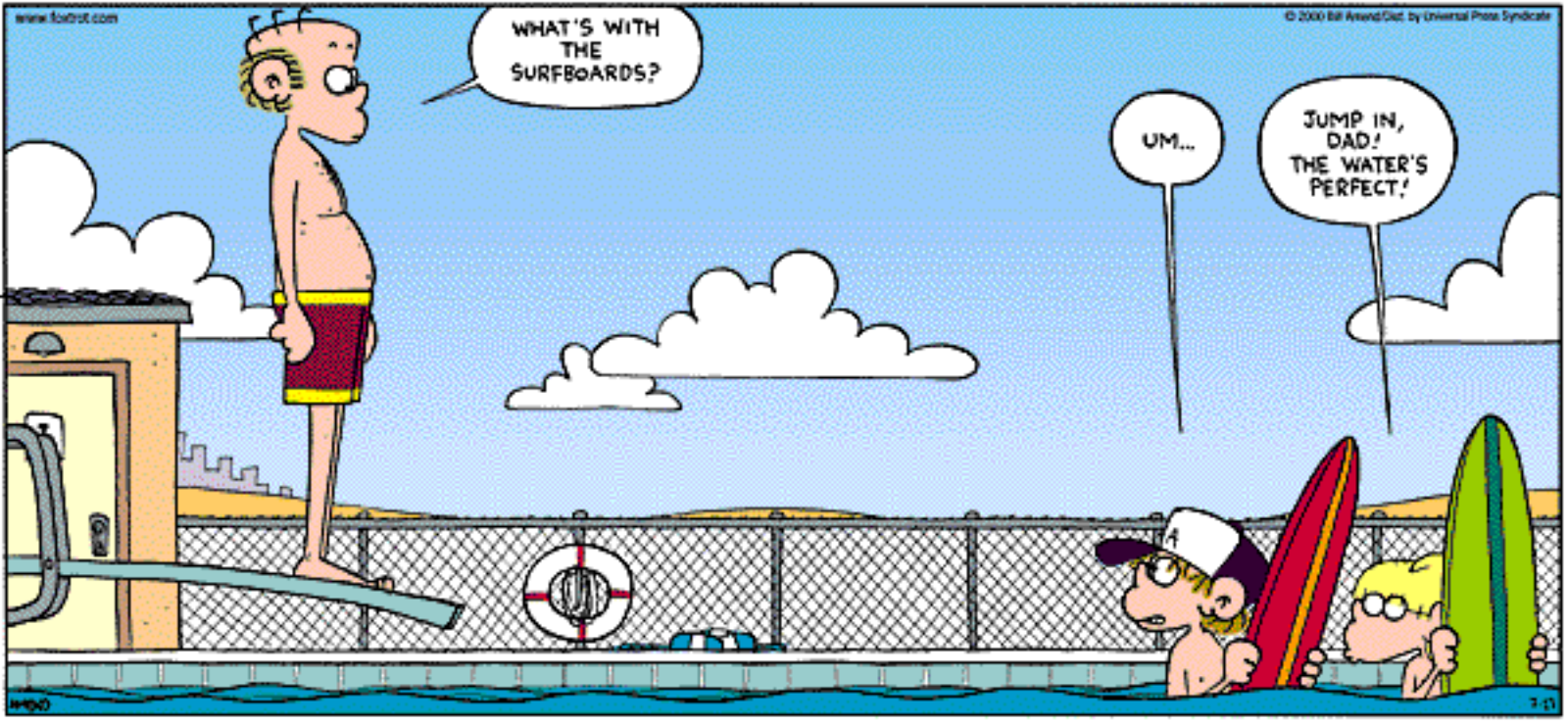
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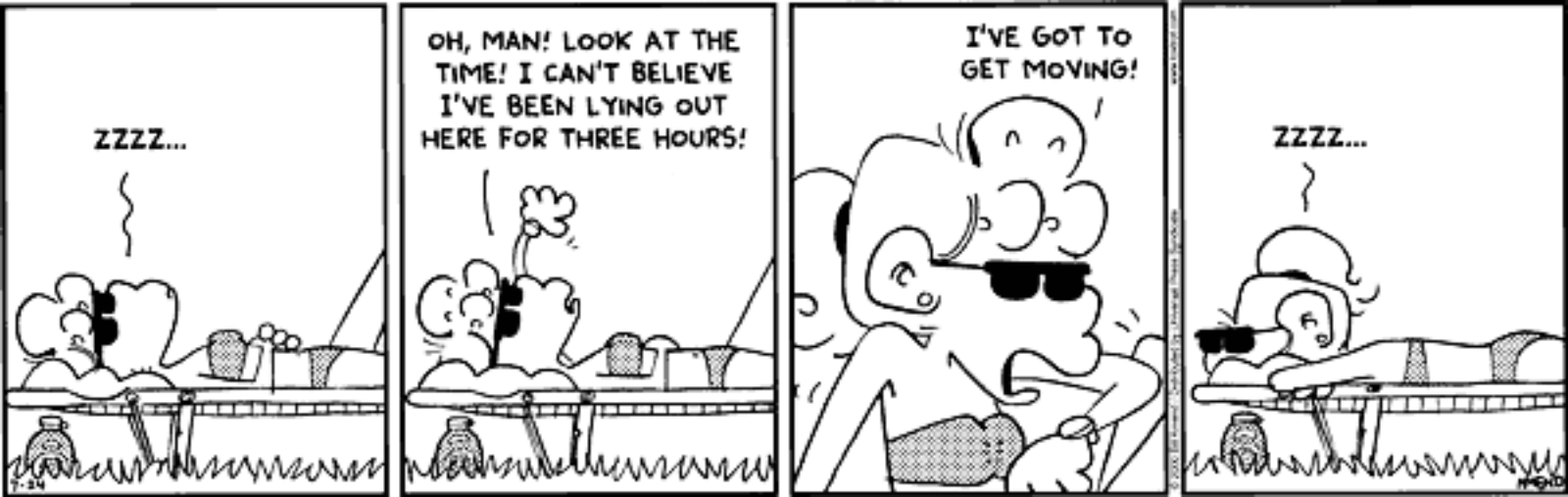
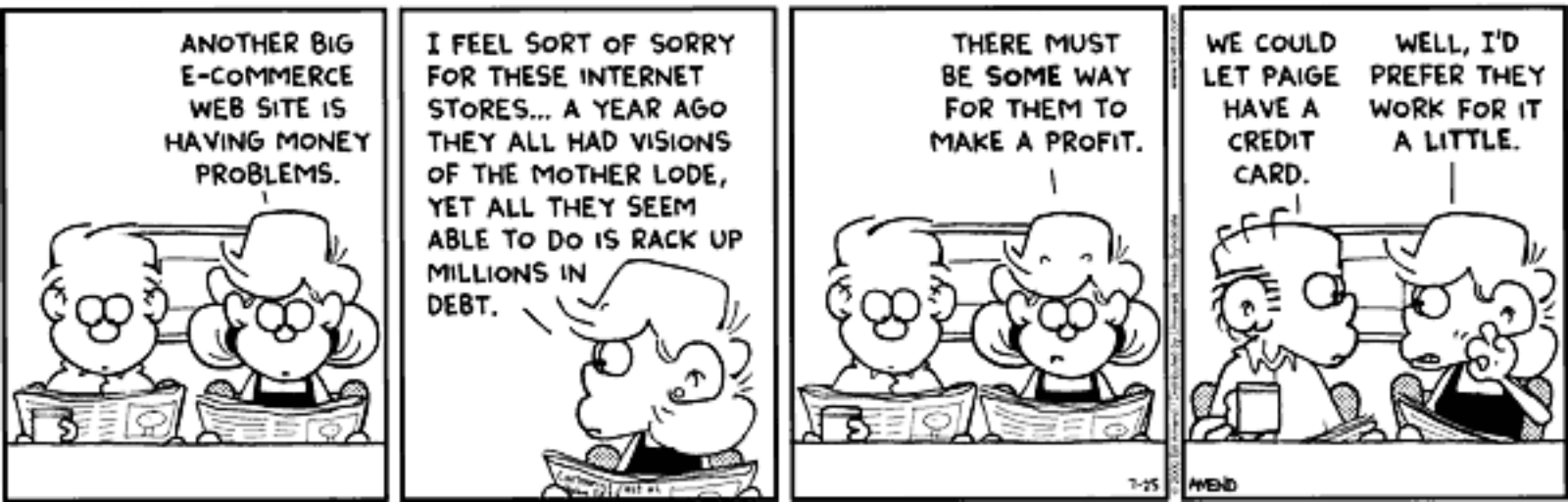
WHAT'S WITH THE SURFBOARDS?
UM...
JUMP IN, DAD! THE WATER'S PERFECT!


ZZZZ...
OH, MAN! LOOK AT THE TIME! I CAN'T BELIEVE I'VE BEEN LYING OUT HERE FOR THREE HOURS!
I'VE GOT TO GET MOVING!
ZZZZ...


ANOTHER BIG E-COMMERCE WEB SITE IS HAVING MONEY PROBLEMS.
I FEEL SORT OF SORRY FOR THESE INTERNET STORES... A YEAR AGO THEY ALL HAD VISIONS OF THE MOTHER LODE, YET ALL THEY SEEM ABLE TO DO IS RACK UP MILLIONS IN DEBT.
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY FOR THEM TO MAKE A PROFIT.
WE COULD LET PAIGE HAVE A CREDIT CARD.
WELL, I'D PREFER THEY WORK FOR IT A LITTLE.
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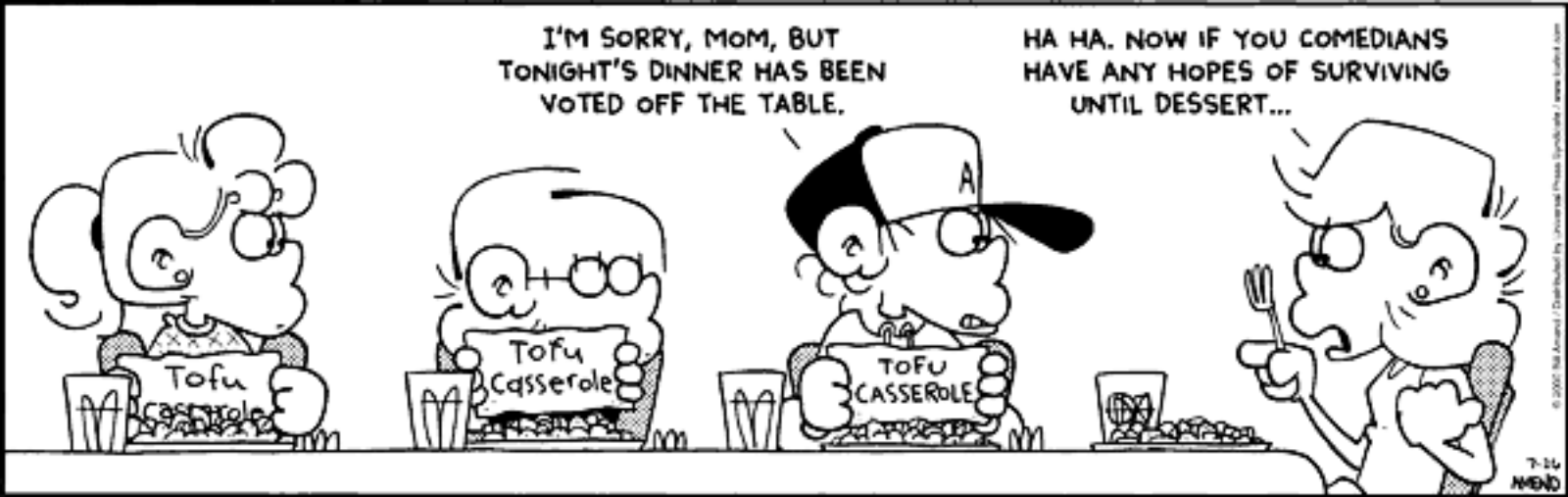
I'M SORRY, MOM, BUT TONIGHT'S DINNER HAS BEEN VOTED OFF THE TABLE.
HA HA. NOW IF YOU COMEDIANS HAVE ANY HOPES OF SURVIVING UNTIL DESSERT...
Tofu Casserole
Tofu Casserole
TOFU CASSEROLE
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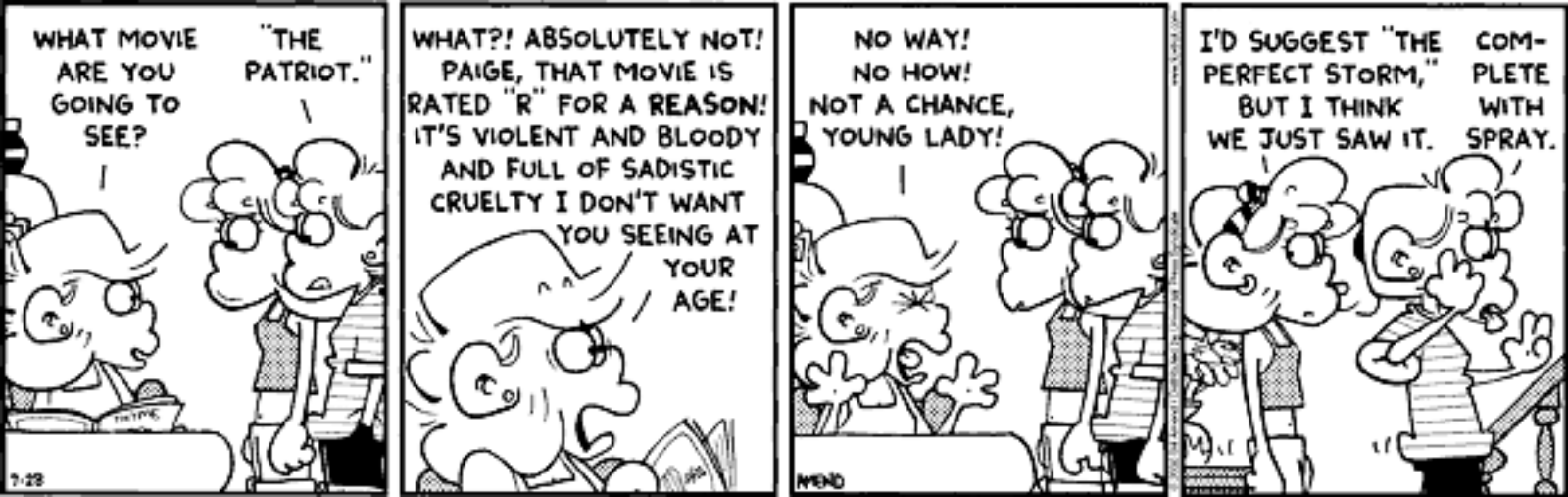
HAVE I EVER TOLD YOU, SIR, HOW MUCH THIS JOB MEANS TO ME?
HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE?
HOW THANKFUL I AM TO BE A PART OF THE PAVILIONPLEX-22 TEAM?
PRETTY MUCH EVERY DAY OF THIS HEAT WAVE, YES.
COULD YOU DUCK JUST A LITTLE? YOU'RE BLOCKING THE AC VENT.


WHAT MOVIE ARE YOU GOING TO SEE?
"THE PATRIOT."
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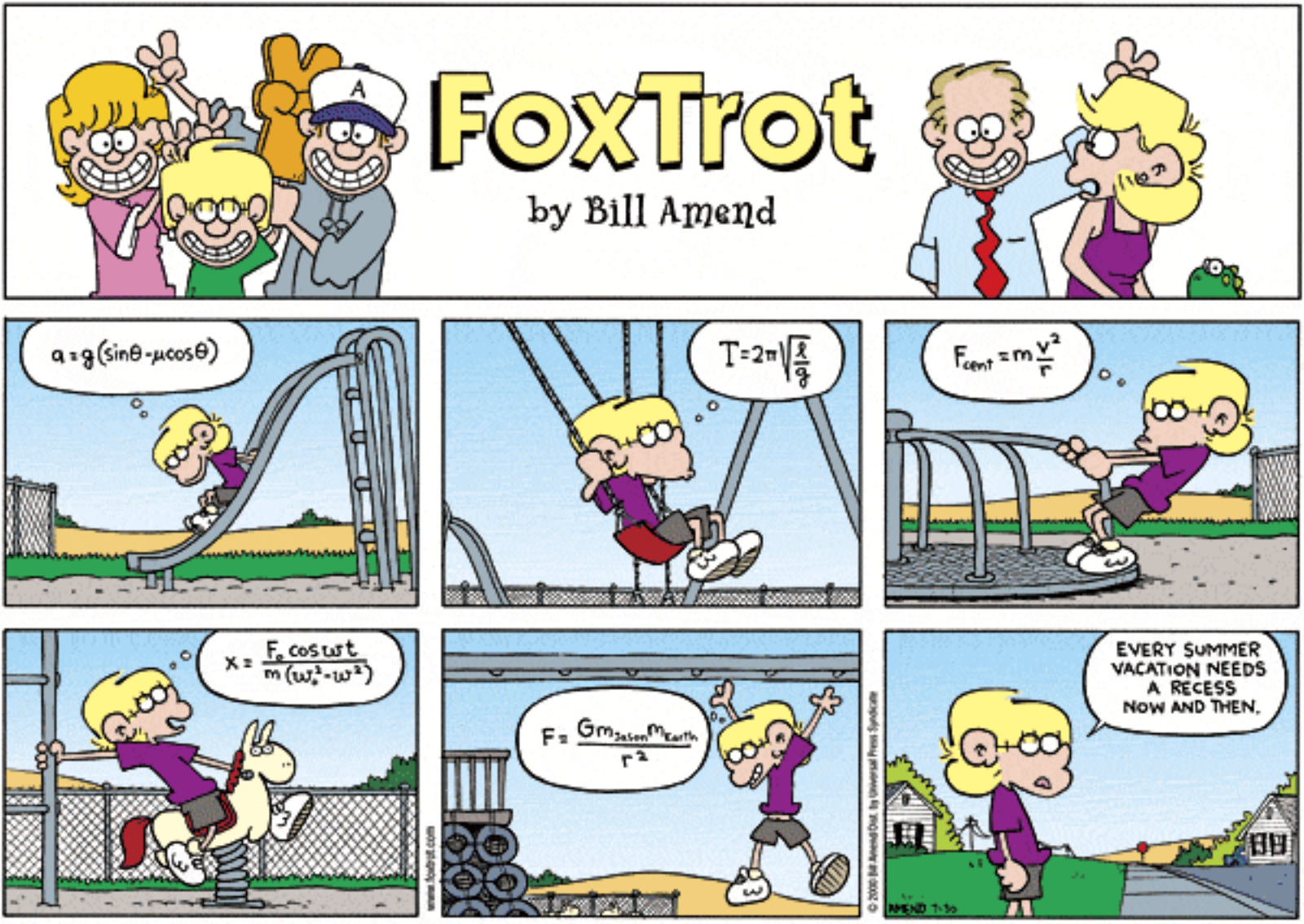
WHAT?! ABSOLUTELY NOT! PAIGE, THAT MOVIE IS RATED "R" FOR A REASON! IT'S VIOLENT AND BLOODY AND FULL OF SADISTIC CRUELTY I DON'T WANT YOU SEEING AT YOUR AGE!
NO WAY! NO HOW! NOT A CHANCE, YOUNG LADY!
MEND
I'D SUGGEST "THE PERFECT STORM," BUT I THINK WE JUST SAW IT.
COMPLETE WITH SPRAY.

PAIGE, I ASKED YOU TO WATER THE OUTDOOR VEGETABLES.
OH, COME ON... PRETTY PLEASE?!
BLING! BLING! BLING!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$a = g(\sin\theta - \mu\cos\theta)$
$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$
$F_{cent} = m\frac{v^2}{r}$
$x = \frac{F_0 \cos\omega t}{m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)}$
$F = \frac{G m_{Jason} m_{Earth}}{r^2}$
EVERY SUMMER VACATION NEEDS A RECESS NOW AND THEN.
AMEND 7-30

CAN I HAVE A BROWNIE, MOM?
YOU MAY HAVE ONE.
WOOHOO!
AFTER I SLICE THEM.
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RATS.
YOU MIGHT INSTEAD WANT TO THINK ABOUT PIGS.

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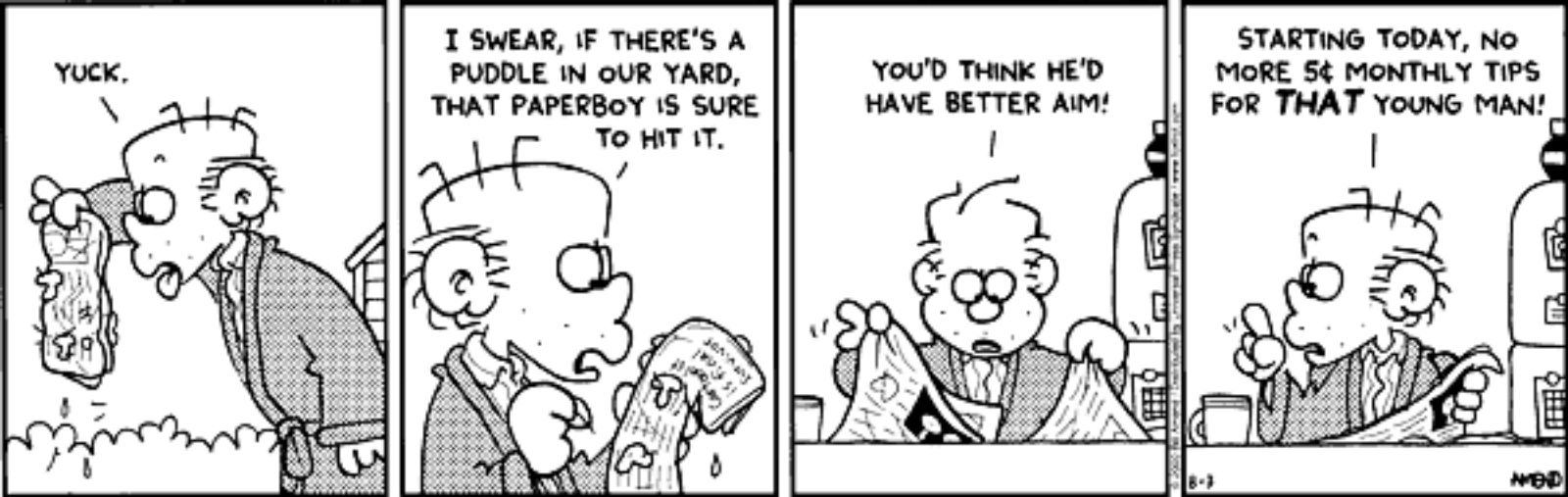
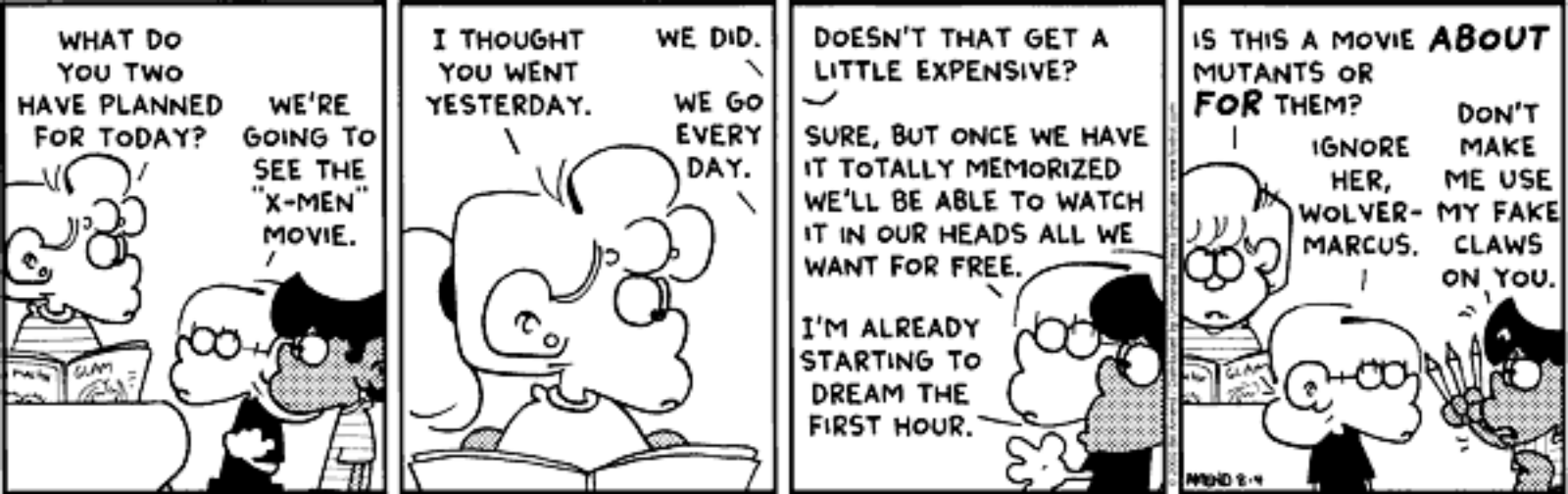
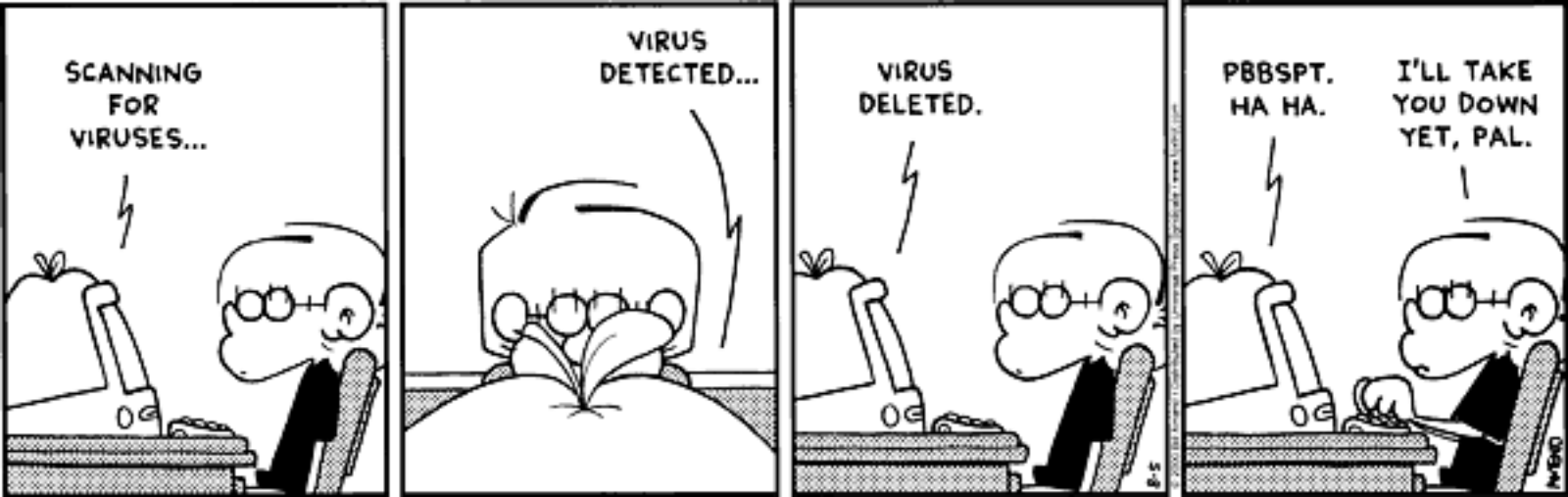
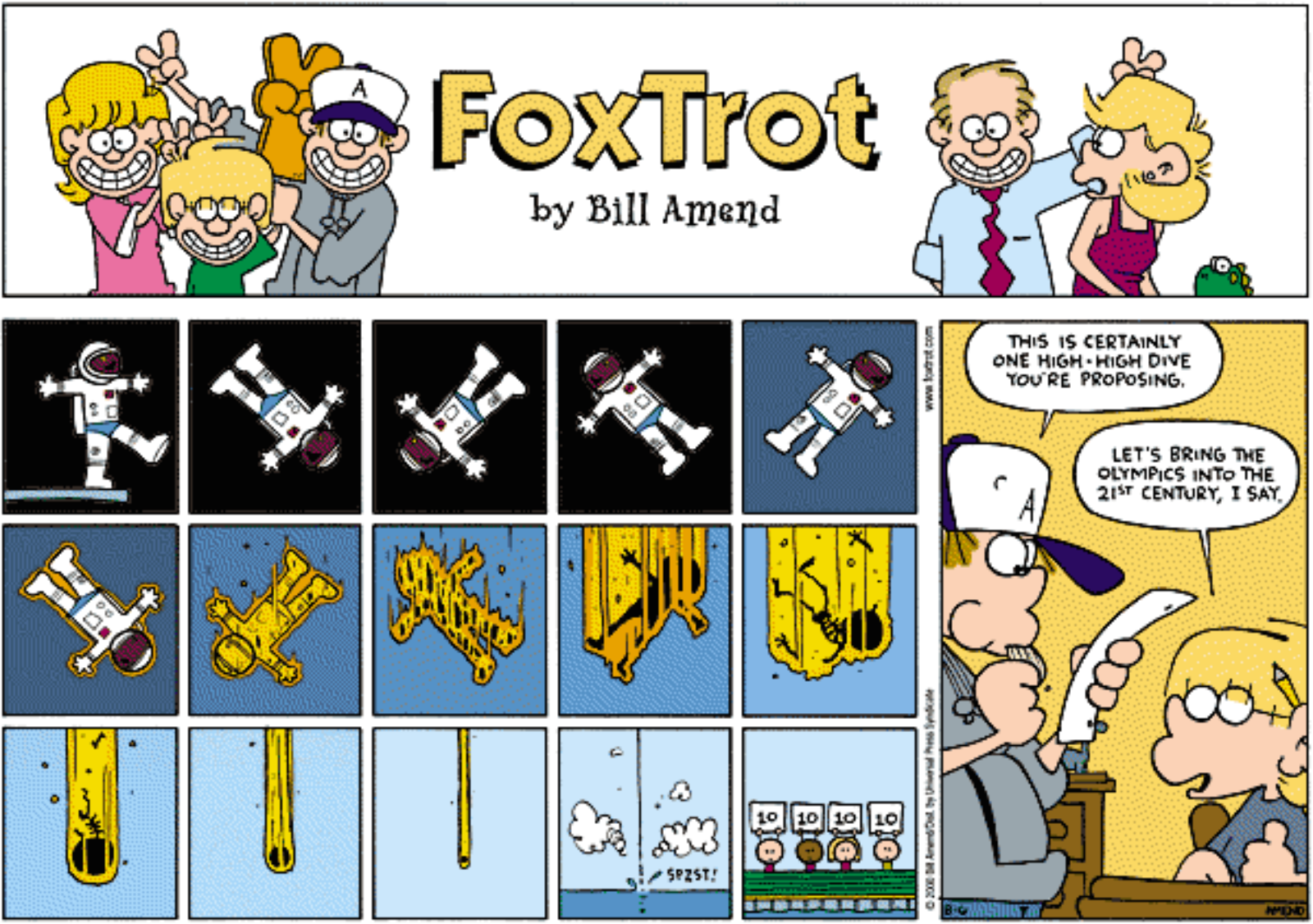
HONESTLY, PAIGE! LOOK AT YOU!
ZZZZ... WHAT?
YOU'RE WASTING AWAY THE SUMMER! YOU COULD BE DOING SO MANY BETTER THINGS! YOU COULD BE READING OR GARDENING OR OUT PLAYING WITH FRIENDS!
IT'S AUGUST! HOW ABOUT PREPARING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK I WAS DOING?!
PAIGE, YOU WERE SOUND ASLEEP!
OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN MY TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS.


YUCK.
I SWEAR, IF THERE'S A PUDDLE IN OUR YARD, THAT PAPERBOY IS SURE TO HIT IT.
YOU'D THINK HE'D HAVE BETTER AIM!
STARTING TODAY, NO MORE 5¢ MONTHLY TIPS FOR THAT YOUNG MAN!


WHAT DO YOU TWO HAVE PLANNED FOR TODAY?
WE'RE GOING TO SEE THE "X-MEN" MOVIE.
I THOUGHT YOU WENT YESTERDAY.
WE DID.
WE GO EVERY DAY.
DOESN'T THAT GET A LITTLE EXPENSIVE?
SURE, BUT ONCE WE HAVE IT TOTALLY MEMORIZED WE'LL BE ABLE TO WATCH IT IN OUR HEADS ALL WE WANT FOR FREE.
I'M ALREADY STARTING TO DREAM THE FIRST HOUR.
IS THIS A MOVIE ABOUT MUTANTS OR FOR THEM?
IGNORE HER, WOLVER-MARCUS.
DON'T MAKE ME USE MY FAKE CLAWS ON YOU.


SCANNING FOR VIRUSES...
VIRUS DETECTED...
VIRUS DELETED.
PBBSPT. HA HA.
I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN YET, PAL.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SPZST!
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THIS IS CERTAINLY ONE HIGH-HIGH DIVE YOU'RE PROPOSING.
LET'S BRING THE OLYMPICS INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, I SAY.
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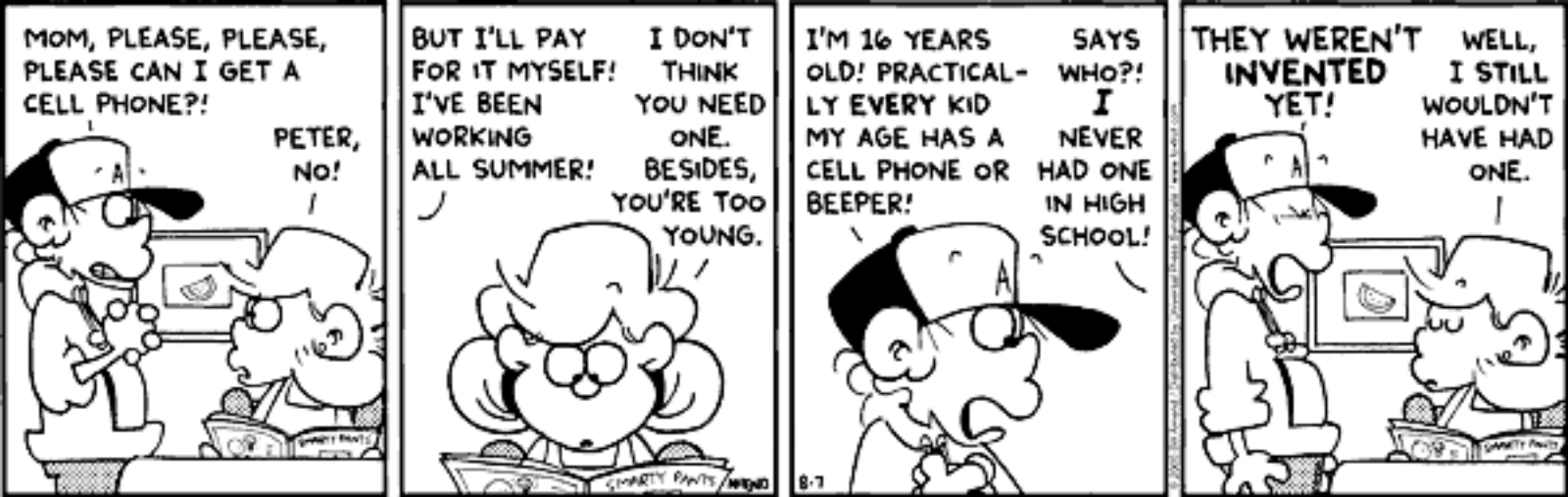
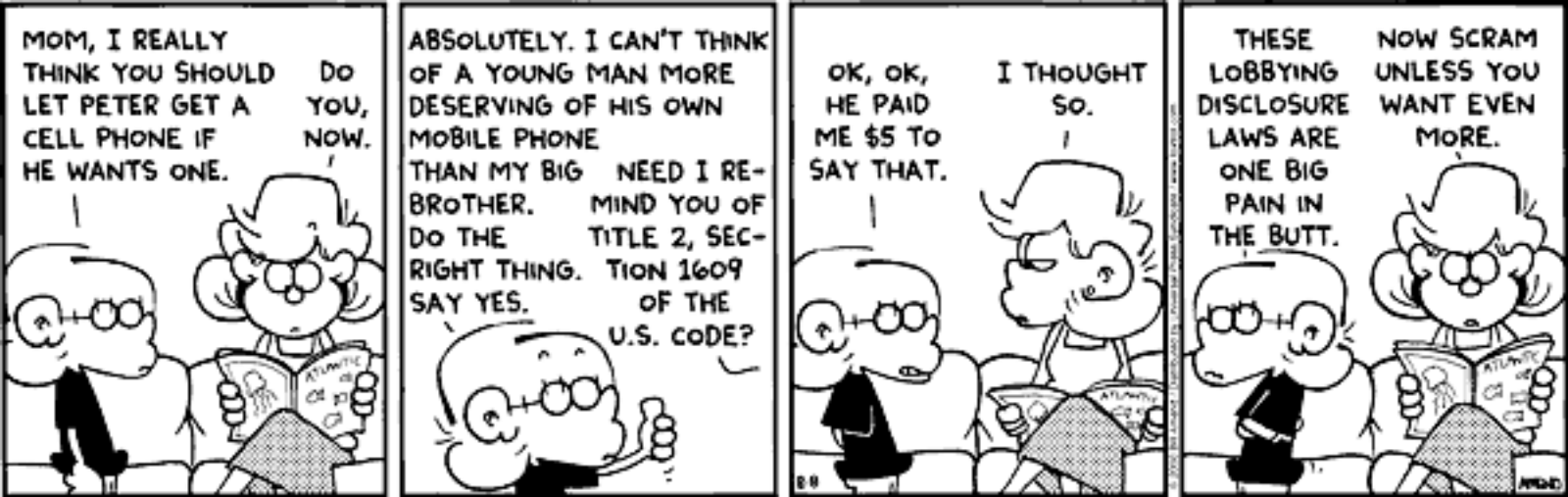
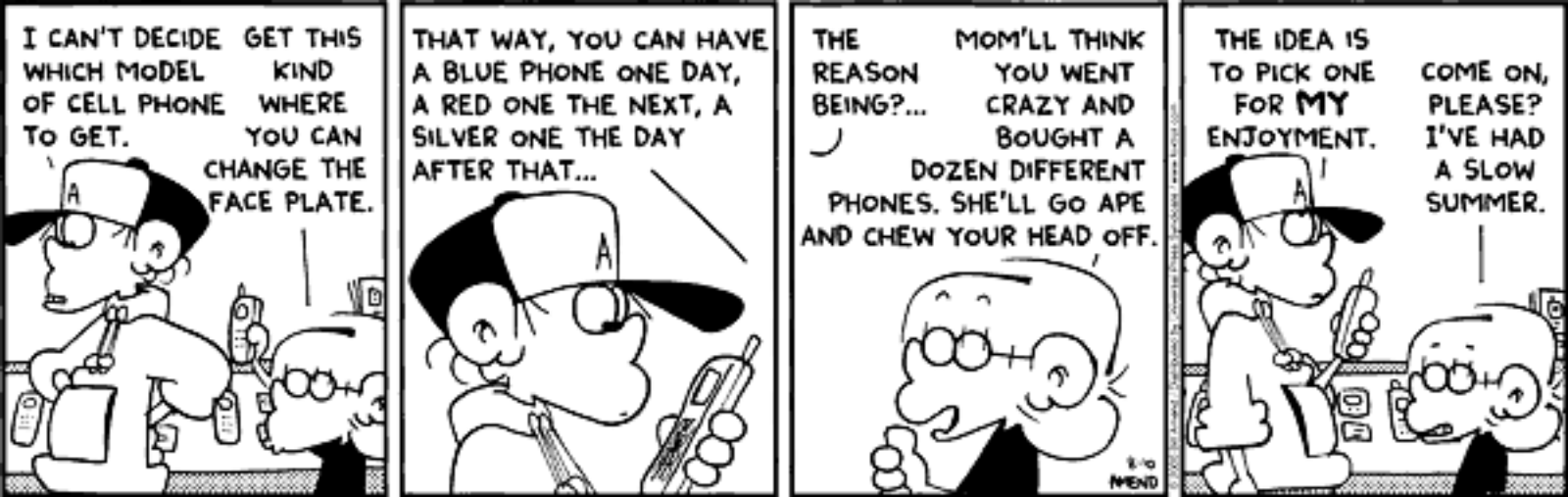
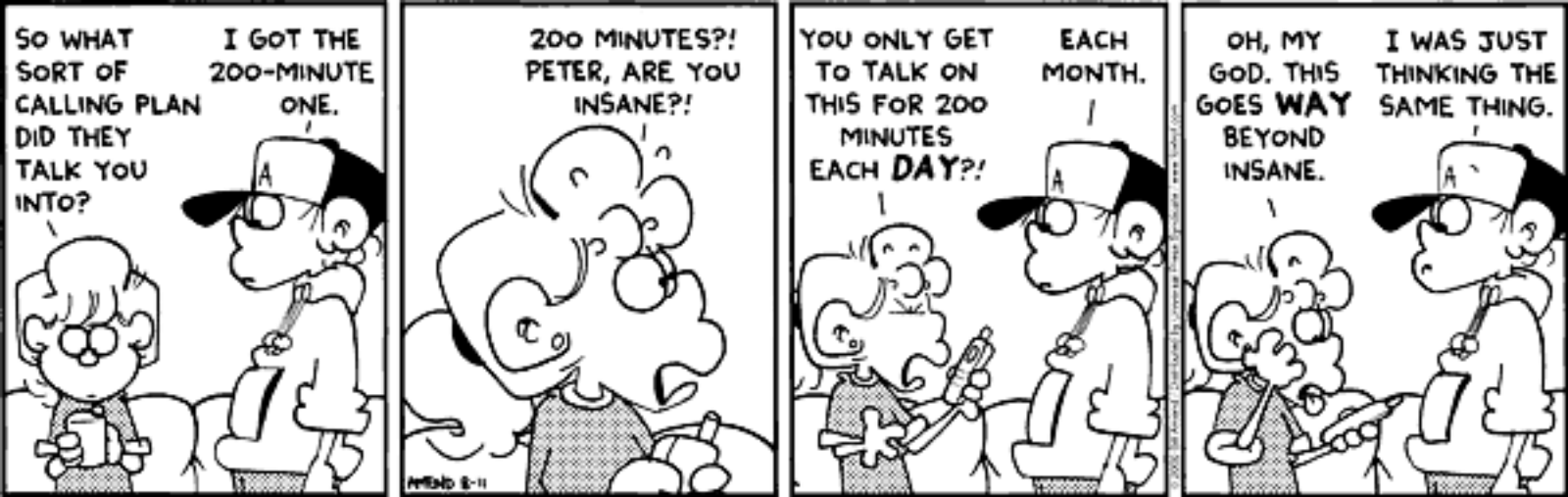

MOM, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE CAN I GET A CELL PHONE?!
PETER, NO!
BUT I'LL PAY FOR IT MYSELF! I'VE BEEN WORKING ALL SUMMER!
I DON'T THINK YOU NEED ONE. BESIDES, YOU'RE TOO YOUNG.
I'M 16 YEARS OLD! PRACTICALLY EVERY KID MY AGE HAS A CELL PHONE OR BEEPER!
SAYS WHO?! I NEVER HAD ONE IN HIGH SCHOOL!
THEY WEREN'T INVENTED YET!
WELL, I STILL WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ONE.

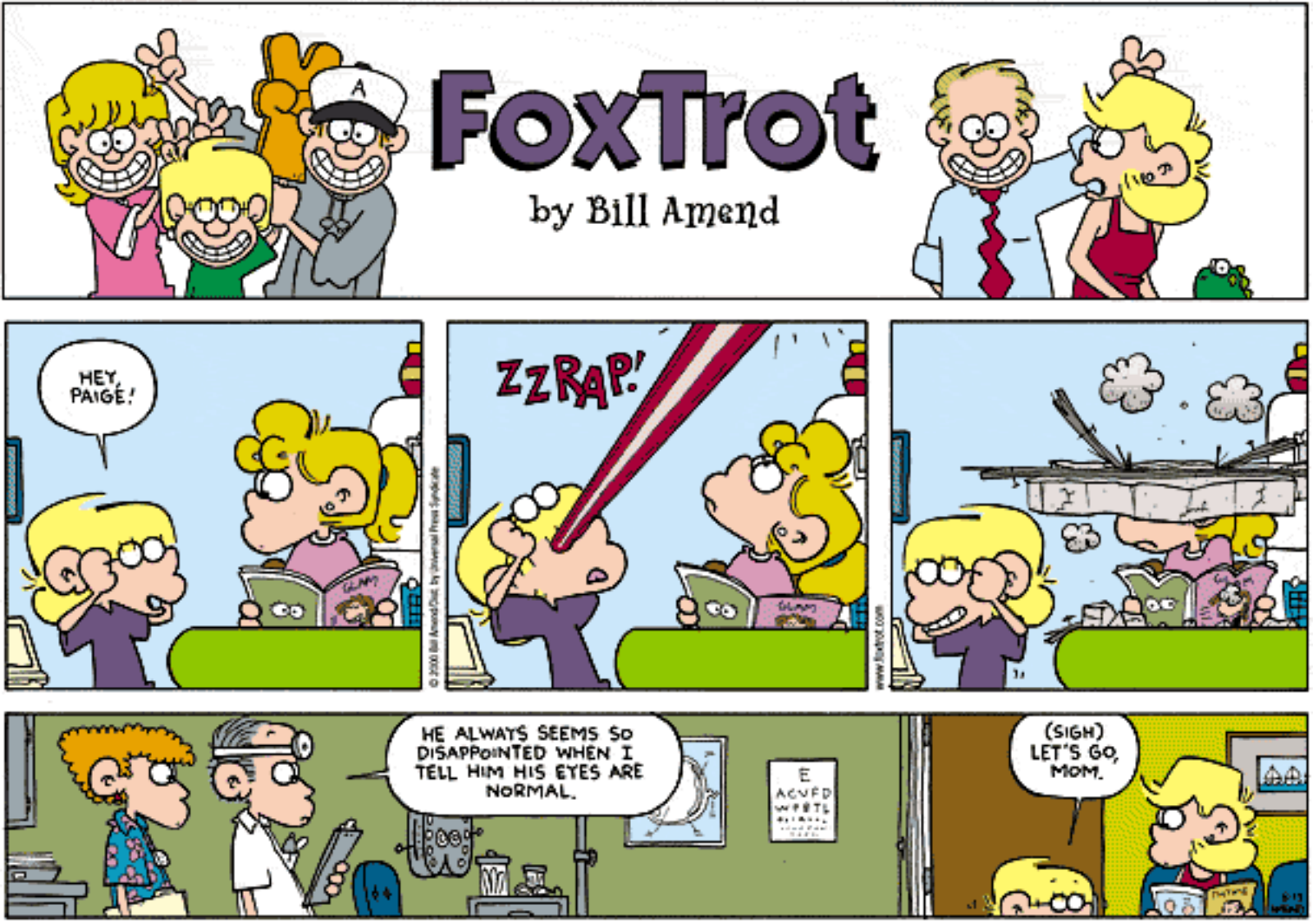

MOM, I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD LET PETER GET A CELL PHONE IF HE WANTS ONE.
DO YOU, NOW.
ABSOLUTELY. I CAN'T THINK OF A YOUNG MAN MORE DESERVING OF HIS OWN MOBILE PHONE THAN MY BIG BROTHER. DO THE RIGHT THING. SAY YES.
NEED I REMIND YOU OF TITLE 2, SECTION 1609 OF THE U.S. CODE?
OK, OK, HE PAID ME $5 TO SAY THAT.
I THOUGHT SO.
THESE LOBBYING DISCLOSURE LAWS ARE ONE BIG PAIN IN THE BUTT.
NOW SCRAM UNLESS YOU WANT EVEN MORE.

YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE DECIDED TO LET YOU GET A CELL PHONE ON A FEW CONDITIONS.
YESSS!
YOU HAVE TO PROMISE TO NOT USE IT AT SCHOOL.
I PROMISE! I PROMISE!
YOU HAVE TO PROMISE TO NOT USE IT WHERE IT WOULD BOTHER OTHERS.
I PROMISE! I PROMISE!
AND YOU HAVE TO PROMISE TO NOT USE IT WHILE DRIVING THE CAR.
I DO! I DO! I DO! I SWEAR!
SO WHAT'D MOM MAKE YOU AGREE TO?
I DON'T KNOW. I WAS TOO EXCITED TO PAY ATTENTION.


I CAN'T DECIDE WHICH MODEL OF CELL PHONE TO GET.
GET THIS KIND WHERE YOU CAN CHANGE THE FACE PLATE.
THAT WAY, YOU CAN HAVE A BLUE PHONE ONE DAY, A RED ONE THE NEXT, A SILVER ONE THE DAY AFTER THAT...
THE REASON BEING?...
MOM'LL THINK YOU WENT CRAZY AND BOUGHT A DOZEN DIFFERENT PHONES. SHE'LL GO APE AND CHEW YOUR HEAD OFF.
THE IDEA IS TO PICK ONE FOR MY ENJOYMENT.
COME ON, PLEASE? I'VE HAD A SLOW SUMMER.


SO WHAT SORT OF CALLING PLAN DID THEY TALK YOU INTO?
I GOT THE 200-MINUTE ONE.
200 MINUTES?! PETER, ARE YOU INSANE?!
YOU ONLY GET TO TALK ON THIS FOR 200 MINUTES EACH DAY?!
EACH MONTH.
OH, MY GOD. THIS GOES WAY BEYOND INSANE.
I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING.

BLEE-BLEE-BLEE!
YEEHA! MY FIRST INCOMING CELL PHONE CALL!
PRESS "TALK" AND...
8-12
WHAAASSUUUP?!
I SAID, WHASSSS-UUPPPP?!
JASON, GIVE ME THAT PHONE BOOK.
OH, WAIT, YOU WANTED THE NUMBER FOR THE CHURCH?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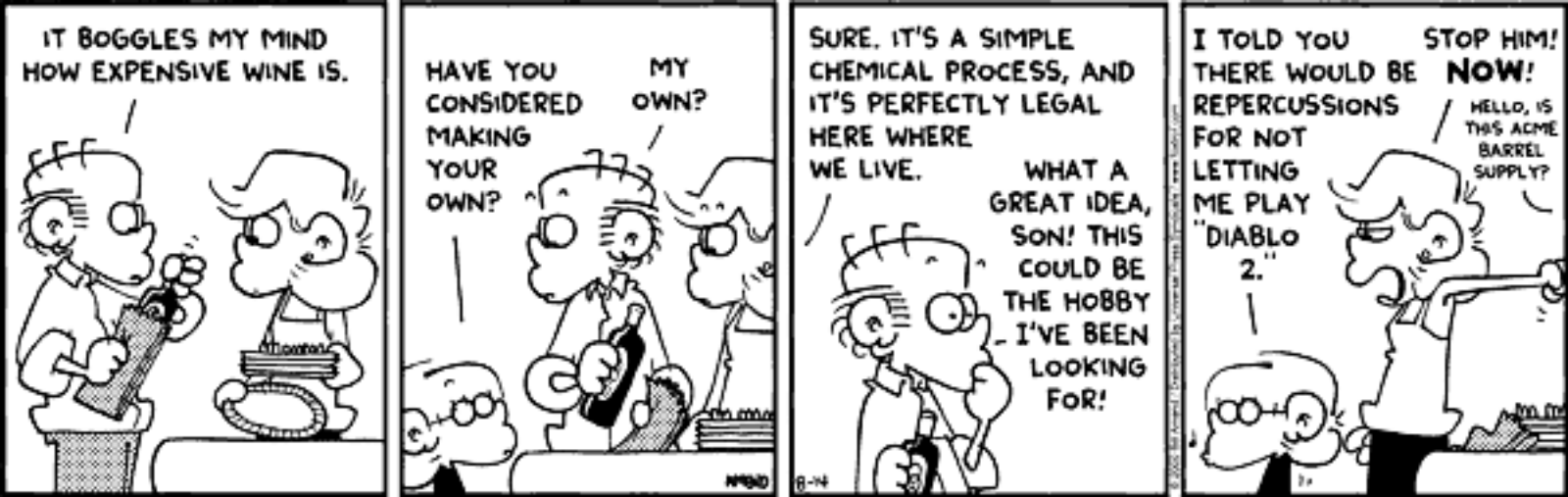
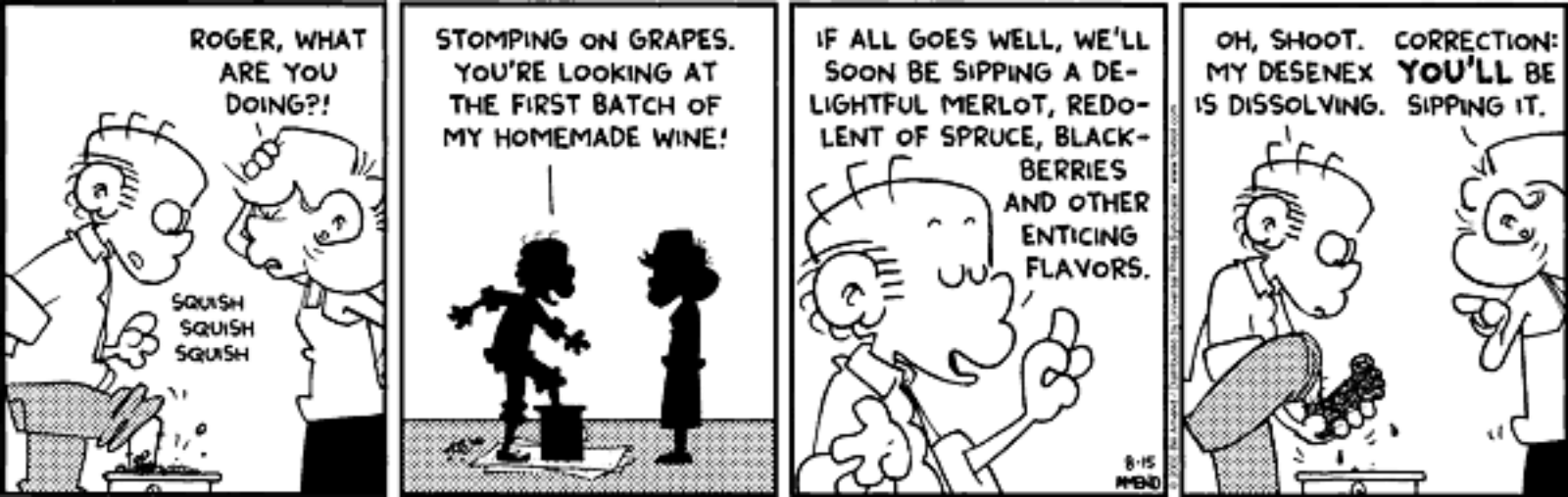
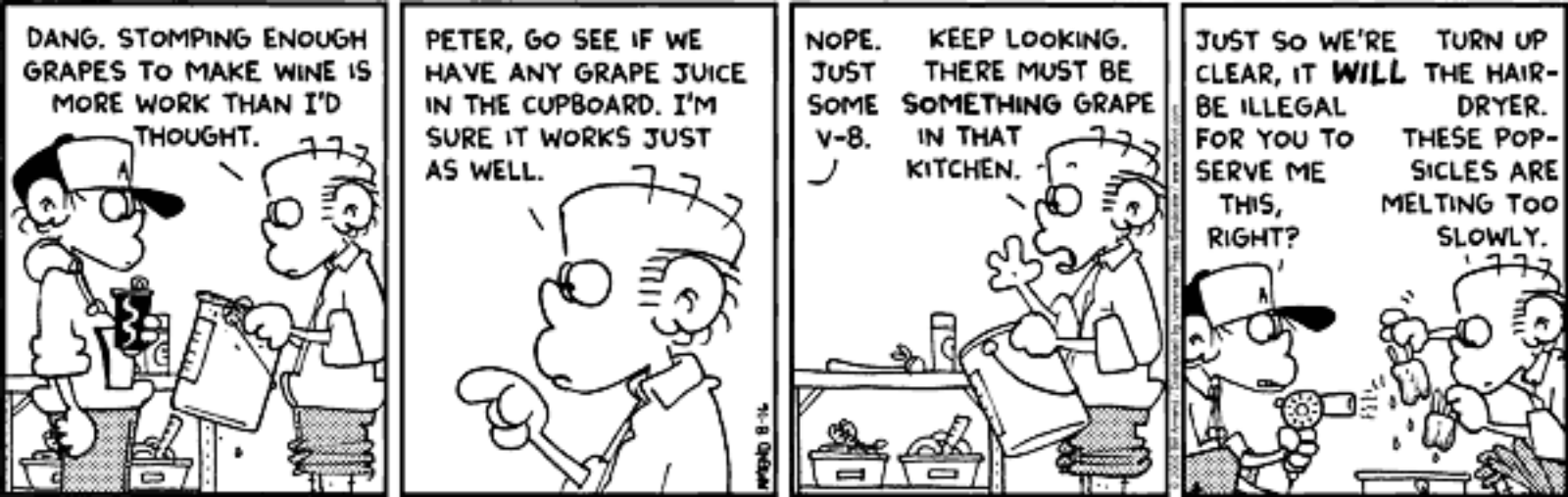
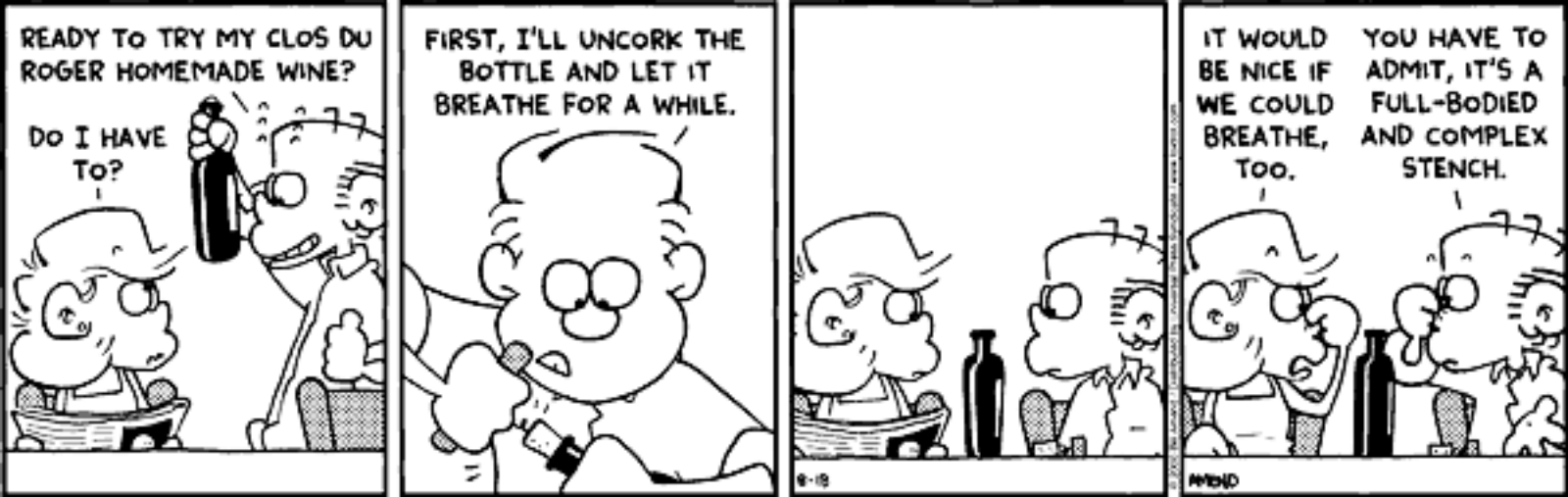
HEY, PAIGE!
ZZRAP!
HE ALWAYS SEEMS SO DISAPPOINTED WHEN I TELL HIM HIS EYES ARE NORMAL.
(SIGH) LET'S GO, MOM.

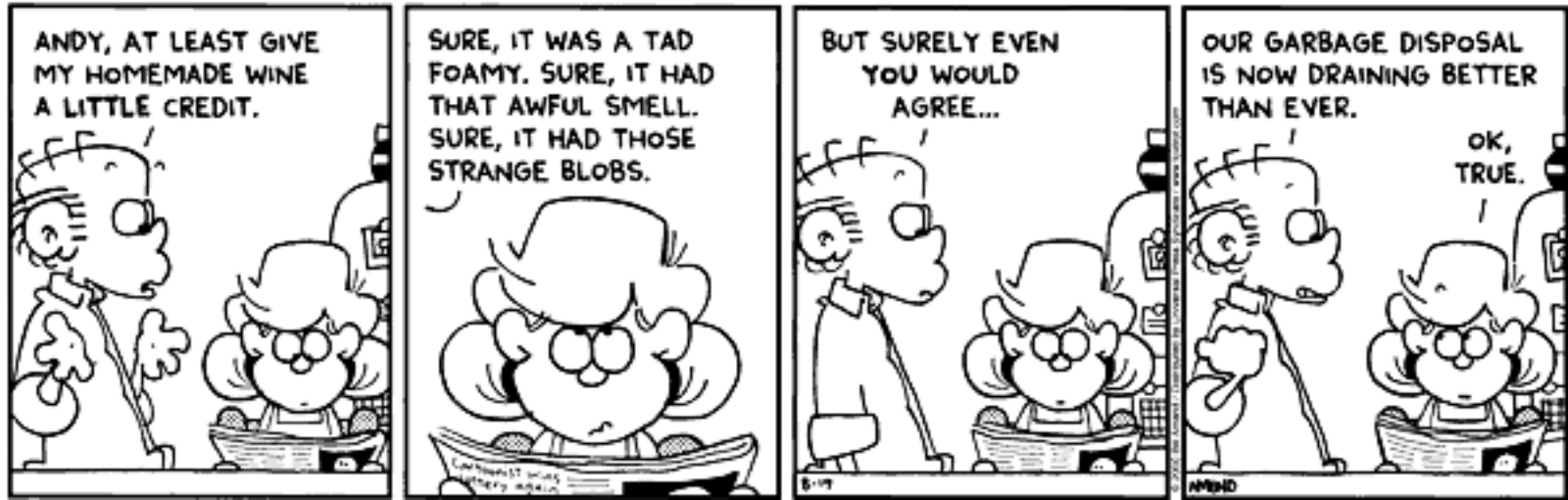

IT BOGGLES MY MIND HOW EXPENSIVE WINE IS.
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MAKING YOUR OWN?
MY OWN?
SURE. IT'S A SIMPLE CHEMICAL PROCESS, AND IT'S PERFECTLY LEGAL HERE WHERE WE LIVE.
WHAT A GREAT IDEA, SON! THIS COULD BE THE HOBBY I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!
I TOLD YOU THERE WOULD BE REPERCUSSIONS FOR NOT LETTING ME PLAY "DIABLO 2."
STOP HIM! NOW!
HELLO, IS THIS ACME BARREL SUPPLY?

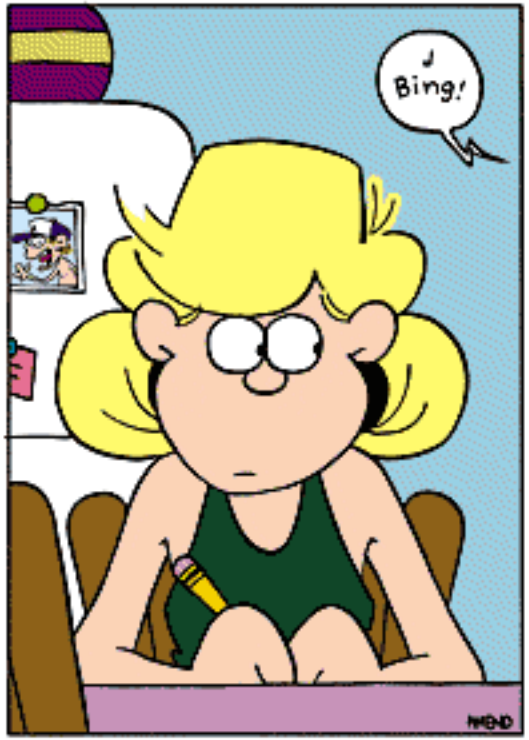

ROGER, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SQUISH SQUISH SQUISH
STOMPING ON GRAPES. YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE FIRST BATCH OF MY HOMEMADE WINE!
IF ALL GOES WELL, WE'LL SOON BE SIPPING A DELIGHTFUL MERLOT, REDOLENT OF SPRUCE, BLACKBERRIES AND OTHER ENTICING FLAVORS.
8-15
OH, SHOOT. MY DESENEX IS DISSOLVING.
CORRECTION: YOU'LL BE SIPPING IT.


DANG. STOMPING ENOUGH GRAPES TO MAKE WINE IS MORE WORK THAN I'D THOUGHT.
PETER, GO SEE IF WE HAVE ANY GRAPE JUICE IN THE CUPBOARD. I'M SURE IT WORKS JUST AS WELL.
NOPE. JUST SOME V-8.
KEEP LOOKING. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING GRAPE IN THAT KITCHEN.
JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR, IT WILL BE ILLEGAL FOR YOU TO SERVE ME THIS, RIGHT?
TURN UP THE HAIR-DRYER. THESE POP-SICLES ARE MELTING TOO SLOWLY.

DARE I ASK HOW YOUR HOMEMADE WINE IS COMING ALONG?
PRETTY WELL. I JUST FINISHED BOTTLING IT.
WHO MADE THE LABELS?
JASON. AREN'T THEY GREAT?
I GUESS IN HONOR OF MY LITTLE ROGUE WINERY, HE GAVE THEM THIS WONDERFUL PIRATE MOTIF.
I SUPPOSE THAT'S ONE WAY TO INTERPRET THE BIG SKULL AND CROSSBONES.
REMIND ME TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE "AARGH!" WHEN I DRINK IT.
9-17
AMEND


READY TO TRY MY CLOS DU ROGER HOMEMADE WINE?
DO I HAVE TO?
FIRST, I'LL UNCORK THE BOTTLE AND LET IT BREATHE FOR A WHILE.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE COULD BREATHE, TOO.
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, IT'S A FULL-BODIED AND COMPLEX STENCH.


ANDY, AT LEAST GIVE MY HOMEMADE WINE A LITTLE CREDIT.
SURE, IT WAS A TAD FOAMY. SURE, IT HAD THAT AWFUL SMELL. SURE, IT HAD THOSE STRANGE BLOBS.
BUT SURELY EVEN YOU WOULD AGREE...
OUR GARBAGE DISPOSAL IS NOW DRAINING BETTER THAN EVER.
OK, TRUE.



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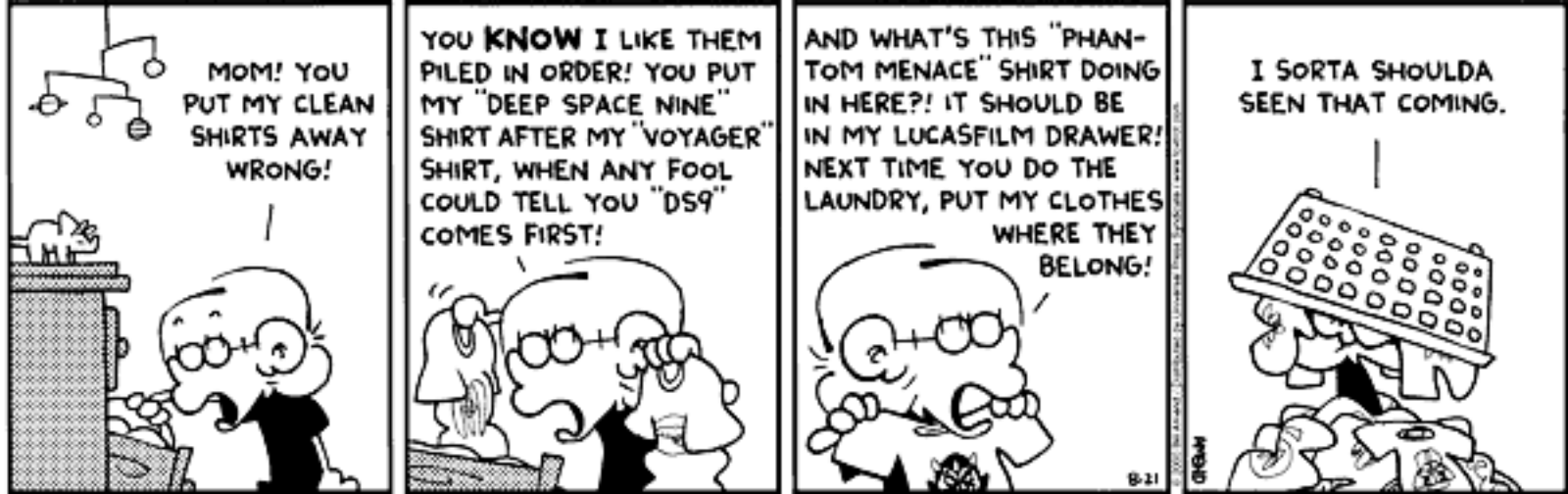
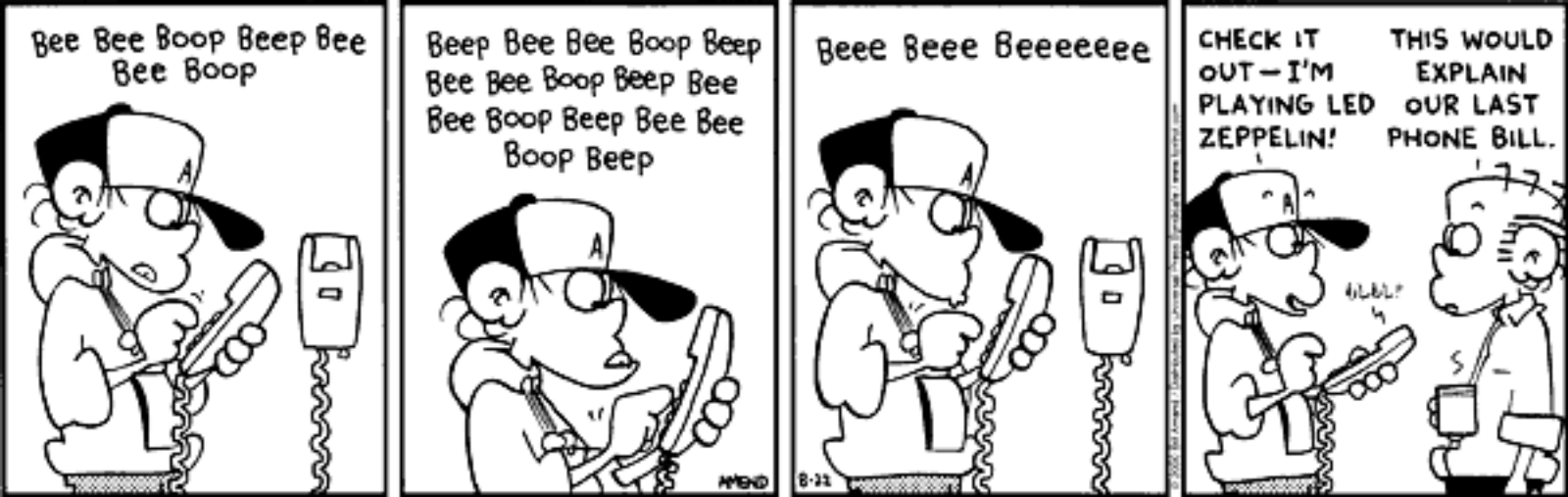

MOM! YOU PUT MY CLEAN SHIRTS AWAY WRONG!
YOU KNOW I LIKE THEM PILED IN ORDER! YOU PUT MY "DEEP SPACE NINE" SHIRT AFTER MY "VOYAGER" SHIRT, WHEN ANY FOOL COULD TELL YOU "DS9" COMES FIRST!
AND WHAT'S THIS "PHANTOM MENACE" SHIRT DOING IN HERE?! IT SHOULD BE IN MY LUCASFILM DRAWER! NEXT TIME YOU DO THE LAUNDRY, PUT MY CLOTHES WHERE THEY BELONG!
8-21
I SORTA SHOULDA SEEN THAT COMING.
GREAM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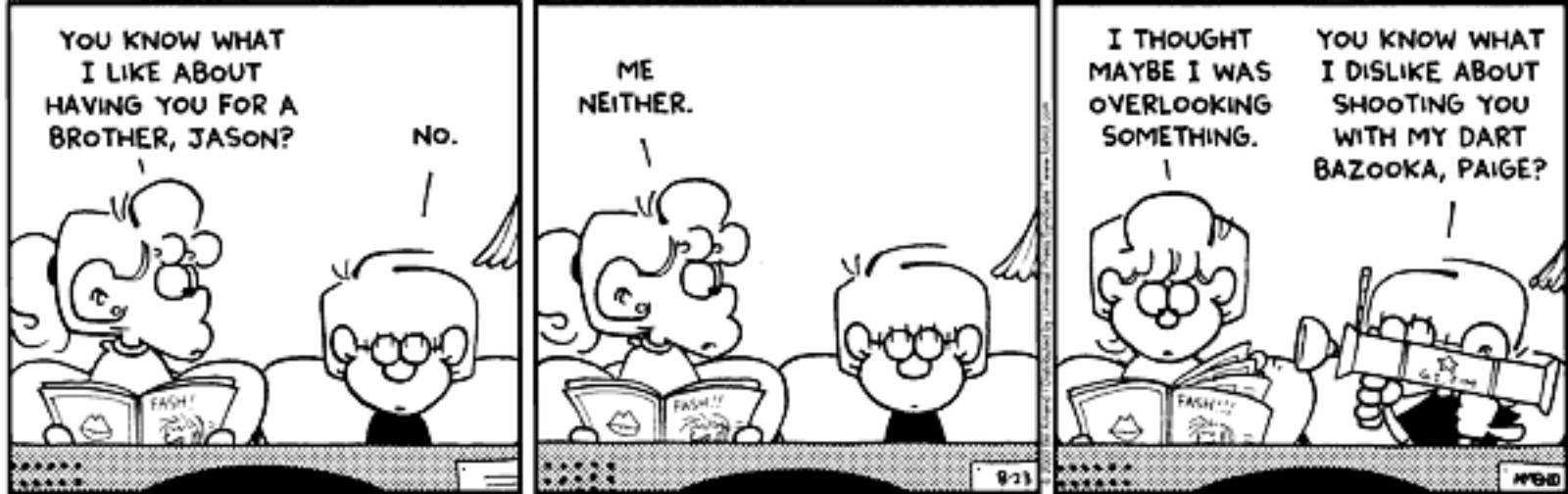
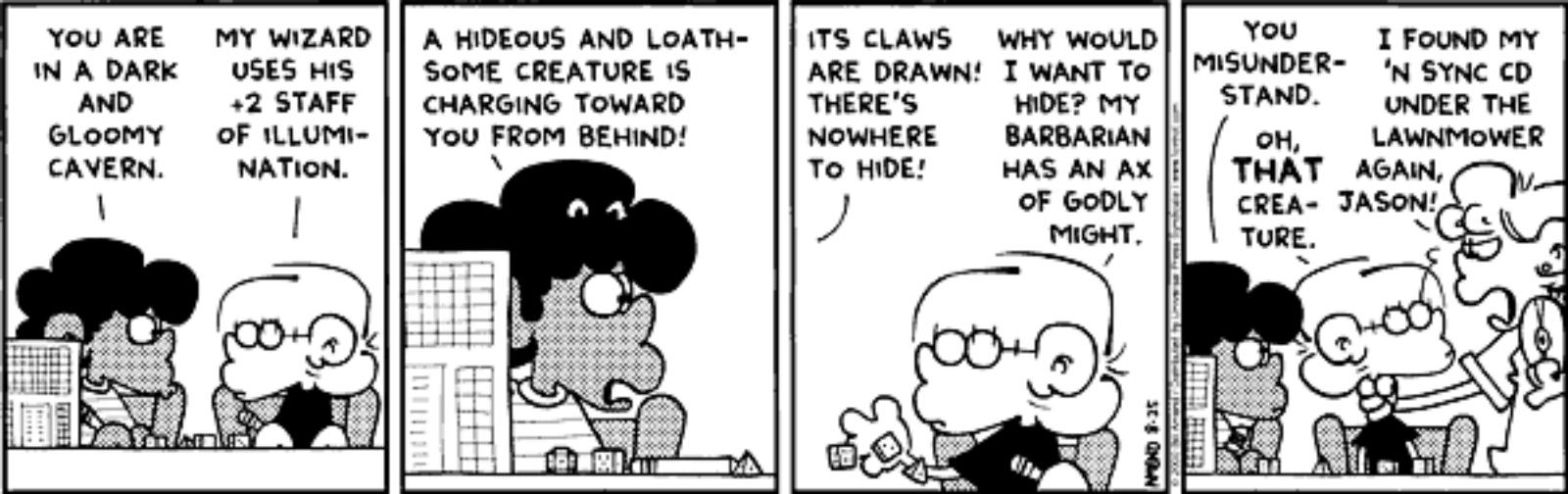
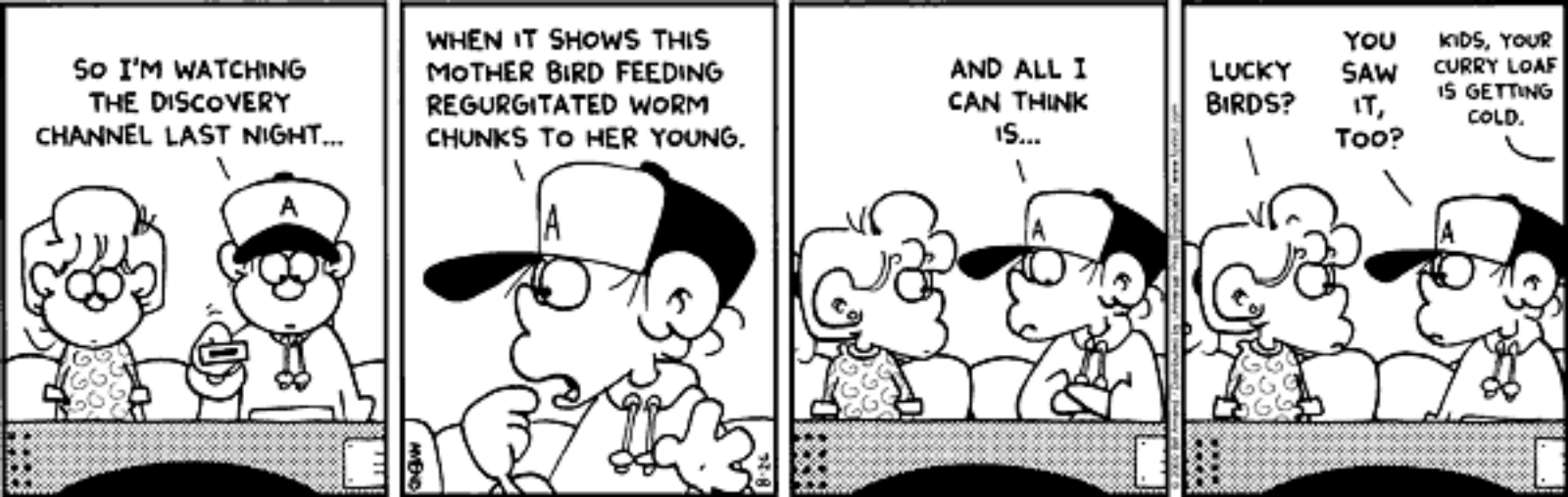
CHECK IT OUT—I'M PLAYING LED ZEPPELIN!
THIS WOULD EXPLAIN OUR LAST PHONE BILL.


YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE ABOUT HAVING YOU FOR A BROTHER, JASON?
NO.
ME NEITHER.
I THOUGHT MAYBE I WAS OVERLOOKING SOMETHING.
YOU KNOW WHAT I DISLIKE ABOUT SHOOTING YOU WITH MY DART BAZOOKA, PAIGE?

BYE, EVERYONE! I'M OFF TO WORK!
KIDS? ANDY? I SAID I'M OFF TO WORK! SEE YOU TONIGHT! I LOVE YOU!
WILL YOU SHUT UP AND LEAVE ALREADY?!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT I HAVE TO BE AT A 5 A.M. CONFERENCE CALL.


YOU ARE IN A DARK AND GLOOMY CAVERN.
MY WIZARD USES HIS +2 STAFF OF ILLUMINATION.
A HIDEOUS AND LOATHSOME CREATURE IS CHARGING TOWARD YOU FROM BEHIND!
ITS CLAWS ARE DRAWN! THERE'S NOWHERE TO HIDE!
WHY WOULD I WANT TO HIDE? MY BARBARIAN HAS AN AX OF GODLY MIGHT.
YOU MISUNDERSTAND.
OH, THAT CREATURE.
I FOUND MY 'N SYNC CD UNDER THE LAWNMOWER AGAIN, JASON!


SO I'M WATCHING THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL LAST NIGHT...
WHEN IT SHOWS THIS MOTHER BIRD FEEDING REGURGITATED WORM CHUNKS TO HER YOUNG.
AND ALL I CAN THINK IS...
LUCKY BIRDS?
YOU SAW IT, TOO?
KIDS, YOUR CURRY LOAF IS GETTING COLD.

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PAIGE SURE SEEMS GLUED TO THAT FIRE BREATHER.
I THINK HER BODY HAS CARAMELIZED.
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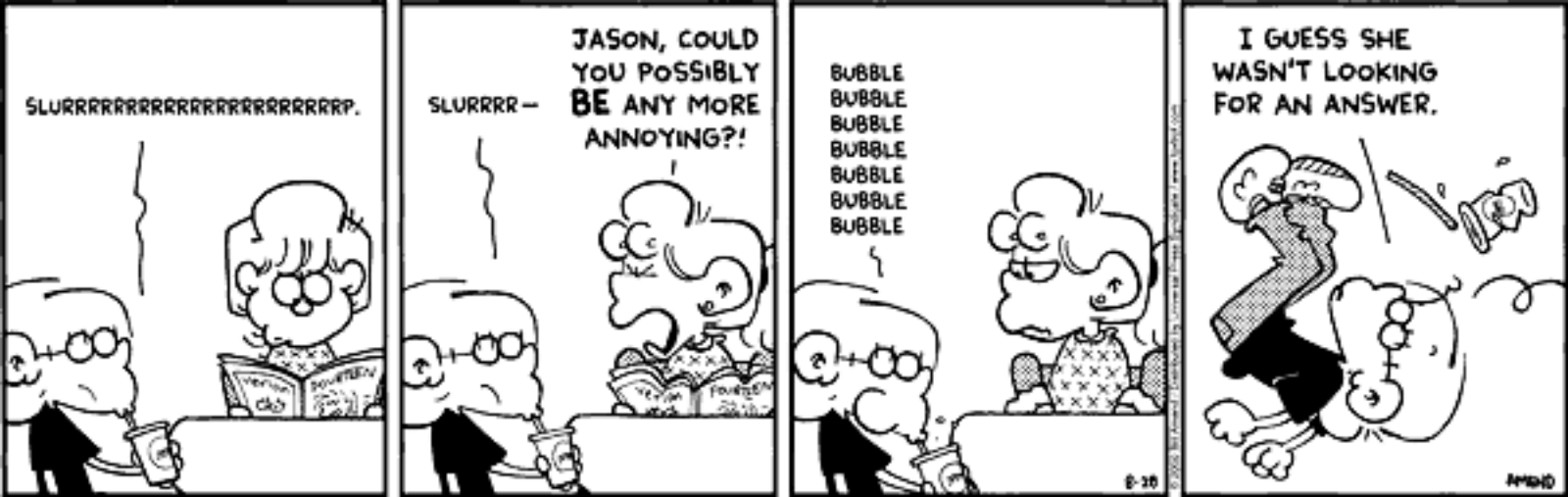
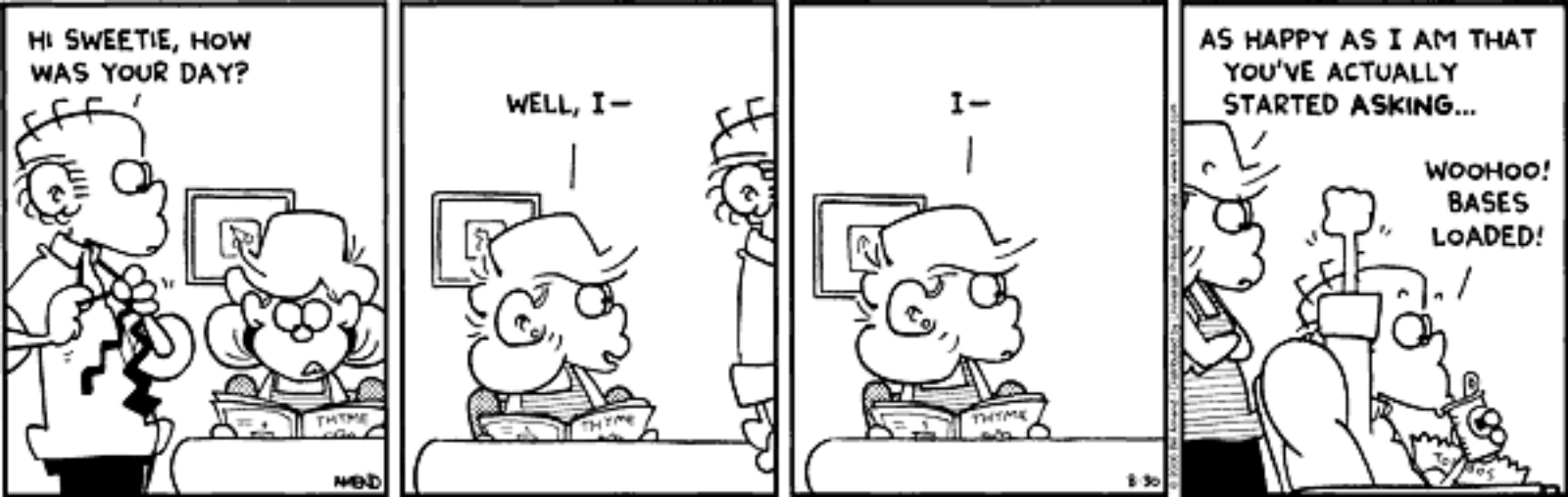
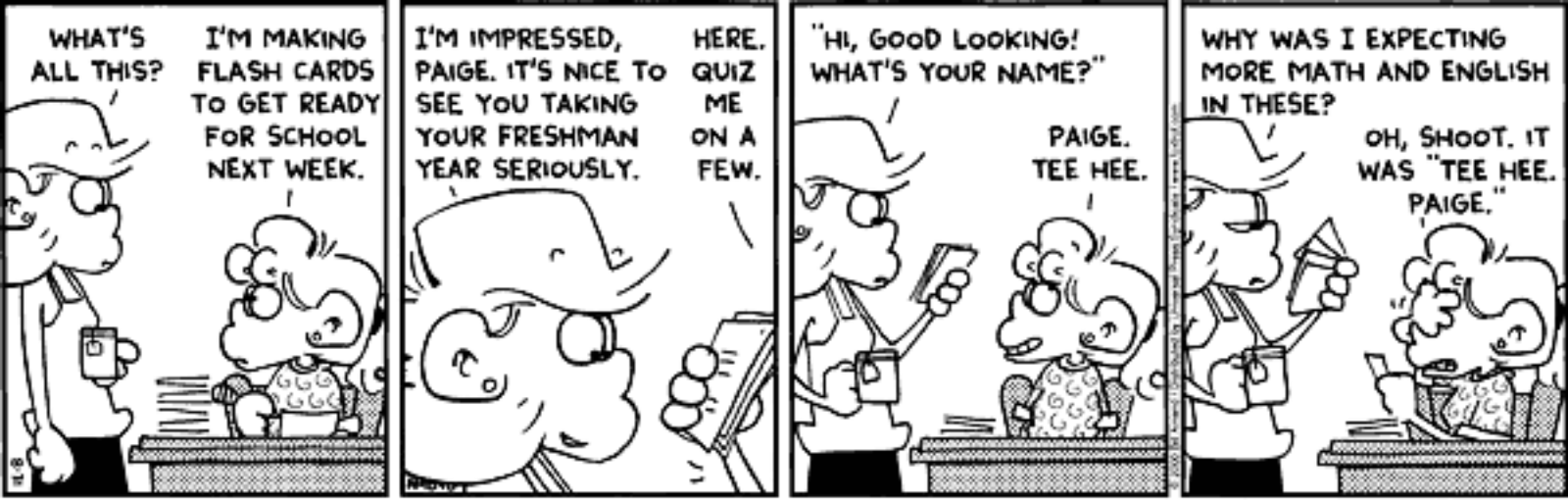
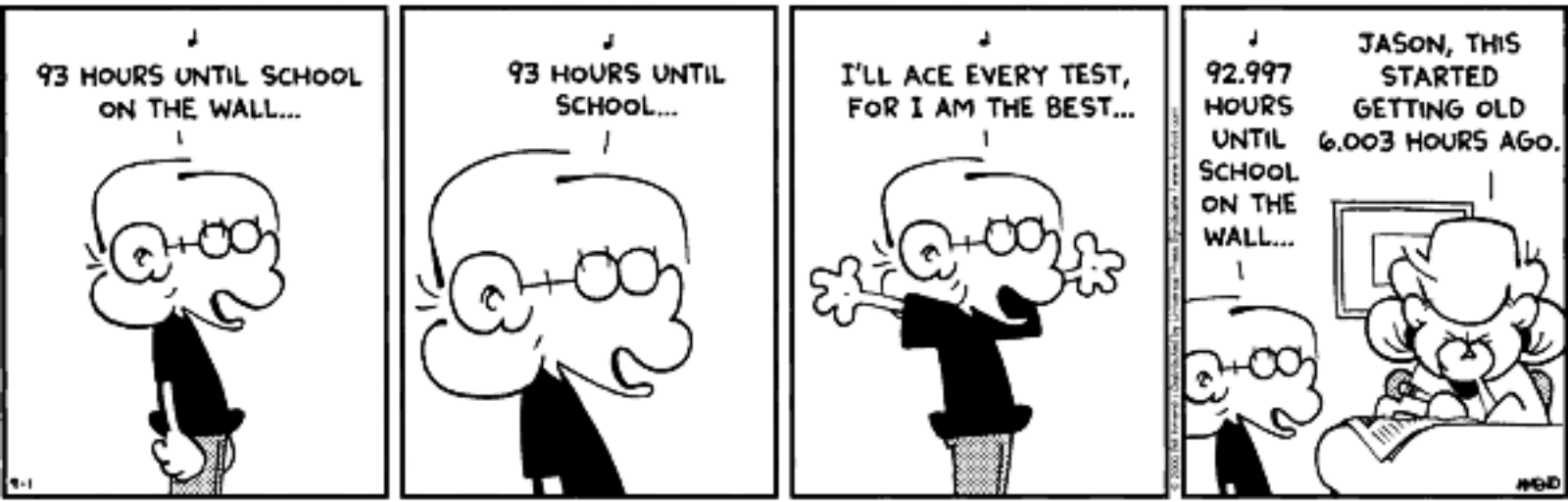
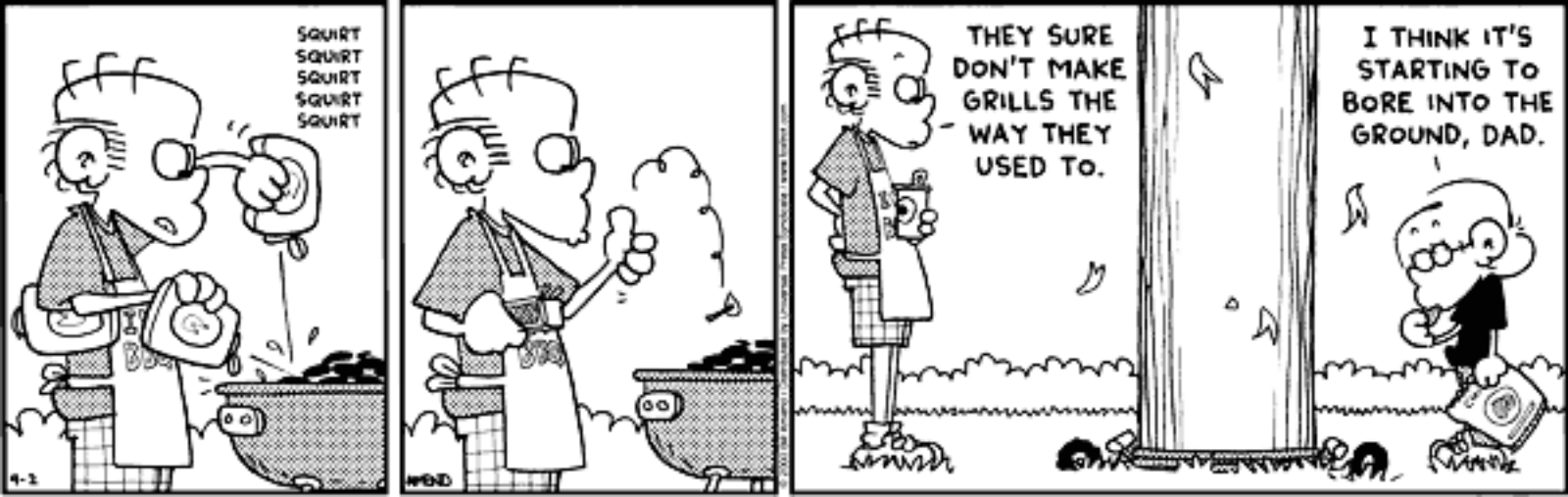

SLURRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRP.
SLURRRR—
JASON, COULD YOU POSSIBLY BE ANY MORE ANNOYING?!
BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE
I GUESS SHE WASN'T LOOKING FOR AN ANSWER.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EVER HEAR THE EXPRESSION, "A WATCHED POT NEVER BOILS"?
YEAH, WHY?
MOM'S MAKING HER TOFU RAVIOLI FOR DINNER JUST AS SOON AS THIS WATER'S READY, SO I'M WATCHING IT TO KEEP THAT FROM HAPPENING.
PAIGE, YOU'VE HAD SOME PRETTY LAME IDEAS, BUT THIS...
SHE'S MAKING A TRIPLE RECIPE.
SCOOT OVER A LITTLE.
TRY NOT TO BLINK WHEN I DO.


HI SWEETIE, HOW WAS YOUR DAY?
WELL, I—
I—
AS HAPPY AS I AM THAT YOU'VE ACTUALLY STARTED ASKING...
WOOHOO! BASES LOADED!


WHAT'S ALL THIS?
I'M MAKING FLASH CARDS TO GET READY FOR SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.
I'M IMPRESSED, PAIGE. IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU TAKING YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR SERIOUSLY.
HERE. QUIZ ME ON A FEW.
"HI, GOOD LOOKING! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?"
PAIGE. TEE HEE.
WHY WAS I EXPECTING MORE MATH AND ENGLISH IN THESE?
OH, SHOOT. IT WAS "TEE HEE. PAIGE."


93 HOURS UNTIL SCHOOL ON THE WALL...
93 HOURS UNTIL SCHOOL...
I'LL ACE EVERY TEST, FOR I AM THE BEST...
92.997 HOURS UNTIL SCHOOL ON THE WALL...
JASON, THIS STARTED GETTING OLD 6.003 HOURS AGO.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THEY SURE DON'T MAKE GRILLS THE WAY THEY USED TO.
I THINK IT'S STARTING TO BORE INTO THE GROUND, DAD.

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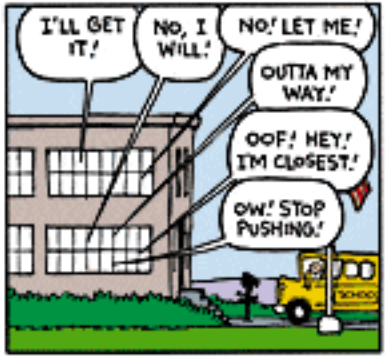

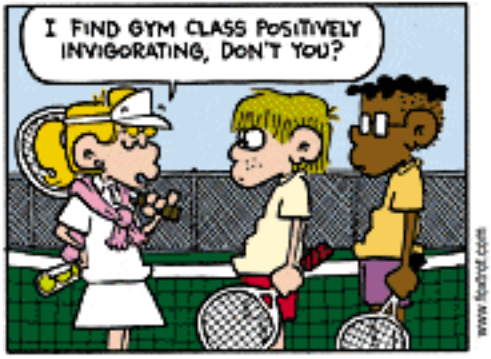

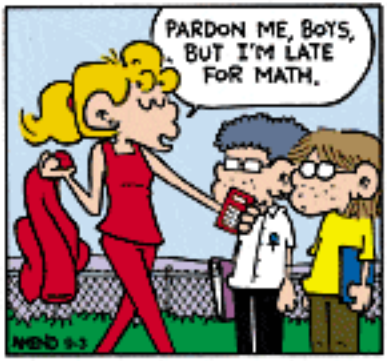

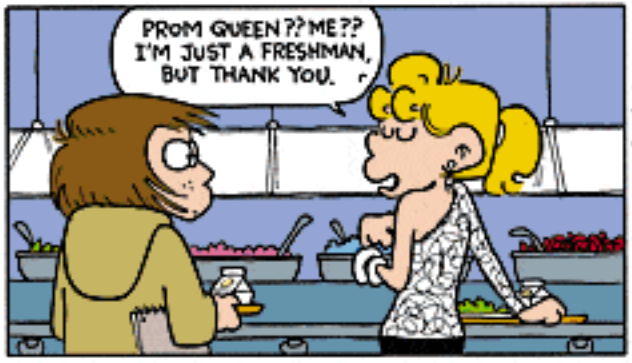

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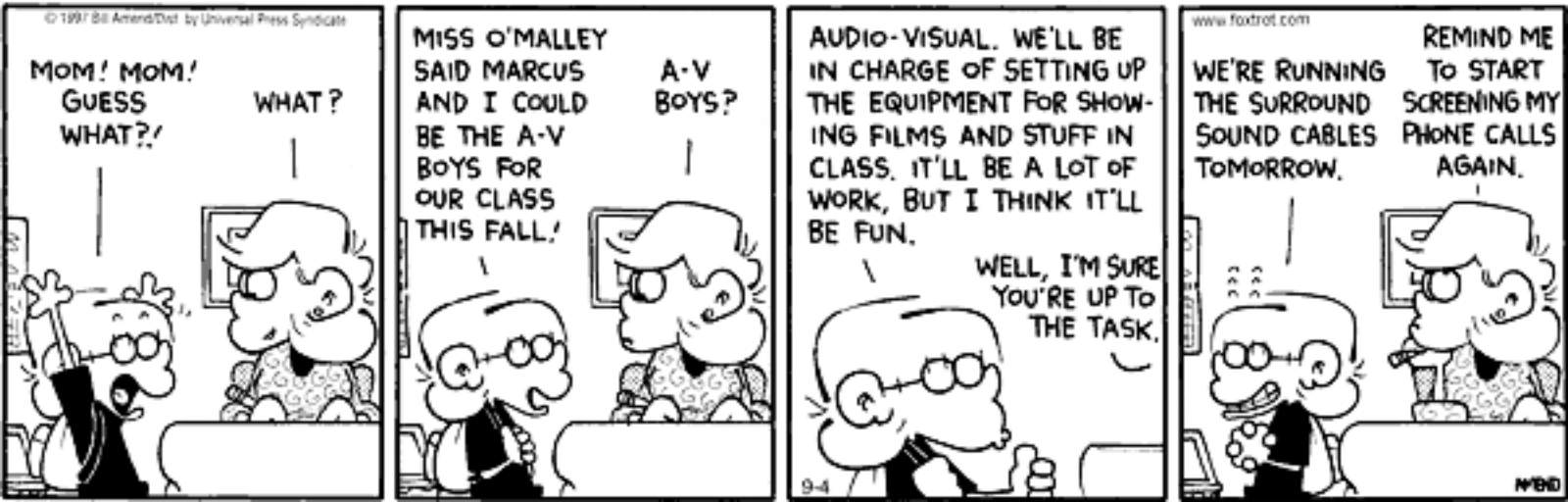
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MOM! MOM! GUESS WHAT?!
WHAT?
MISS O'MALLEY SAID MARCUS AND I COULD BE THE A-V BOYS FOR OUR CLASS THIS FALL!
A-V BOYS?
AUDIO-VISUAL. WE'LL BE IN CHARGE OF SETTING UP THE EQUIPMENT FOR SHOWING FILMS AND STUFF IN CLASS. IT'LL BE A LOT OF WORK, BUT I THINK IT'LL BE FUN.
WELL, I'M SURE YOU'RE UP TO THE TASK.
9-4
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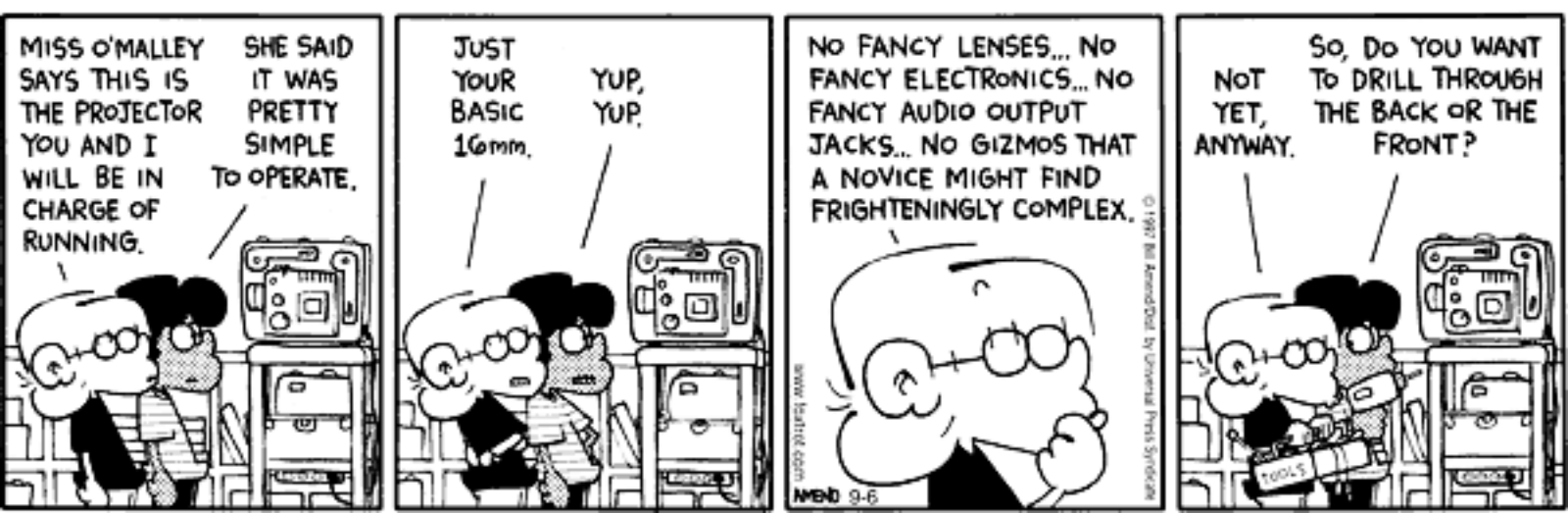
WE'RE RUNNING THE SURROUND SOUND CABLES TOMORROW.
REMIND ME TO START SCREENING MY PHONE CALLS AGAIN.
AMEND

I'M THINKING WE'RE GOING TO NEED FIVE OR SIX BIG SPEAKERS.
MARCUS, MARCUS, MARCUS.
MAYBE THAT'S FINE FOR **TRADITIONAL** SURROUND SOUND SETUPS, BUT I THOUGHT WE WERE TRYING TO RAISE THE BAR HERE. JMX·SOUND™ SHOULD BE SOMETHING TOTALLY NEW.
9-5 AMEND
WHEN WE FIRST TURN ON THAT MOVIE PROJECTOR, I WANT OUR CLASSMATES TO **KNOW** IT.
I MEANT FIVE OR SIX SPEAKERS PER STUDENT.
OK, NOW WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE.


MISS O'MALLEY SAYS THIS IS THE PROJECTOR YOU AND I WILL BE IN CHARGE OF RUNNING.
SHE SAID IT WAS PRETTY SIMPLE TO OPERATE.
JUST YOUR BASIC 16mm.
YUP, YUP.
NO FANCY LENSES... NO FANCY ELECTRONICS... NO FANCY AUDIO OUTPUT JACKS... NO GIZMOS THAT A NOVICE MIGHT FIND FRIGHTENINGLY COMPLEX.
NOT YET, ANYWAY.
SO, DO YOU WANT TO DRILL THROUGH THE BACK OR THE FRONT?
TOOLS
NAMEND 9-6
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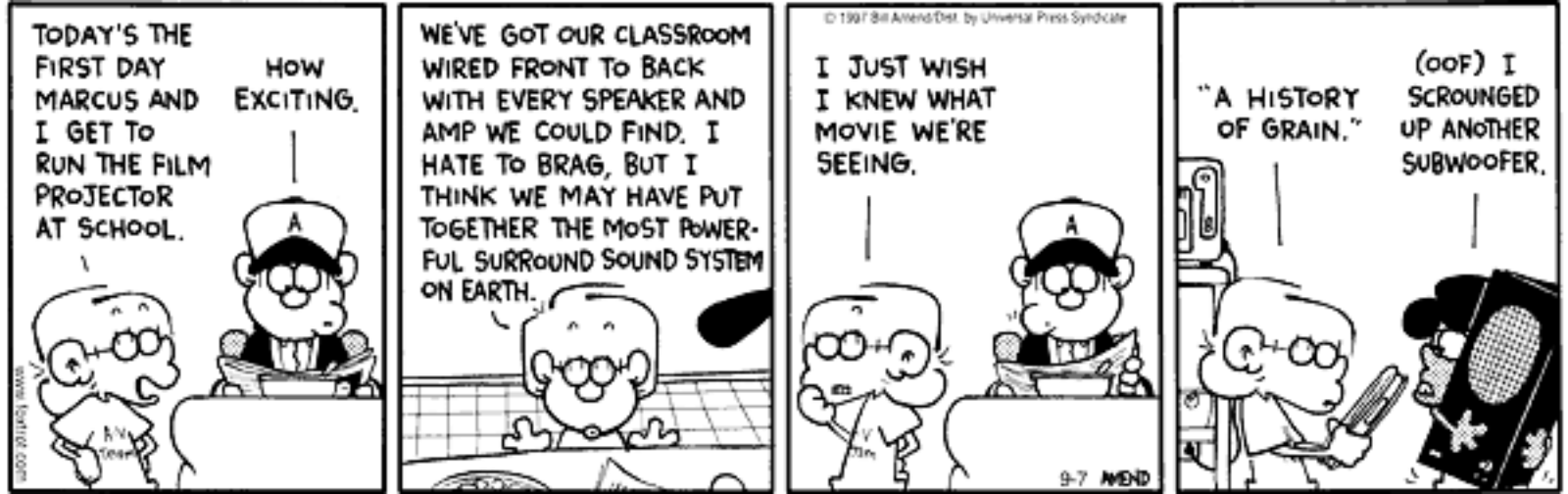
TODAY'S THE FIRST DAY MARCUS AND I GET TO RUN THE FILM PROJECTOR AT SCHOOL.
HOW EXCITING.
A
A/V Team
WE'VE GOT OUR CLASSROOM WIRED FRONT TO BACK WITH EVERY SPEAKER AND AMP WE COULD FIND. I HATE TO BRAG, BUT I THINK WE MAY HAVE PUT TOGETHER THE MOST POWERFUL SURROUND SOUND SYSTEM ON EARTH.
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I JUST WISH I KNEW WHAT MOVIE WE'RE SEEING.
A
A/V Team
9-7 AMEND
"A HISTORY OF GRAIN."
(OOF) I SCROUNGED UP ANOTHER SUBWOOFER.
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WILD WHEAT AND BARLEY WERE THE PRINCIPAL CROPS OF EARLY MESOPOTAMIANS AS THEY
WELL, THE GOOD NEWS IS OUR SURROUND SOUND SYSTEM WORKS.
IS ANYONE WATCHING THE MOVIE?
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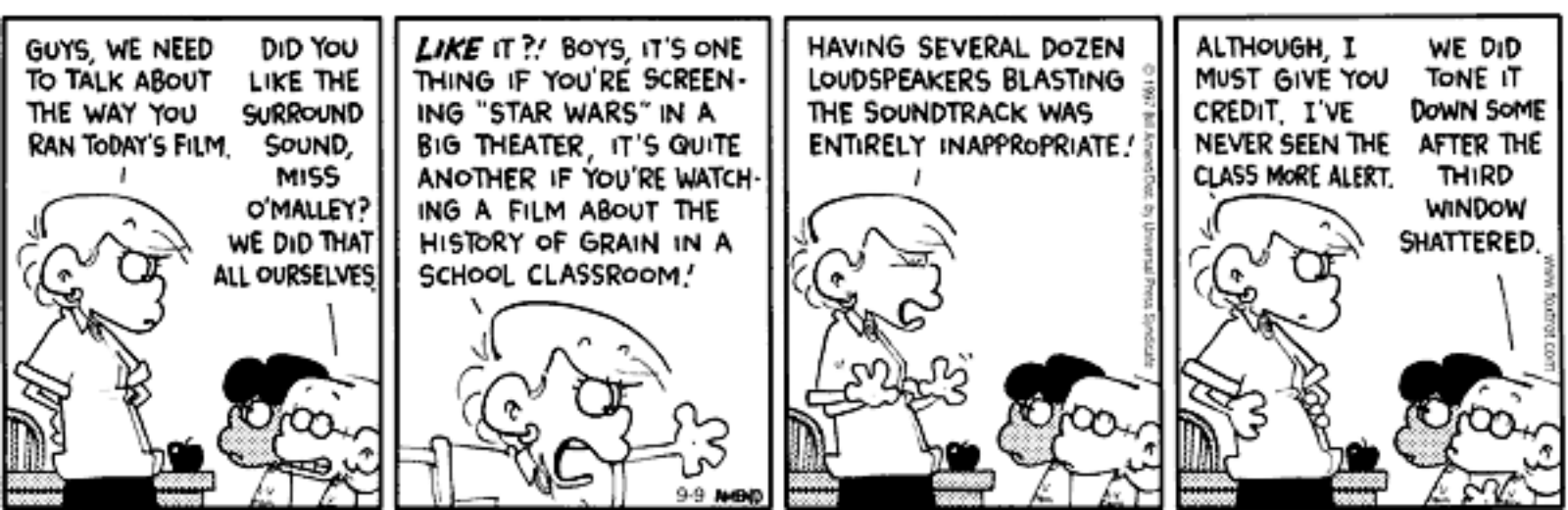
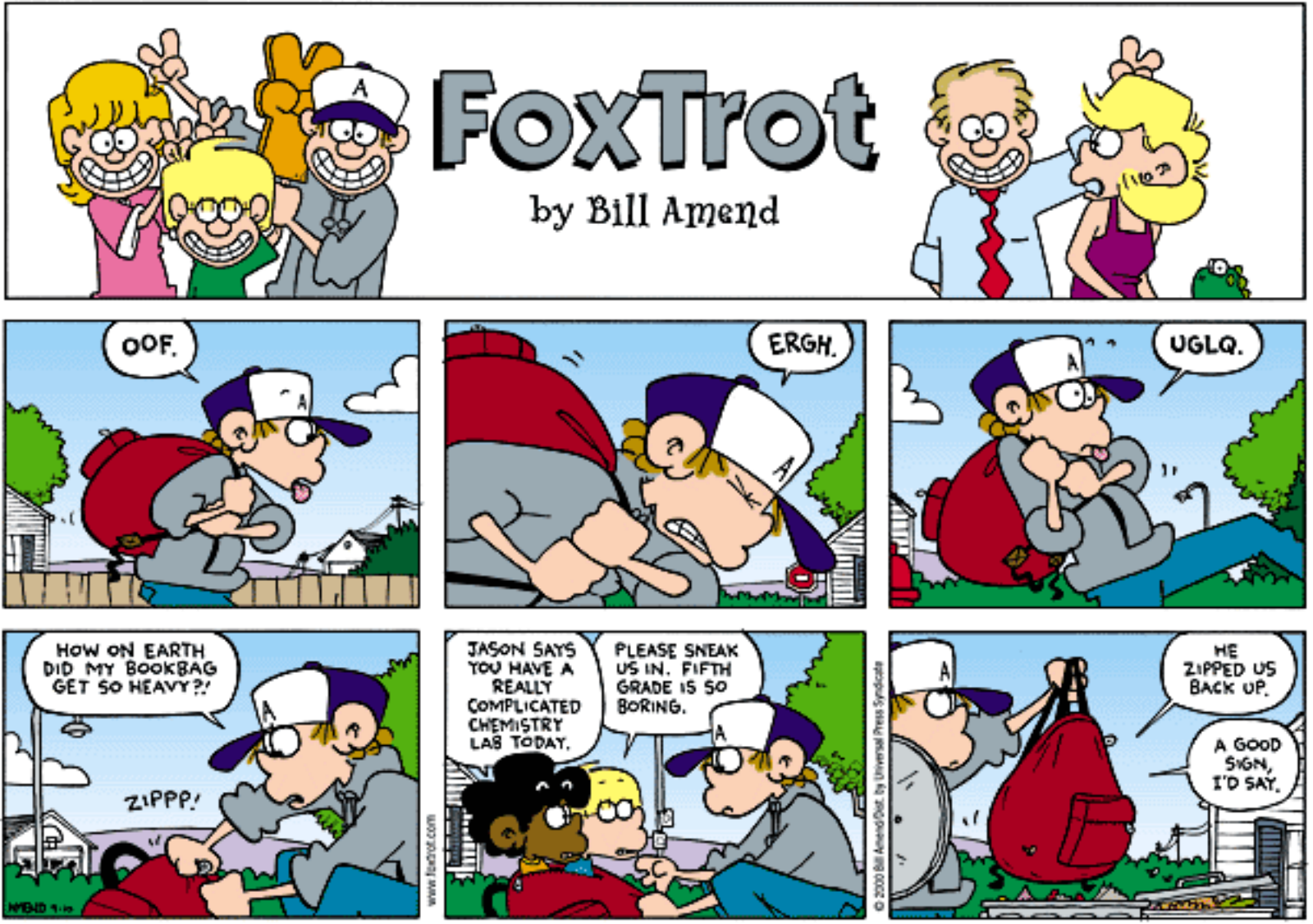

GUYS, WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE WAY YOU RAN TODAY'S FILM.
DID YOU LIKE THE SURROUND SOUND, MISS O'MALLEY? WE DID THAT ALL OURSELVES.
LIKE IT?! BOYS, IT'S ONE THING IF YOU'RE SCREENING "STAR WARS" IN A BIG THEATER, IT'S QUITE ANOTHER IF YOU'RE WATCHING A FILM ABOUT THE HISTORY OF GRAIN IN A SCHOOL CLASSROOM!
9-9 NEND
HAVING SEVERAL DOZEN LOUDSPEAKERS BLASTING THE SOUNDTRACK WAS ENTIRELY INAPPROPRIATE!
ALTHOUGH, I MUST GIVE YOU CREDIT. I'VE NEVER SEEN THE CLASS MORE ALERT.
WE DID TONE IT DOWN SOME AFTER THE THIRD WINDOW SHATTERED.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OOF.
ERGH.
UGLQ.
HOW ON EARTH DID MY BOOKBAG GET SO HEAVY?!
ZIPPP!
JASON SAYS YOU HAVE A REALLY COMPLICATED CHEMISTRY LAB TODAY.
PLEASE SNEAK US IN. FIFTH GRADE IS SO BORING.
HE ZIPPED US BACK UP.
A GOOD SIGN, I'D SAY.
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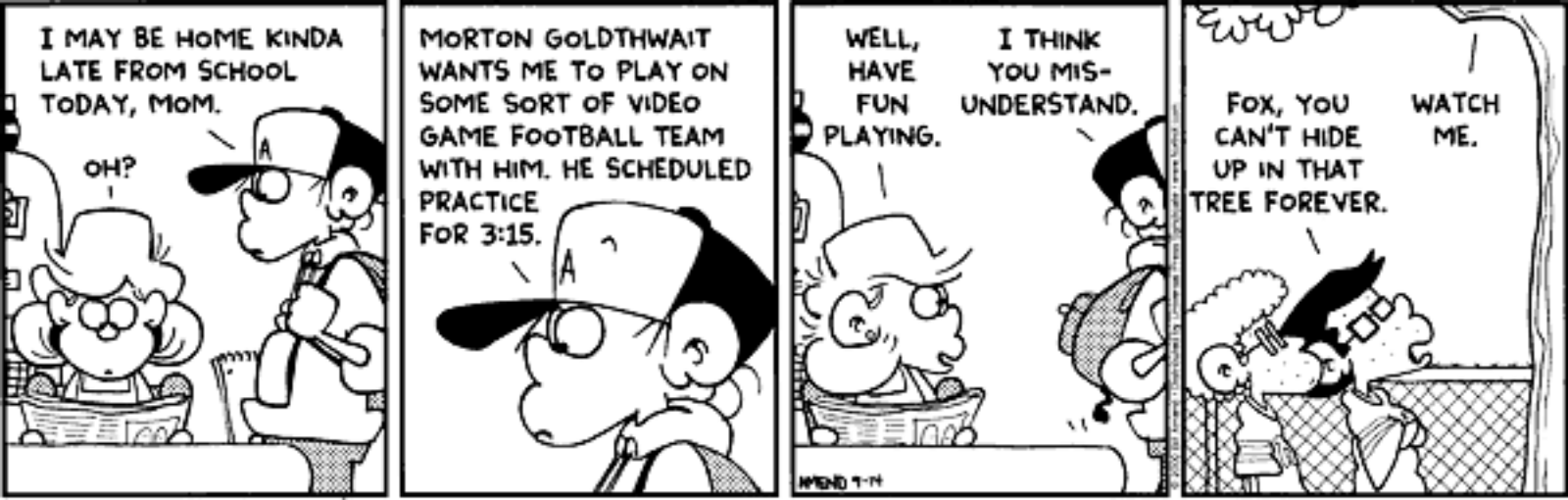
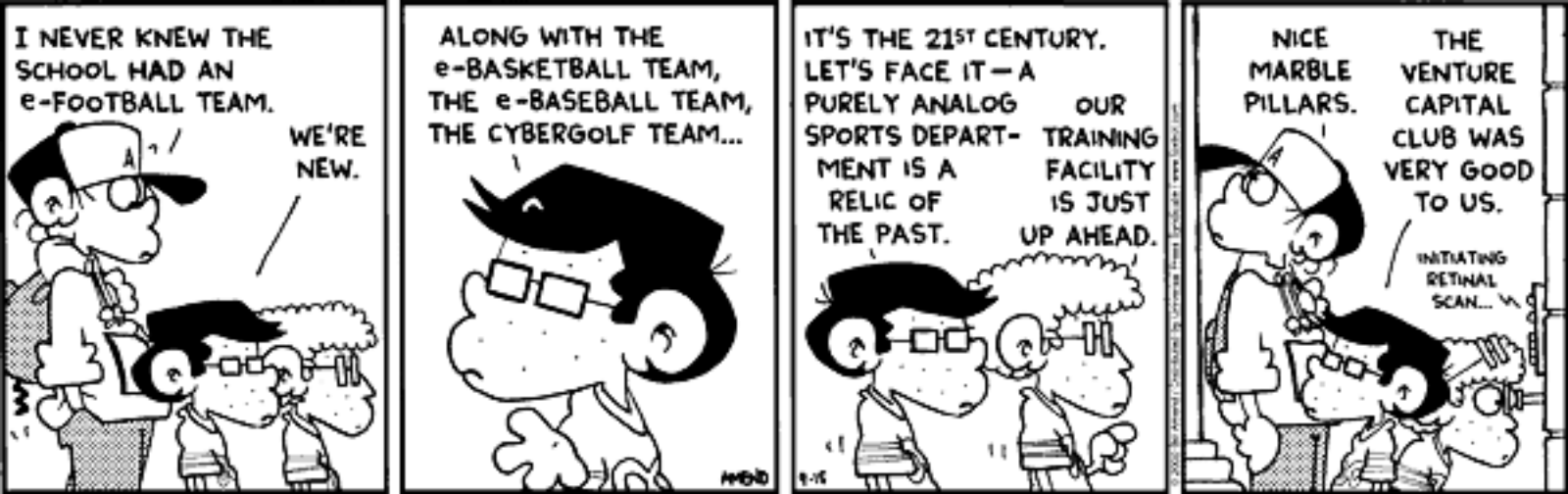
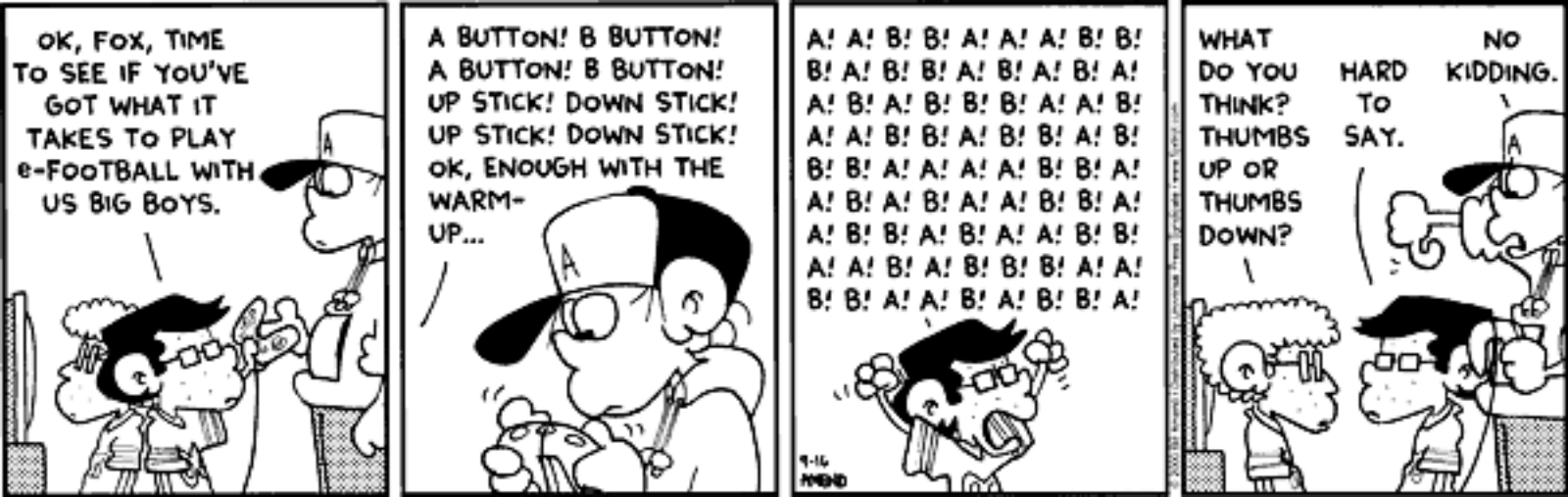
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
THE LIST OF PLAYERS CUT FROM THE FOOTBALL TEAM.
I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, PETE, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT AT THE TOP.
BUT I DIDN'T EVEN TRY OUT THIS YEAR.
I REALLY HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, PETE, BUT...
MY NAME IS PRE-PRINTED ON THESE?!
LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE CUT FROM GIRLS' GYMNASTICS, TOO.

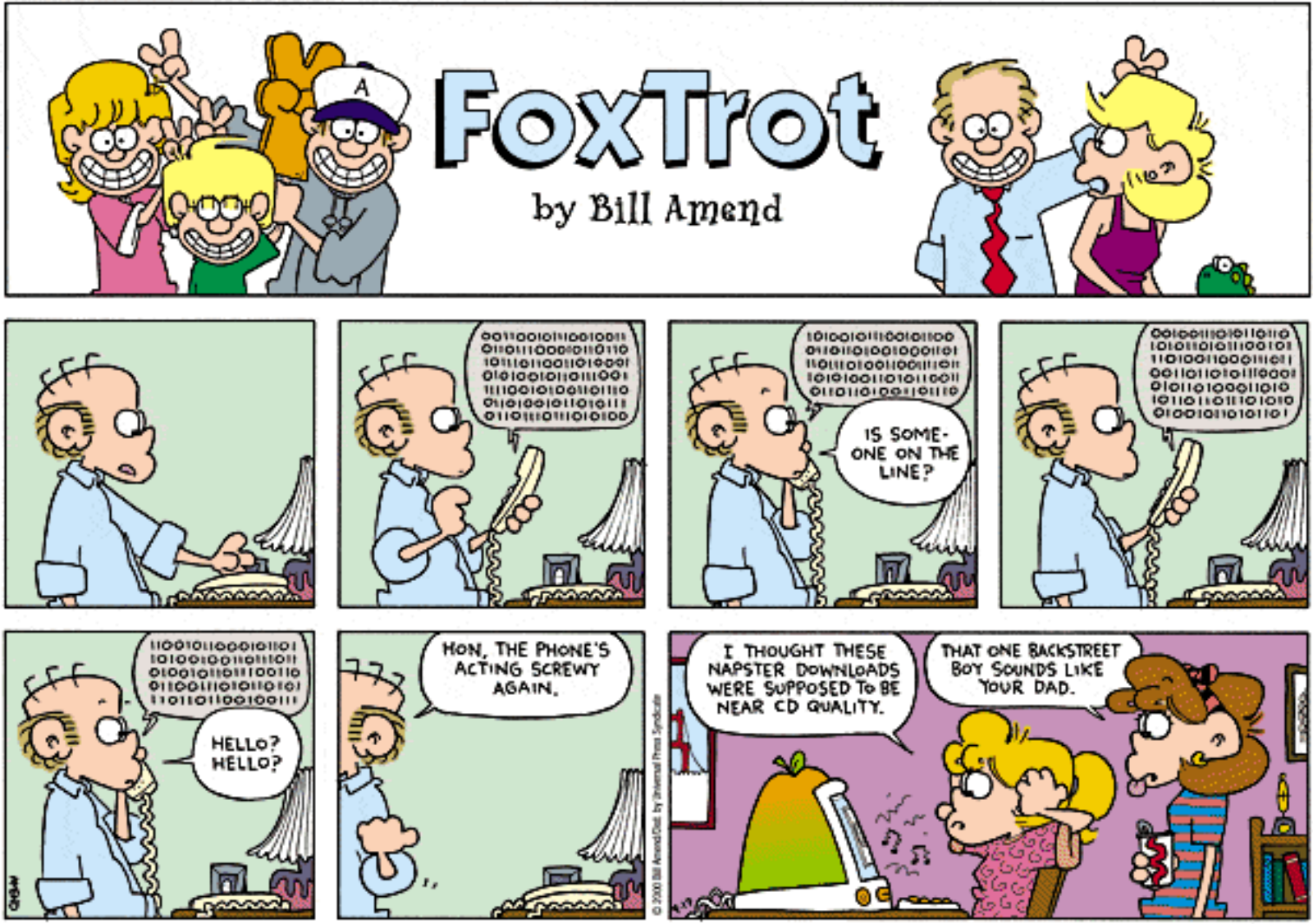
HOW COULD THEY CUT ME FROM VARSITY FOOTBALL WHEN I DIDN'T EVEN TRY OUT?!
WAS I THAT BAD LAST YEAR?! WAS I THAT AWFUL?! AM I SUCH A PARIAH THAT THEY WANT TO BE SURE I'M NOT ON THE SQUAD?!
WHO WANTS TO BE TEAMED UP WITH A BUNCH OF OVERSIZED PSYCHOS, ANYWAY?!
YOU KNOW, THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES.
WHO SAID THAT?

WHAT'S WITH THE FOOTBALL JERSEYS?
WE'RE THE VARSITY e-TEAM.
WE COMPETE AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS ON THE 128-BIT VIRTUAL GRIDIRON OF THE GAMESTATION 2.
TROUBLE IS, WE'VE GOT A BIG GAME COMING UP AND LUCAS HERE IS OUT WITH AN INJURY.
I HIT THE B BUTTON TOO FAST IN PRACTICE AND GOT A BLISTER.
TELL YOU WHAT, FORGET I ASKED...
HOLY COW! WHAT PINKIES!
THE TACKLES HE COULD MAKE!


I MAY BE HOME KINDA LATE FROM SCHOOL TODAY, MOM.
OH?
MORTON GOLDTHWAIT WANTS ME TO PLAY ON SOME SORT OF VIDEO GAME FOOTBALL TEAM WITH HIM. HE SCHEDULED PRACTICE FOR 3:15.
WELL, HAVE FUN PLAYING.
I THINK YOU MIS-UNDERSTAND.
FOX, YOU CAN'T HIDE UP IN THAT TREE FOREVER.
WATCH ME.


I NEVER KNEW THE SCHOOL HAD AN e-FOOTBALL TEAM.
WE'RE NEW.
ALONG WITH THE e-BASKETBALL TEAM, THE e-BASEBALL TEAM, THE CYBERGOLF TEAM...
IT'S THE 21ST CENTURY. LET'S FACE IT—A PURELY ANALOG SPORTS DEPARTMENT IS A RELIC OF THE PAST.
OUR TRAINING FACILITY IS JUST UP AHEAD.
NICE MARBLE PILLARS.
THE VENTURE CAPITAL CLUB WAS VERY GOOD TO US.
INITIATING RETINAL SCAN...


OK, FOX, TIME TO SEE IF YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO PLAY e-FOOTBALL WITH US BIG BOYS.
A BUTTON! B BUTTON! A BUTTON! B BUTTON! UP STICK! DOWN STICK! UP STICK! DOWN STICK! OK, ENOUGH WITH THE WARM-UP...
A! A! B! B! A! A! A! B! B!
B! A! B! B! A! B! A! B! A!
A! B! A! B! B! B! A! A! B!
A! A! B! B! A! B! B! A! B!
B! B! A! A! A! A! B! B! A!
A! B! A! B! A! A! B! B! A!
A! B! B! A! B! A! A! B! B!
A! A! B! A! B! B! B! A! A!
B! B! A! A! B! A! B! B! A!
9-16
WHAT DO YOU THINK? THUMBS UP OR THUMBS DOWN?
HARD TO SAY.
NO KIDDING.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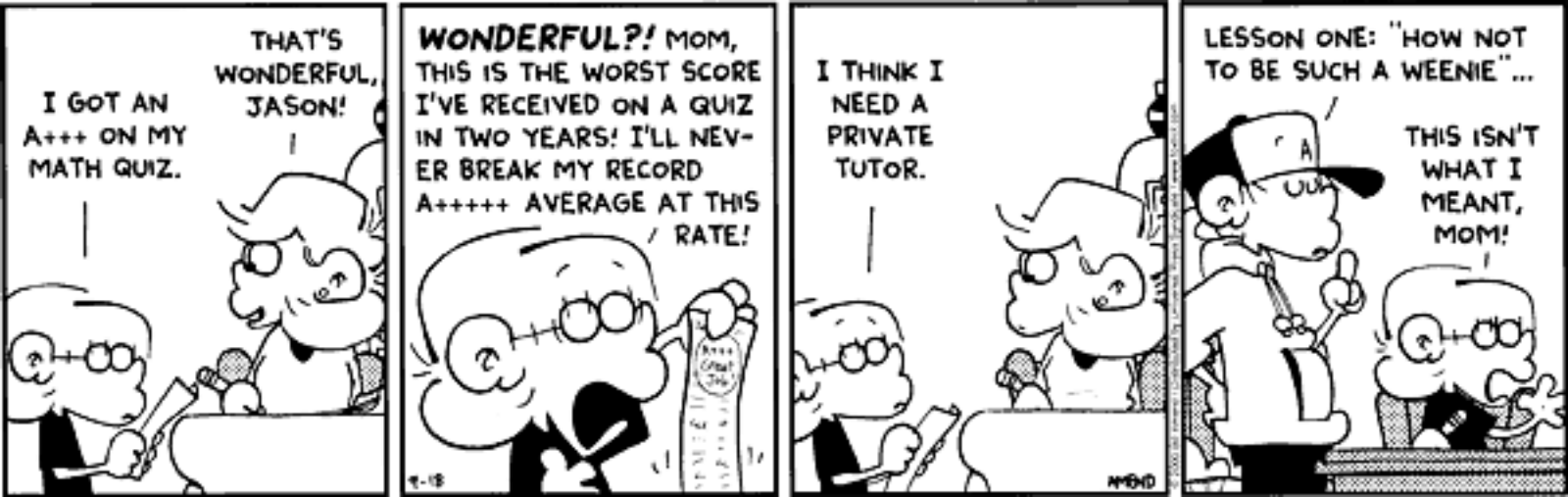
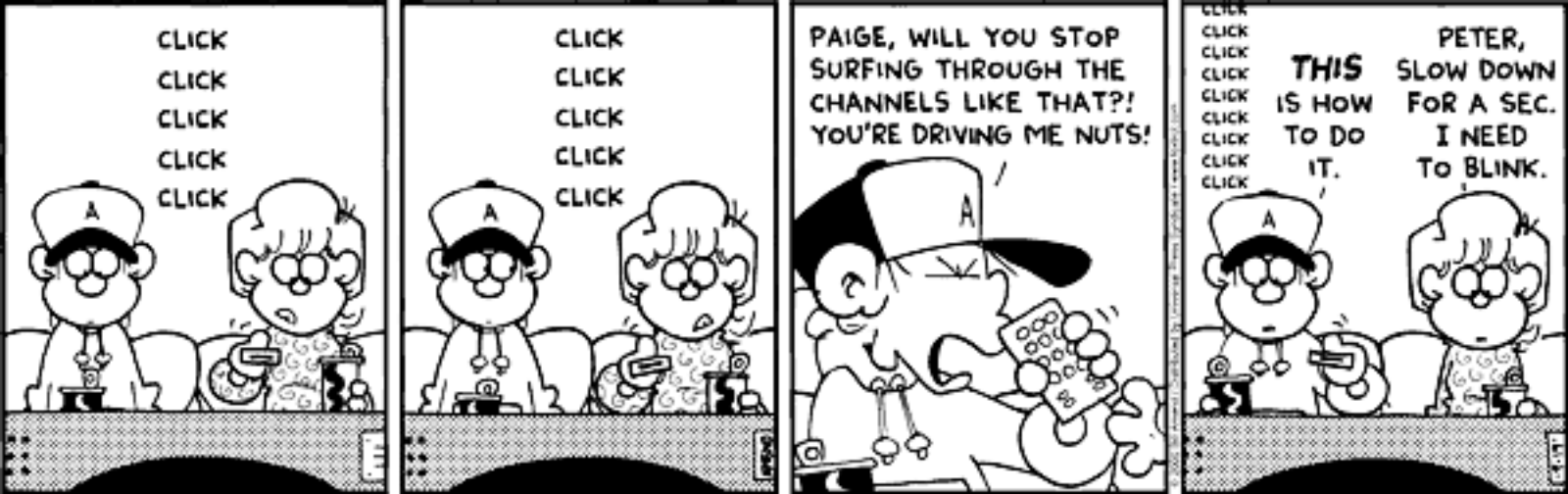
IS SOMEONE ON THE LINE?
HELLO? HELLO?
HON, THE PHONE'S ACTING SCREWY AGAIN.
I THOUGHT THESE NAPSTER DOWNLOADS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE NEAR CD QUALITY.
THAT ONE BACKSTREET BOY SOUNDS LIKE YOUR DAD.


I GOT AN A+++ ON MY MATH QUIZ.
THAT'S WONDERFUL, JASON!
WONDERFUL?! MOM, THIS IS THE WORST SCORE I'VE RECEIVED ON A QUIZ IN TWO YEARS! I'LL NEVER BREAK MY RECORD A+++++ AVERAGE AT THIS RATE!
I THINK I NEED A PRIVATE TUTOR.
LESSON ONE: "HOW NOT TO BE SUCH A WEENIE"...
THIS ISN'T WHAT I MEANT, MOM!


CLICK
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PAIGE, WILL YOU STOP SURFING THROUGH THE CHANNELS LIKE THAT?! YOU'RE DRIVING ME NUTS!
CLICK
CLICK
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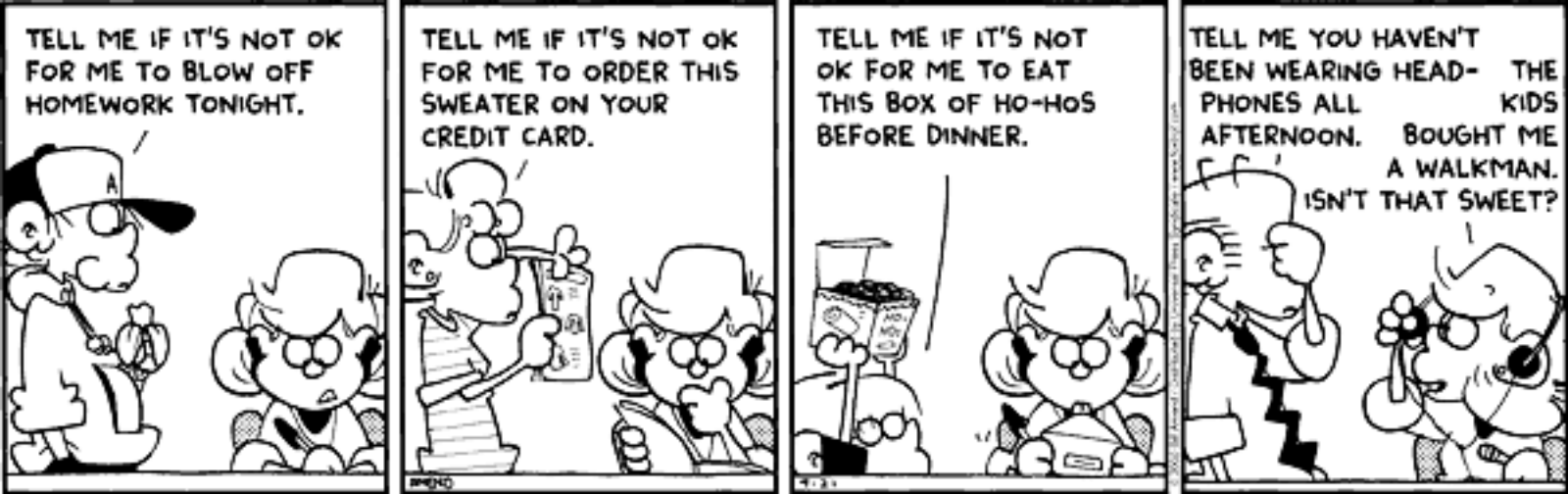
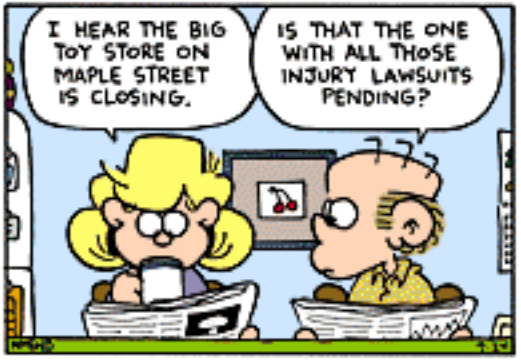
CLICK
THIS IS HOW TO DO IT.
PETER, SLOW DOWN FOR A SEC. I NEED TO BLINK.

WELCOME, PAIGE.
CHECK YOUR E-MAIL! CHECK YOUR E-MAIL!
YOU HAVE 23,291 NEW MESSAGES FROM JASON.
HEE HEE.
DELETING ALL.
WHAT?! YOU AREN'T GOING TO READ ANY OF THEM?!
HAND-CRAFTED SPAM JUST ISN'T WORTH THE TROUBLE.
WAS THAT YOU I HEARD TYPING ALL NIGHT?


TELL ME IF IT'S NOT OK FOR ME TO BLOW OFF HOMEWORK TONIGHT.
TELL ME IF IT'S NOT OK FOR ME TO ORDER THIS SWEATER ON YOUR CREDIT CARD.
TELL ME IF IT'S NOT OK FOR ME TO EAT THIS BOX OF HO-HOS BEFORE DINNER.
TELL ME YOU HAVEN'T BEEN WEARING HEAD-PHONES ALL AFTERNOON.
THE KIDS BOUGHT ME A WALKMAN. ISN'T THAT SWEET?

MOM, IS IT OK IF I BORROW THIS BOOK?
"GREAT EXPECTATIONS"? ABSOLUTELY.
IT'S ONE OF MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE NOVELS, PAIGE. YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE IT, I PROMISE!
WHAM!
METHINKS I NEED LOWERED EXPECTATIONS.
THANKS. I DIDN'T WANT TO SMASH THAT SPIDER WITH MY NEW COSMO.

MOM, YOU HAVE GOT TO GET ME ONE OF THESE NEW SCOOTERS!
I'D PUT A LITTLE BELL ON IT AND RIDE UP AND DOWN OUR DRIVEWAY!
9-13 AMEND
PLEASE? PLEASE? PLEASE? PLEASE? PLEASE? PLEASE? PLEASE?
PAIGE, I JUST FINISHED TELLING JASON NO!
WHY DO YOU THINK I WANT ONE?



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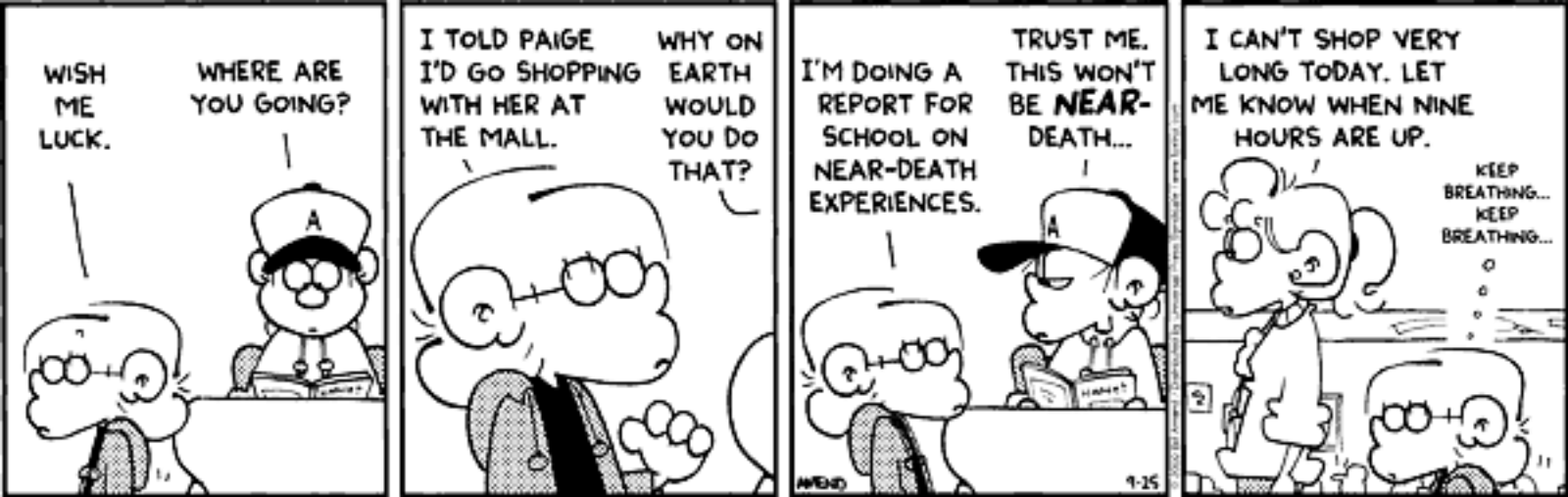
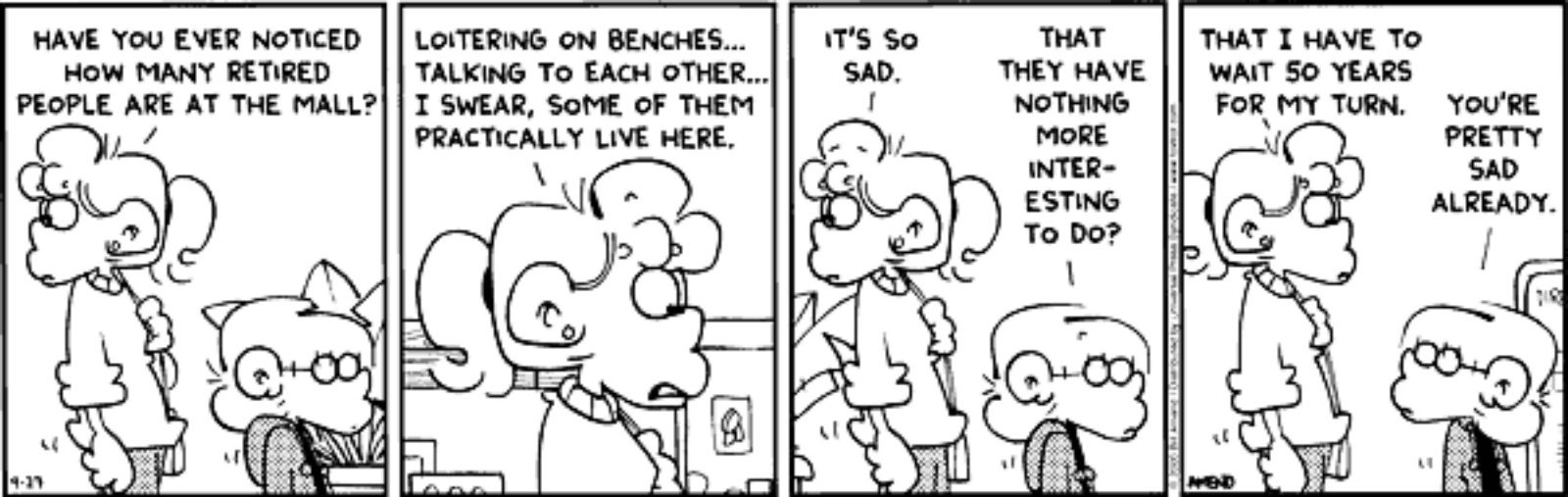
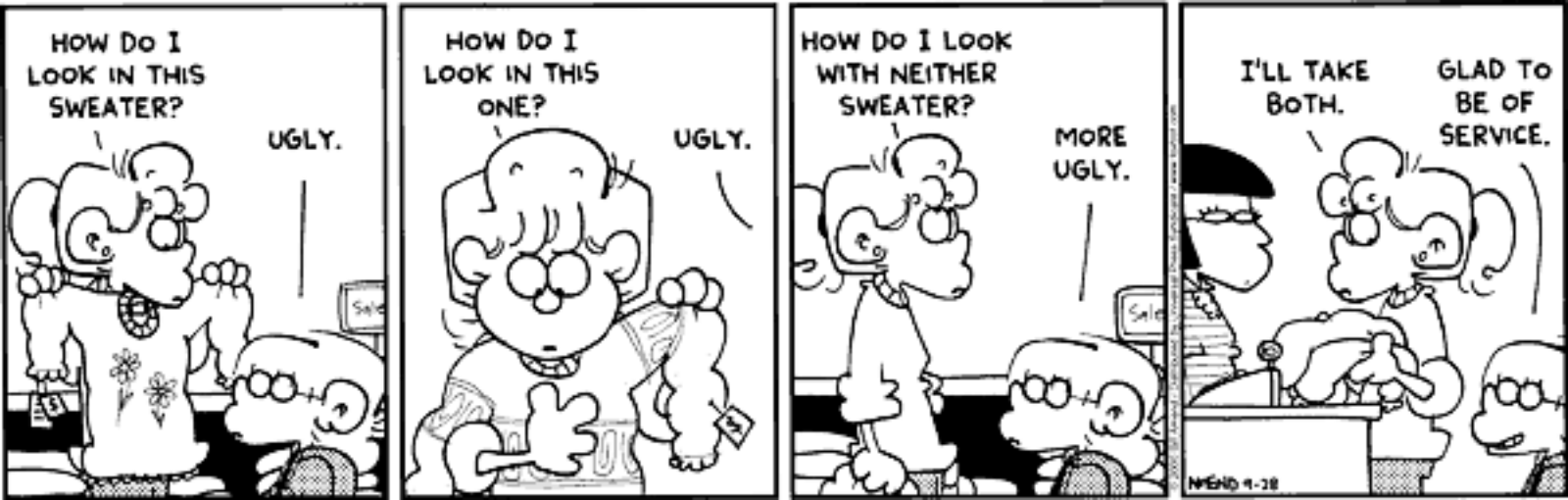

WISH ME LUCK.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I TOLD PAIGE I'D GO SHOPPING WITH HER AT THE MALL.
WHY ON EARTH WOULD YOU DO THAT?
I'M DOING A REPORT FOR SCHOOL ON NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES.
TRUST ME. THIS WON'T BE NEAR-DEATH...
9-25
I CAN'T SHOP VERY LONG TODAY. LET ME KNOW WHEN NINE HOURS ARE UP.
KEEP BREATHING... KEEP BREATHING...

WE'RE ABOUT TO GO INTO MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE STORE IN THE MALL.
NICOLE AND I ONCE SPENT AN ENTIRE SATURDAY JUST IN HERE!
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SO MANY CUTE THINGS?! IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO KEEP FROM DROOLING!
I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE SO SMITTEN WITH PROPANE LAMPS.
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE STOCKBOYS. YOOHOO!...


HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED HOW MANY RETIRED PEOPLE ARE AT THE MALL?
LOITERING ON BENCHES... TALKING TO EACH OTHER... I SWEAR, SOME OF THEM PRACTICALLY LIVE HERE.
IT'S SO SAD.
THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING MORE INTER-ESTING TO DO?
THAT I HAVE TO WAIT 50 YEARS FOR MY TURN.
YOU'RE PRETTY SAD ALREADY.
9-29
MEND


HOW DO I LOOK IN THIS SWEATER?
UGLY.
HOW DO I LOOK IN THIS ONE?
UGLY.
HOW DO I LOOK WITH NEITHER SWEATER?
MORE UGLY.
I'LL TAKE BOTH.
GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE.

FIVE SCOOPS OF GUMMY WORMS... FOUR DOZEN SWEDISH FISH...TWO POUNDS OF PEANUT CLUSTERS...
MR. CHUNKY
AND IT'S ALL FOR YOU, LITTLE BROTHER.
MR. CHUNKY
...TEN PERCENT OF MY CANDY FOR YOU TO NOT TELL MOM.
MR. CHUNK
HEY! YOU STIFFED ME HALF A FISH!

SO HOW WAS YOUR TRIP TO THE MALL WITH PAIGE?
NOT AS BAD AS I'D HOPED.
MY REPORT ON NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES IS GOING TO REQUIRE MORE RESEARCH. THAT'S WHY I'M TAPING THE WEATHER CHANNEL RIGHT NOW.
AMEND
IS THERE SOME SORT OF KILLER STORM GOING ON?
NO, NO — I'M RE-CORDING IT OVER YOUR SPRINGSTEEN CONCERT TAPE.
CAN WE STOP A SEC SO I CAN TAKE NOTES?

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ROGER, THE KIDS BOUGHT YOU THAT MUG AS A JOKE.
I THINK YOU JUST CAN'T STAND TO SEE ME SO HAPPY.
I ♥ COFFEE
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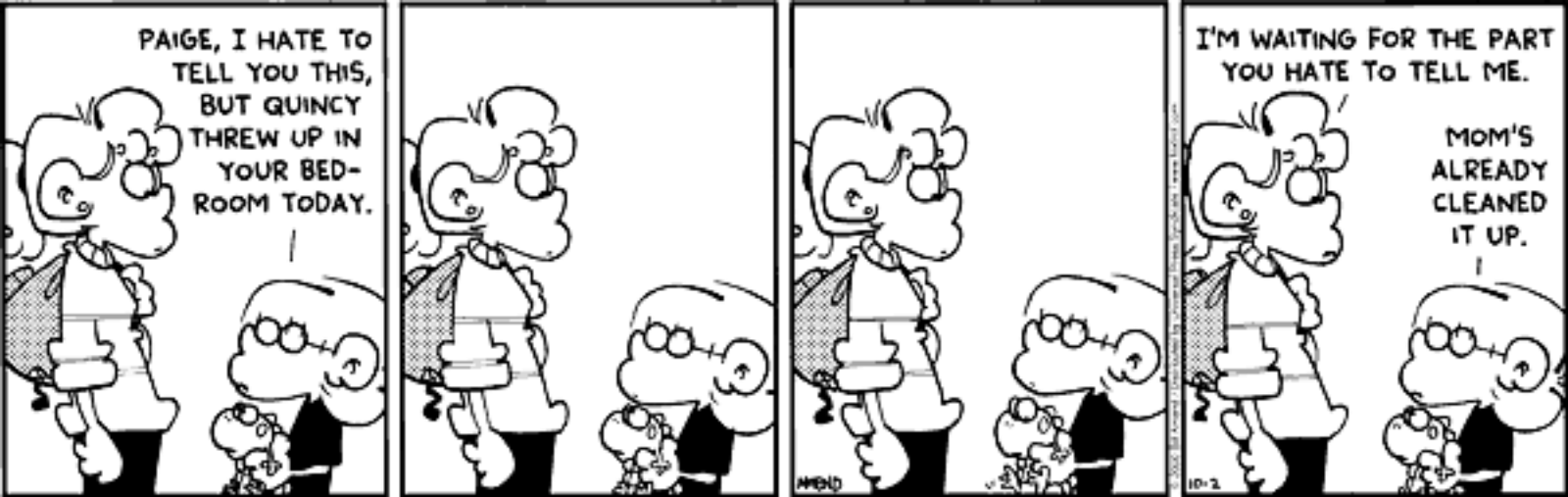
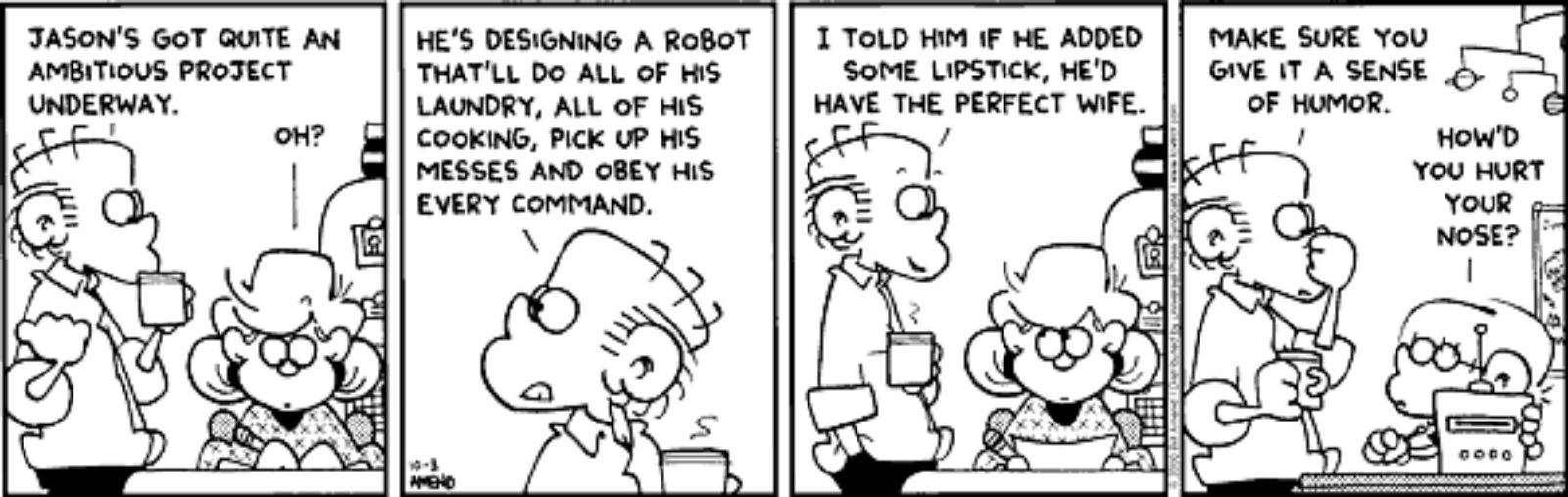
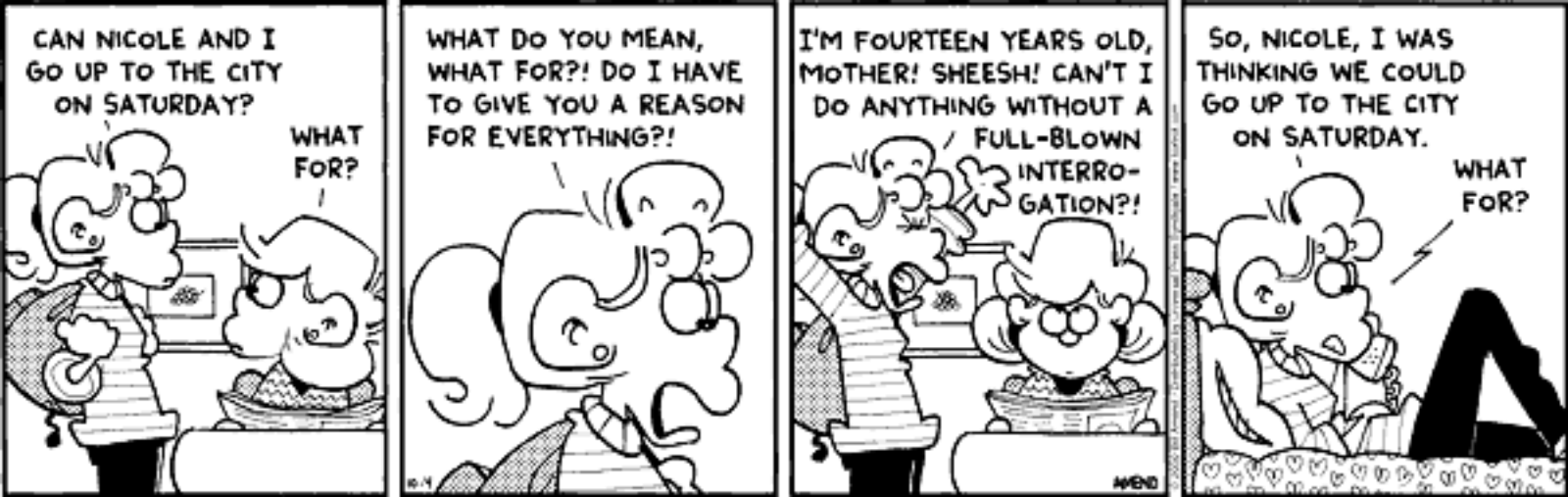
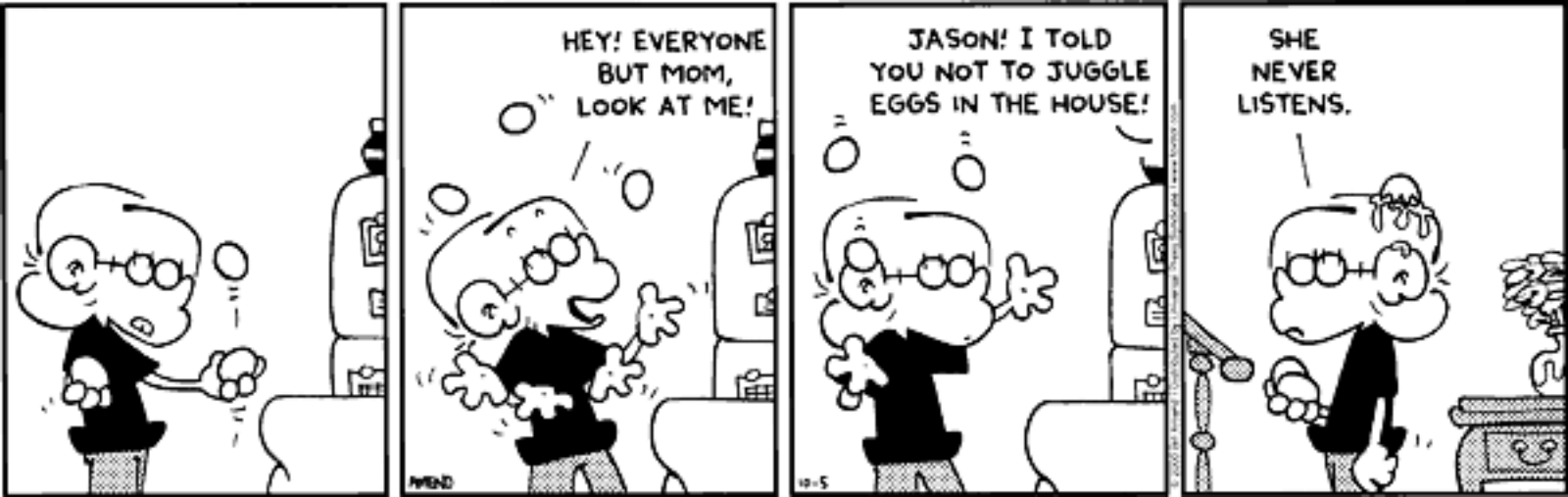
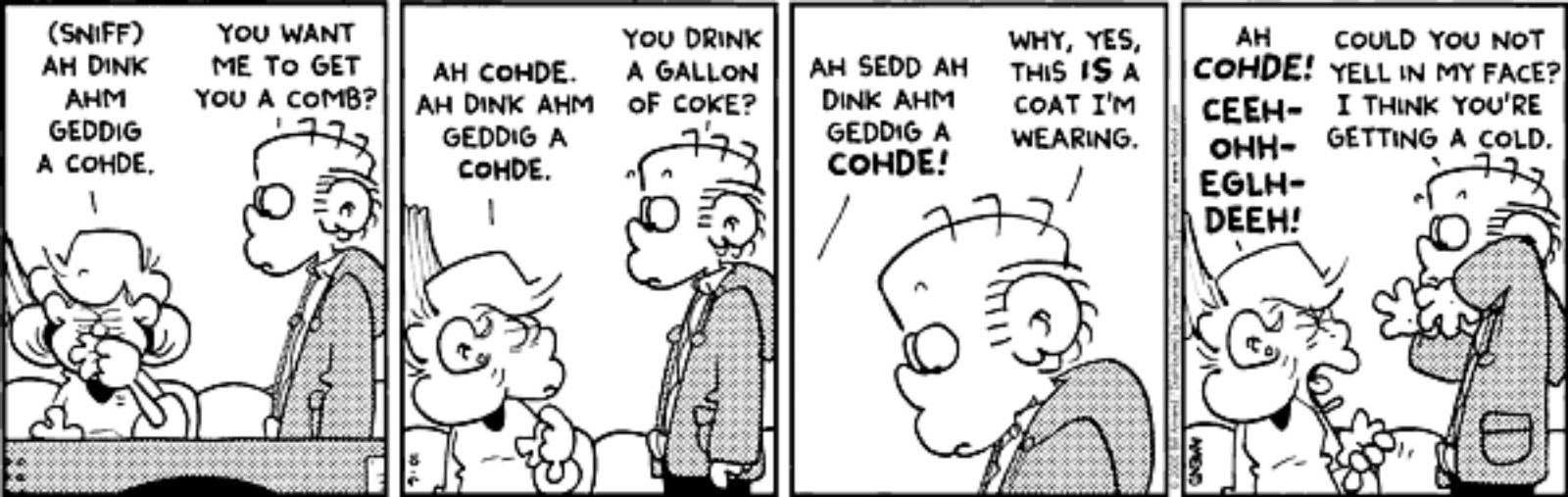
AMEND

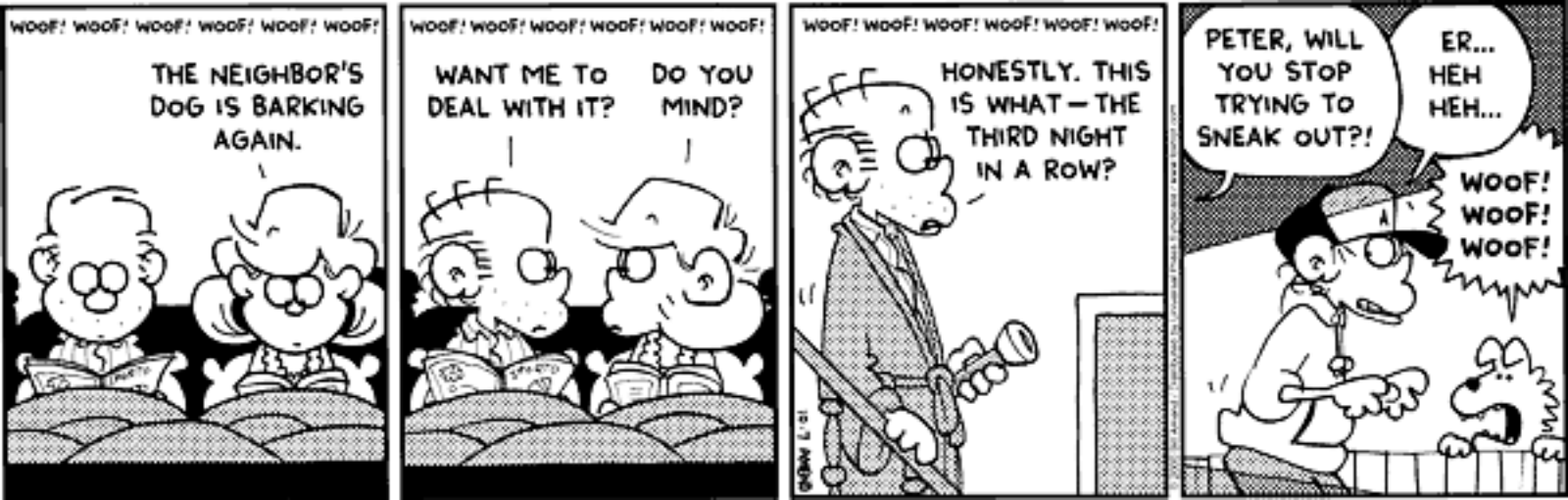

PAIGE, I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT QUINCY THREW UP IN YOUR BEDROOM TODAY.
I'M WAITING FOR THE PART YOU HATE TO TELL ME.
MOM'S ALREADY CLEANED IT UP.

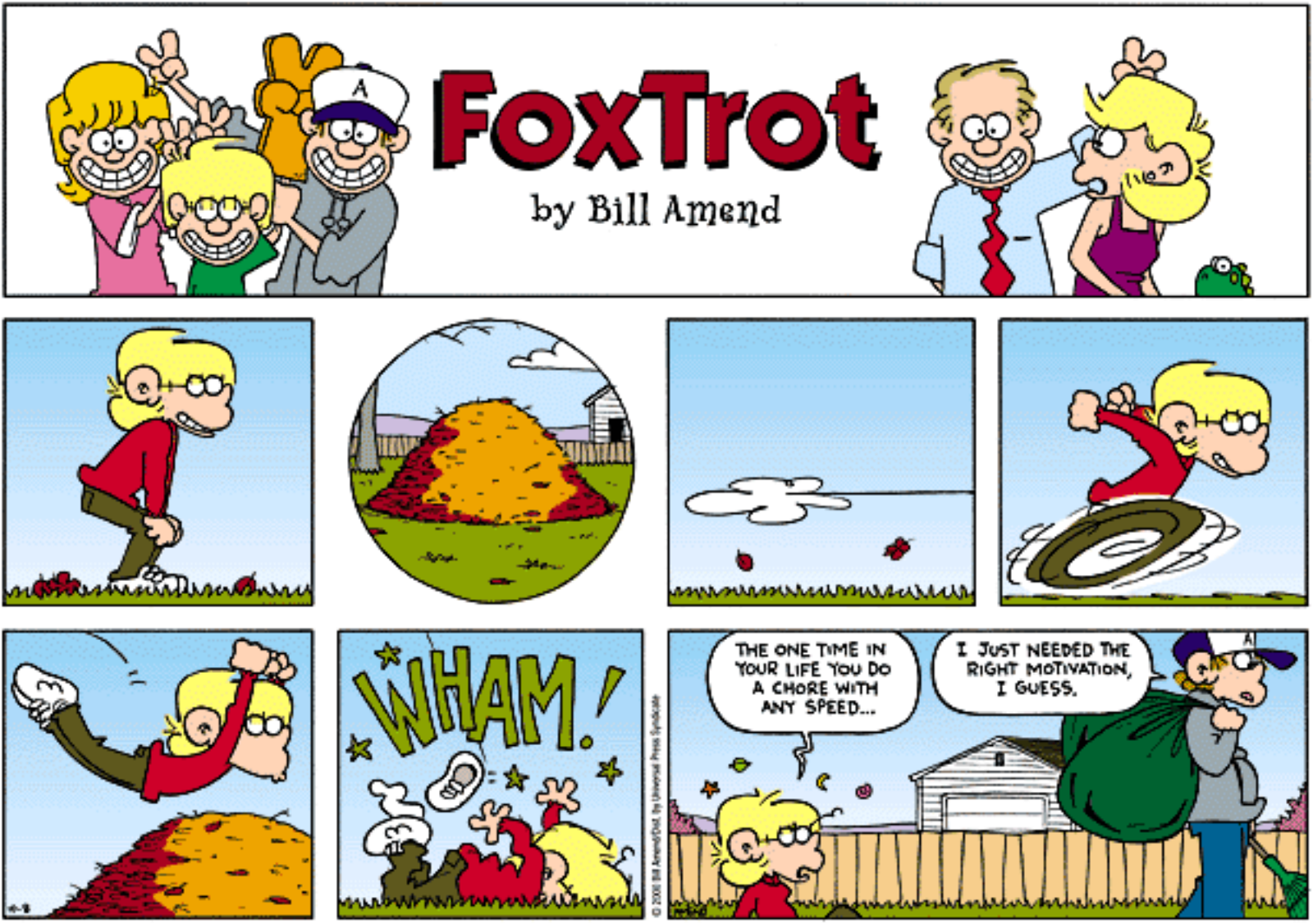

JASON'S GOT QUITE AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT UNDERWAY.
OH?
HE'S DESIGNING A ROBOT THAT'LL DO ALL OF HIS LAUNDRY, ALL OF HIS COOKING, PICK UP HIS MESSES AND OBEY HIS EVERY COMMAND.
I TOLD HIM IF HE ADDED SOME LIPSTICK, HE'D HAVE THE PERFECT WIFE.
MAKE SURE YOU GIVE IT A SENSE OF HUMOR.
HOW'D YOU HURT YOUR NOSE?


CAN NICOLE AND I GO UP TO THE CITY ON SATURDAY?
WHAT FOR?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHAT FOR?! DO I HAVE TO GIVE YOU A REASON FOR EVERYTHING?!
I'M FOURTEEN YEARS OLD, MOTHER! SHEESH! CAN'T I DO ANYTHING WITHOUT A FULL-BLOWN INTERRO-GATION?!
SO, NICOLE, I WAS THINKING WE COULD GO UP TO THE CITY ON SATURDAY.
WHAT FOR?


HEY! EVERYONE BUT MOM, LOOK AT ME!
JASON! I TOLD YOU NOT TO JUGGLE EGGS IN THE HOUSE!
SHE NEVER LISTENS.


(SNIFF) AH DINK AHM GEDDIG A COHDE.
YOU WANT ME TO GET YOU A COMB?
AH COHDE. AH DINK AHM GEDDIG A COHDE.
YOU DRINK A GALLON OF COKE?
AH SEDD AH DINK AHM GEDDIG A COHDE!
WHY, YES, THIS IS A COAT I'M WEARING.
AH COHDE! CEEH-OHH-EGLH-DEEH!
COULD YOU NOT YELL IN MY FACE? I THINK YOU'RE GETTING A COLD.


WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
THE NEIGHBOR'S DOG IS BARKING AGAIN.
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
WANT ME TO DEAL WITH IT?
DO YOU MIND?
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
HONESTLY. THIS IS WHAT — THE THIRD NIGHT IN A ROW?
PETER, WILL YOU STOP TRYING TO SNEAK OUT?!
ER... HEH HEH...
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!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WHAM!
THE ONE TIME IN YOUR LIFE YOU DO A CHORE WITH ANY SPEED...
I JUST NEEDED THE RIGHT MOTIVATION, I GUESS.
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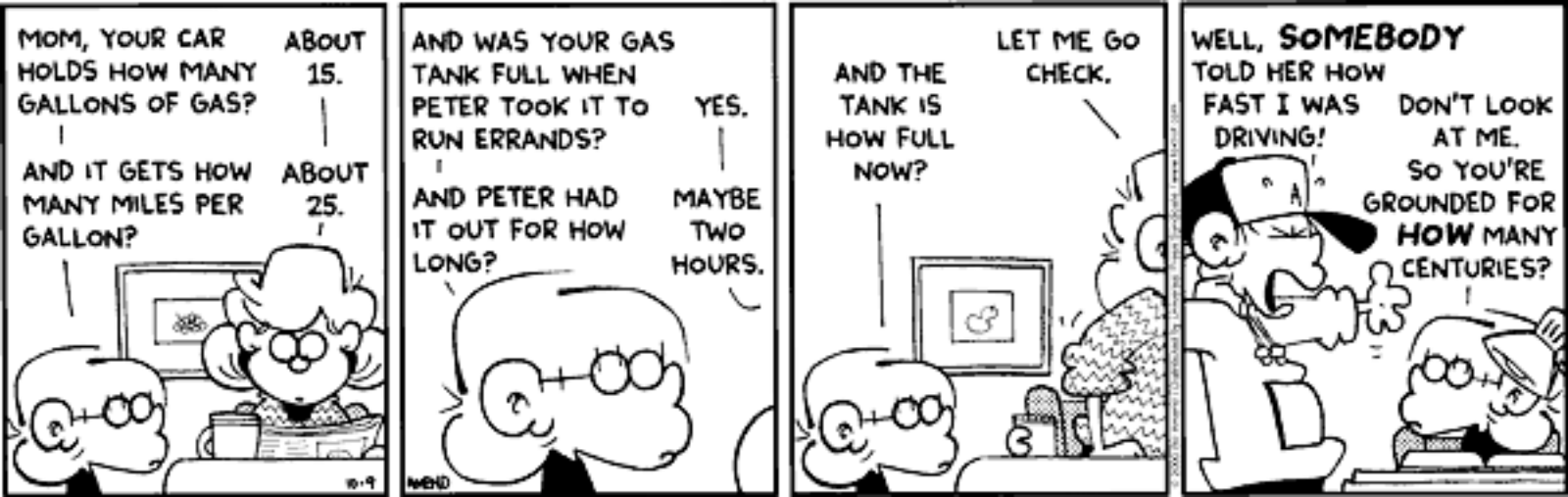
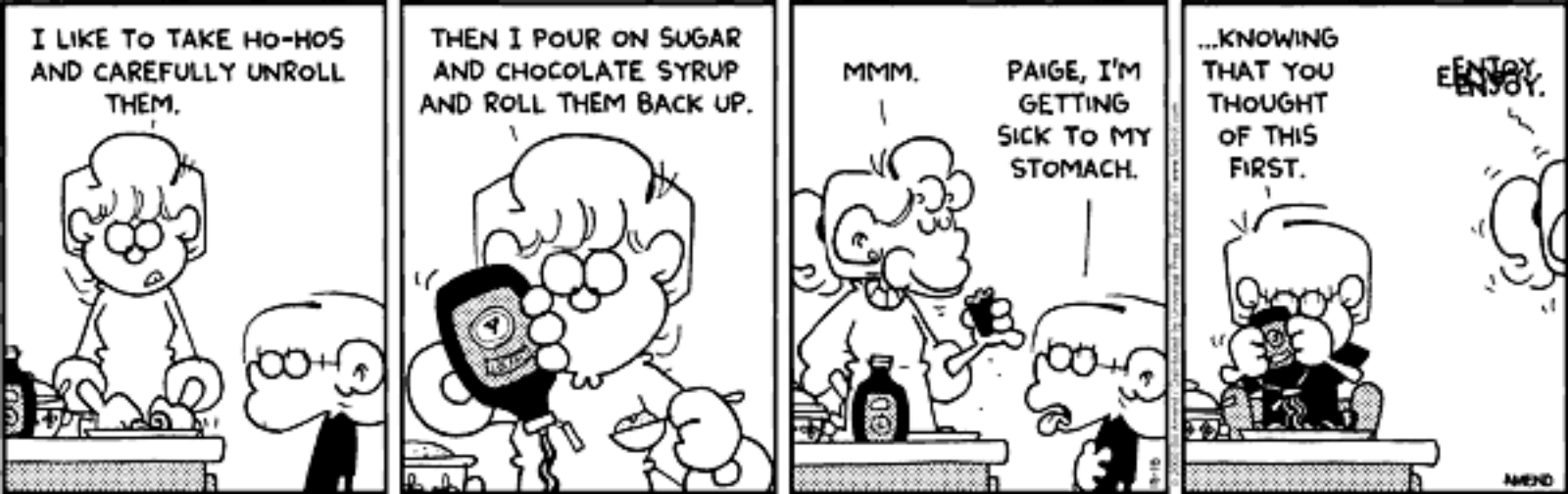
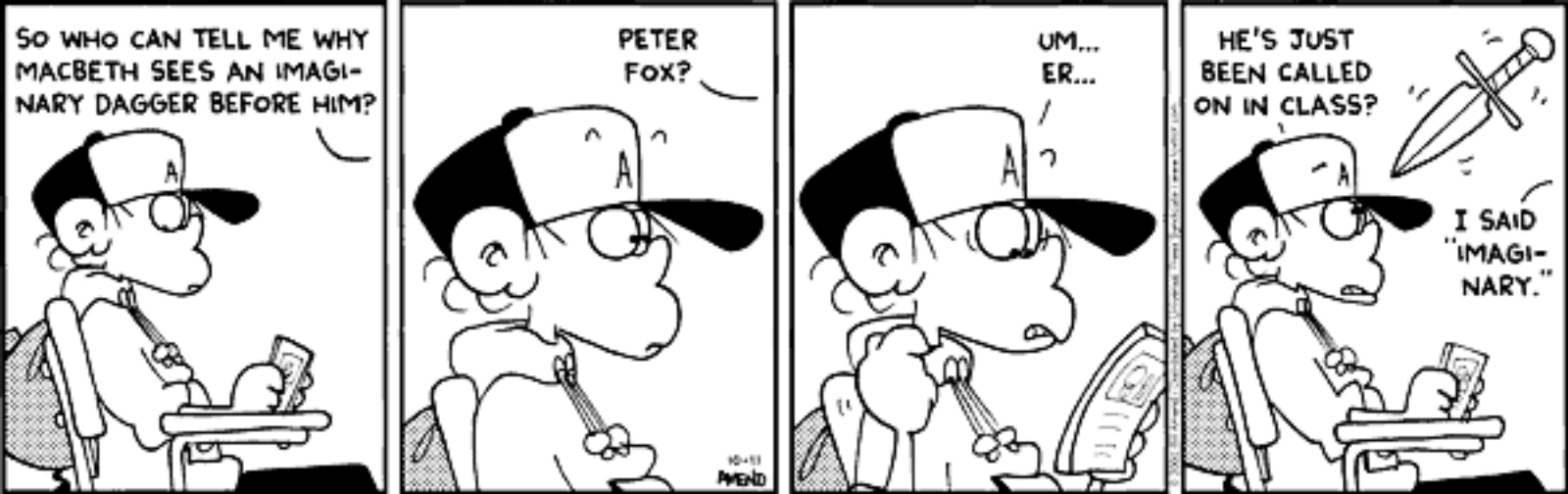
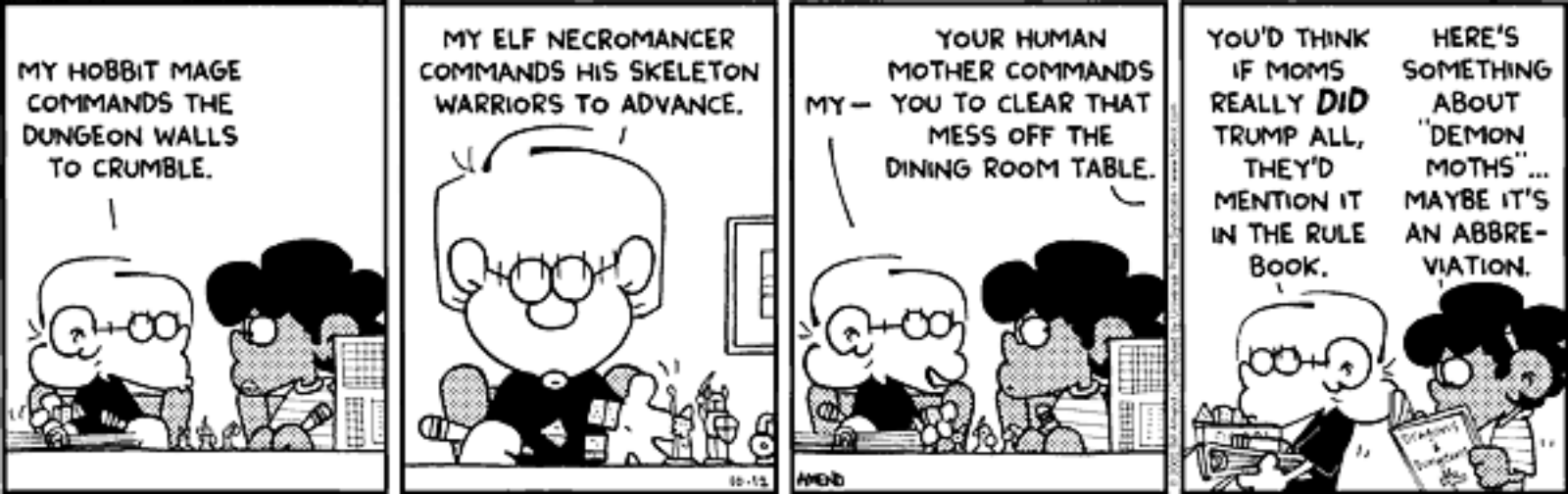
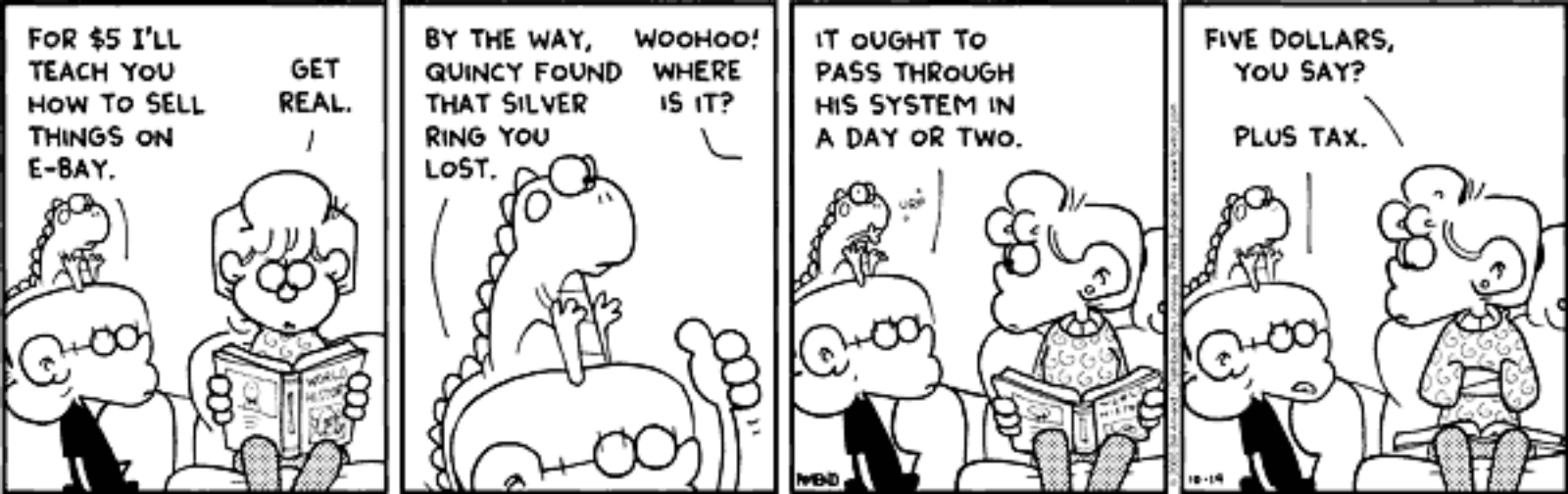

MOM, YOUR CAR HOLDS HOW MANY GALLONS OF GAS?
ABOUT 15.
AND IT GETS HOW MANY MILES PER GALLON?
ABOUT 25.
10-9
AND WAS YOUR GAS TANK FULL WHEN PETER TOOK IT TO RUN ERRANDS?
YES.
AND PETER HAD IT OUT FOR HOW LONG?
MAYBE TWO HOURS.
NEND
AND THE TANK IS HOW FULL NOW?
LET ME GO CHECK.
WELL, SOMEBODY TOLD HER HOW FAST I WAS DRIVING!
DON'T LOOK AT ME.
SO YOU'RE GROUNDED FOR HOW MANY CENTURIES?


I LIKE TO TAKE HO-HOS AND CAREFULLY UNROLL THEM.
THEN I POUR ON SUGAR AND CHOCOLATE SYRUP AND ROLL THEM BACK UP.
MMM.
PAIGE, I'M GETTING SICK TO MY STOMACH.
...KNOWING THAT YOU THOUGHT OF THIS FIRST.
ENJOY.
ENJOY.


SO WHO CAN TELL ME WHY MACBETH SEES AN IMAGINARY DAGGER BEFORE HIM?
PETER FOX?
UM... ER...
HE'S JUST BEEN CALLED ON IN CLASS?
I SAID "IMAGINARY."


MY HOBBIT MAGE COMMANDS THE DUNGEON WALLS TO CRUMBLE.
MY ELF NECROMANCER COMMANDS HIS SKELETON WARRIORS TO ADVANCE.
MY— YOUR HUMAN MOTHER COMMANDS YOU TO CLEAR THAT MESS OFF THE DINING ROOM TABLE.
YOU'D THINK IF MOMS REALLY DID TRUMP ALL, THEY'D MENTION IT IN THE RULE BOOK.
HERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT "DEMON MOTHS"... MAYBE IT'S AN ABBREVIATION.

WHERE ARE YOU TWO OFF TO?
DENISE AND I THOUGHT WE'D GO FOR A WALK DOWN BY THE RESERVOIR.
THE LAST TIME YOU DID THIS, YOU WERE THREE HOURS LATE FOR DINNER.
RELAX. I'LL BRING MY CELL PHONE.
I WONDERED WHY YOU KEEP YOUR PHONE PERPETUALLY UNCHARGED.
THAT'S OUR LITTLE SECRET, BY THE WAY.


FOR $5 I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO SELL THINGS ON E-BAY.
GET REAL.
BY THE WAY, QUINCY FOUND THAT SILVER RING YOU LOST.
WOOHOO! WHERE IS IT?
IT OUGHT TO PASS THROUGH HIS SYSTEM IN A DAY OR TWO.
FIVE DOLLARS, YOU SAY?
PLUS TAX.

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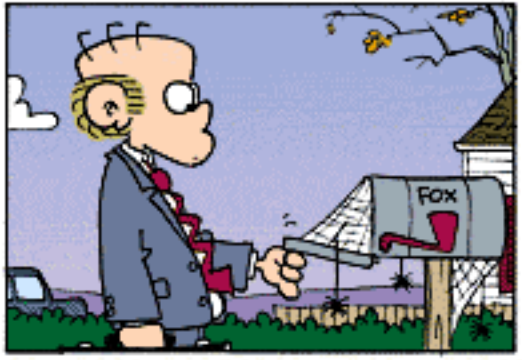
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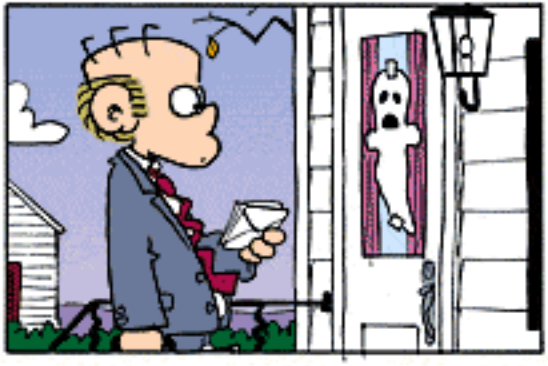
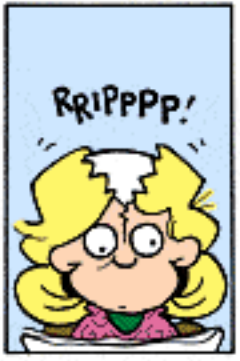
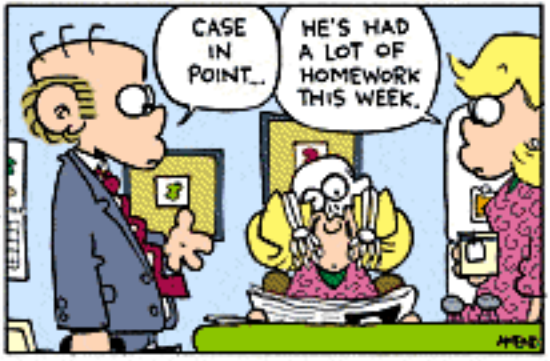
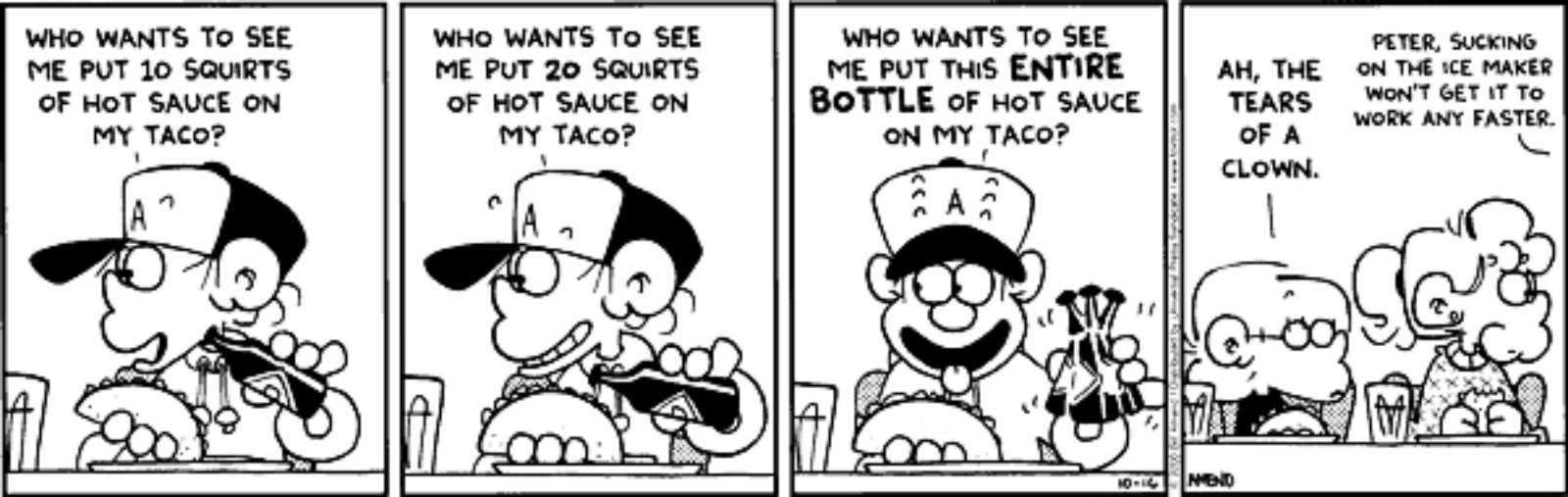


IT'S NICE TO SEE JASON'S SHOWING SOME RESTRAINT IN HIS HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS FOR A CHANGE.

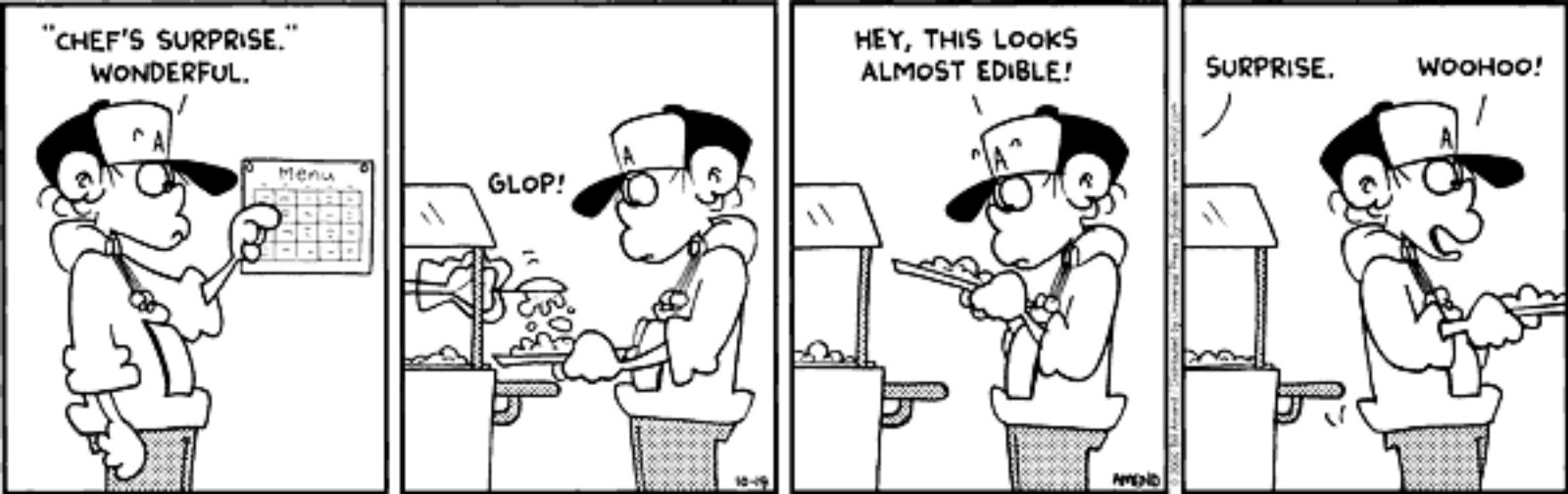

RRIPPPP!

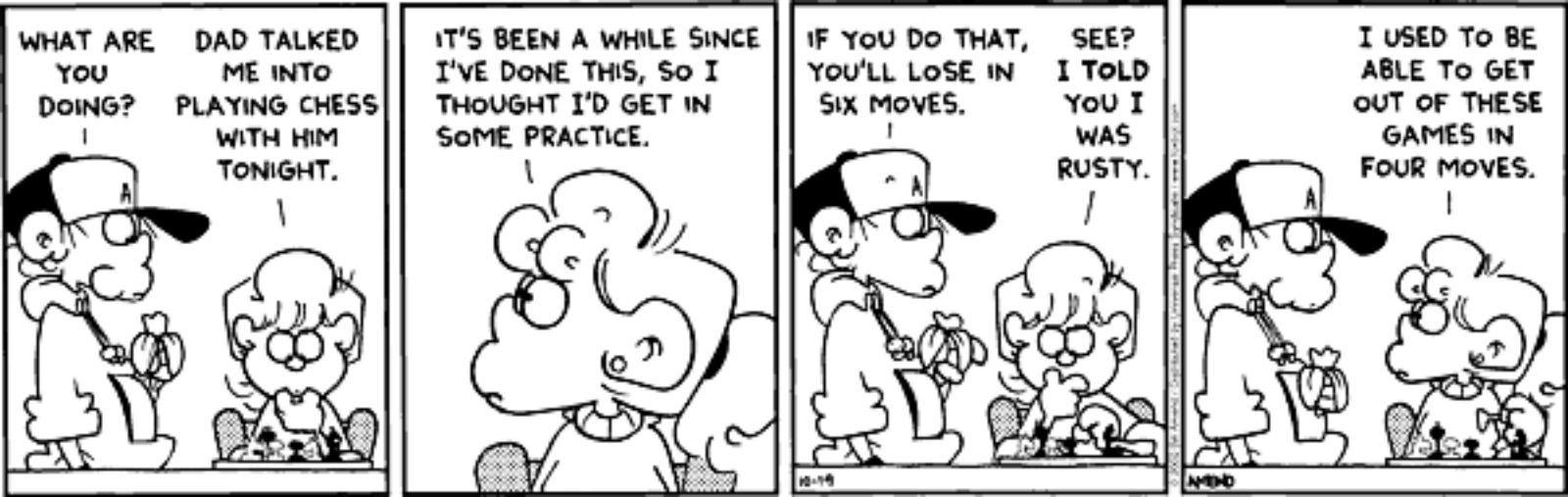
BOOGA BOOGA


CASE IN POINT...
HE'S HAD A LOT OF HOMEWORK THIS WEEK.


WHO WANTS TO SEE ME PUT 10 SQUIRTS OF HOT SAUCE ON MY TACO?
WHO WANTS TO SEE ME PUT 20 SQUIRTS OF HOT SAUCE ON MY TACO?
WHO WANTS TO SEE ME PUT THIS ENTIRE BOTTLE OF HOT SAUCE ON MY TACO?
AH, THE TEARS OF A CLOWN.
PETER, SUCKING ON THE ICE MAKER WON'T GET IT TO WORK ANY FASTER.

CHECK OUT THESE PANTS I BOUGHT!
AREN'T THEY HIP?! AREN'T THEY COOL?! AREN'T THEY TOTALLY STYLIN'?!
HEY, I'VE GOT AN OLD PAIR JUST LIKE THESE! I SHOULD DIG THEM UP SO WE CAN GO AROUND LIKE TWINS!
WELCOME TO THE DARK SIDE OF RETRO.
WANT SOME PANTS?


"CHEF'S SURPRISE."
WONDERFUL.
MENU
GLOP!
HEY, THIS LOOKS ALMOST EDIBLE!
SURPRISE.
WOOHOO!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DAD TALKED ME INTO PLAYING CHESS WITH HIM TONIGHT.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE DONE THIS, SO I THOUGHT I'D GET IN SOME PRACTICE.
IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'LL LOSE IN SIX MOVES.
SEE? I TOLD YOU I WAS RUSTY.
I USED TO BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THESE GAMES IN FOUR MOVES.

I WAS THINKING MAYBE WE COULD ORDER PIZZA FOR DINNER.
PIZZA?
ROGER, I'VE GOT THAT HUGE POT OF LEFTOVER TOFU AND EGGPLANT STEW IN THE FRIDGE.
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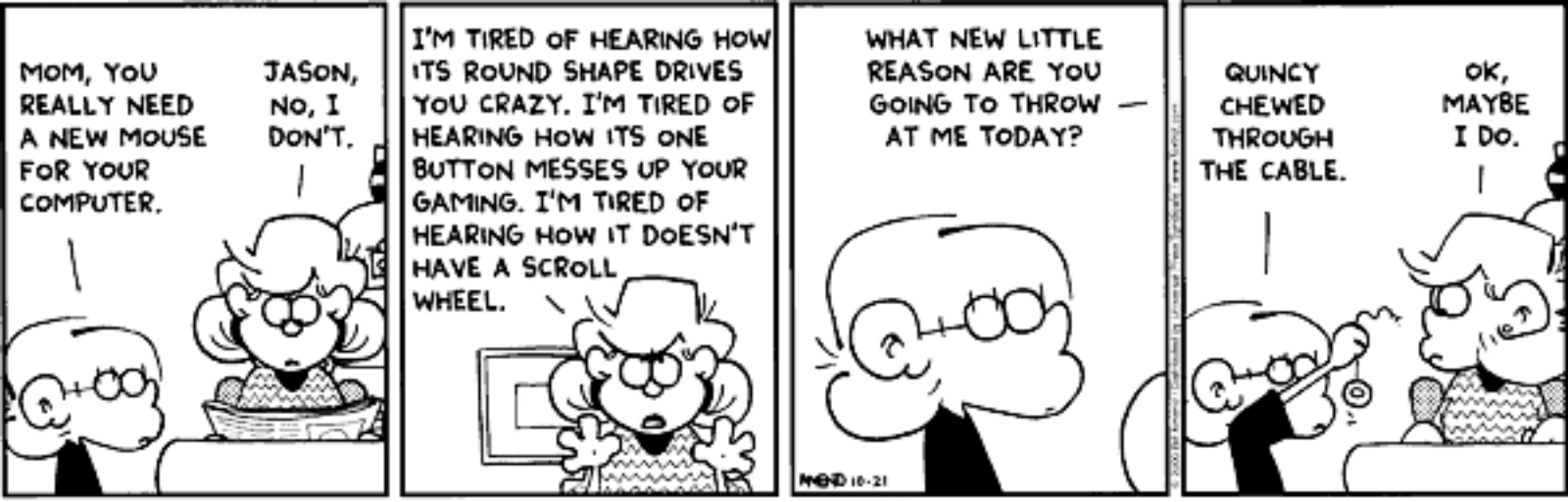
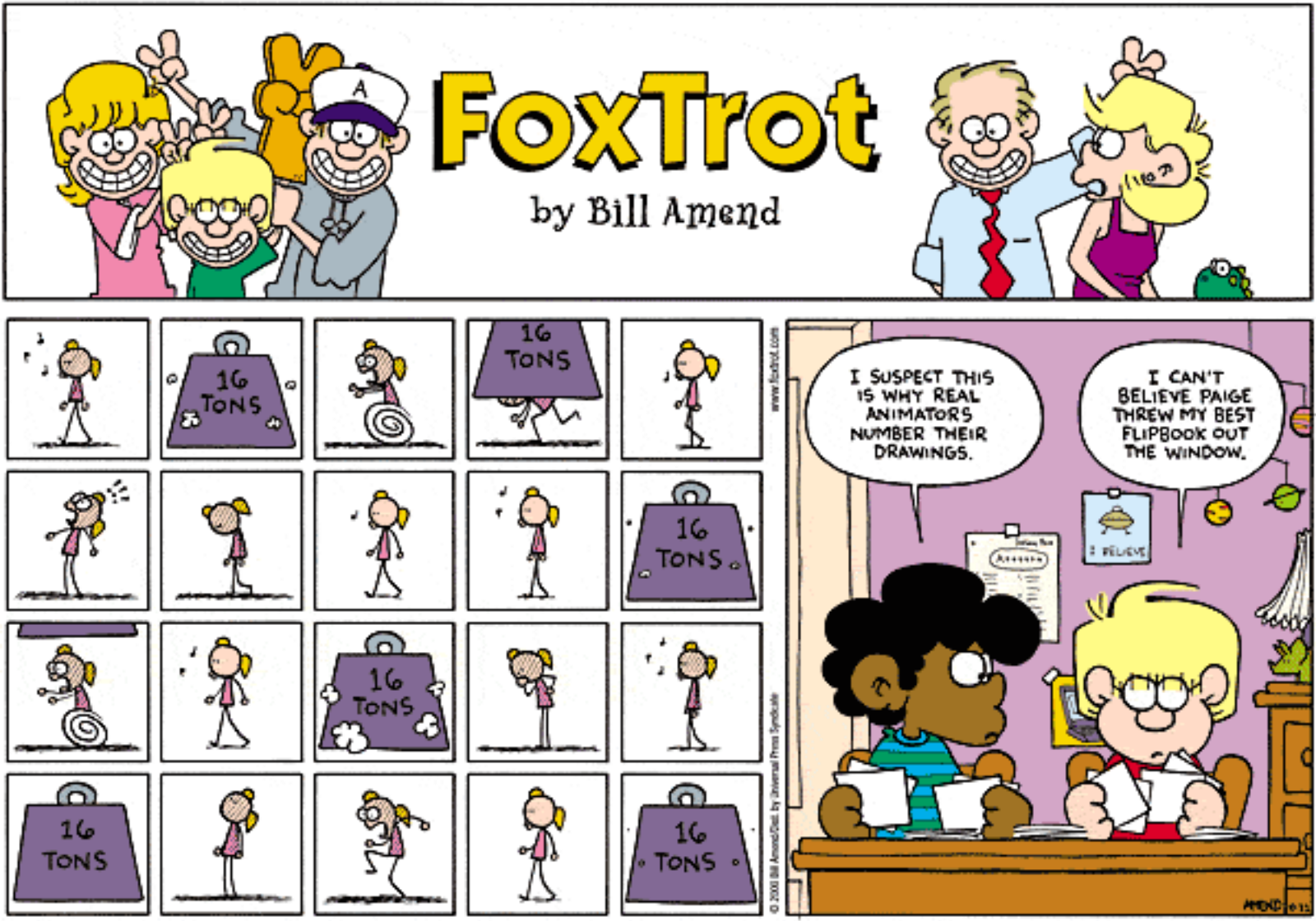
IF WE DON'T EAT IT SOON, I'LL HAVE TO THROW IT OUT.
HELLO, DOMINICS?...
DID YOU EVEN HEAR A WORD I SAID?!


MOM, YOU REALLY NEED A NEW MOUSE FOR YOUR COMPUTER.
JASON, NO, I DON'T.
I'M TIRED OF HEARING HOW ITS ROUND SHAPE DRIVES YOU CRAZY. I'M TIRED OF HEARING HOW ITS ONE BUTTON MESSES UP YOUR GAMING. I'M TIRED OF HEARING HOW IT DOESN'T HAVE A SCROLL WHEEL.
WHAT NEW LITTLE REASON ARE YOU GOING TO THROW AT ME TODAY?
QUINCY CHEWED THROUGH THE CABLE.
OK, MAYBE I DO.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16 TONS
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I SUSPECT THIS IS WHY REAL ANIMATORS NUMBER THEIR DRAWINGS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE PAIGE THREW MY BEST FLIPBOOK OUT THE WINDOW.
I BELIEVE
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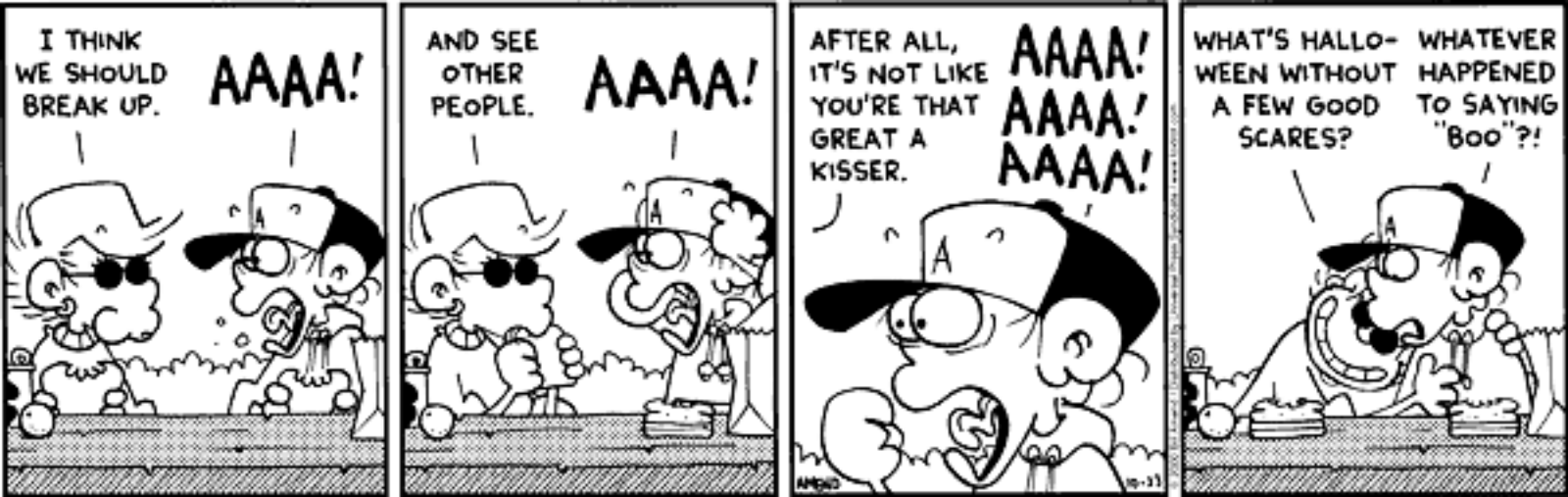
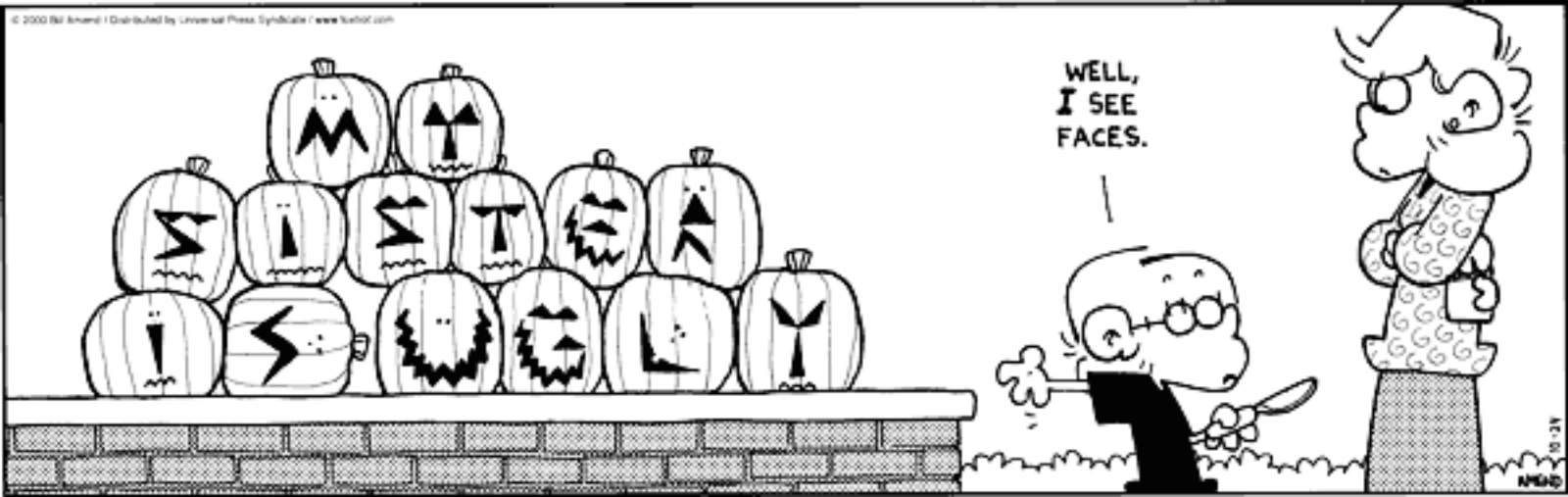
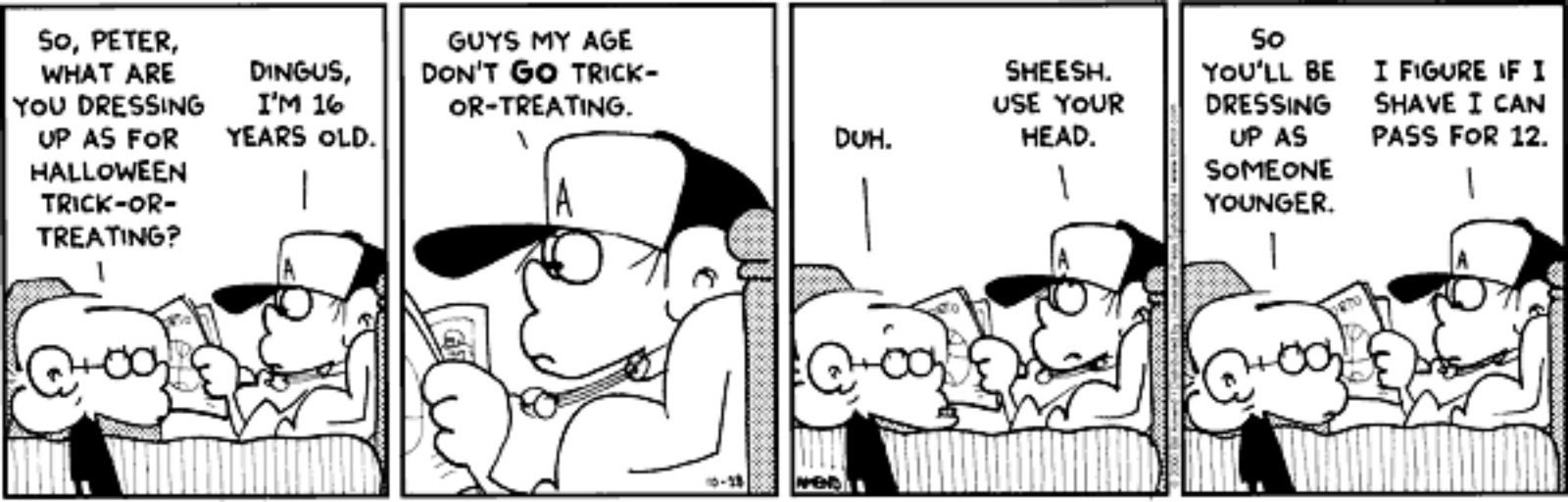

I THINK WE SHOULD BREAK UP.
AAAA!
AND SEE OTHER PEOPLE.
AAAA!
AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE THAT GREAT A KISSER.
AAAA! AAAA! AAAA!
WHAT'S HALLOWEEN WITHOUT A FEW GOOD SCARES?
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SAYING "BOO"?!


MISTAKE
IS LIKELY
WELL, I SEE FACES.

MMM. A NICE BIG GLASS OF HUMAN BLOOD TO START MY DAY!
HA HA. THAT'S JUST TOMATO JUICE.
IT'LL TAKE A LOT MORE THAN THAT TO GROSS ME OUT, LITTLE BROTHER.
NMEND
THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THE CAN WAS YESTERDAY.
EW! BLECCH! DISGUSTING! GET IT AWAY FROM ME!

Boooooooooooooo...
Boooooooooooooo...
I THINK IT'S SO CUTE THE WAY YOUR SISTER IS PRACTICING HER GHOST SOUNDS FOR HALLOWEEN.
GHOST SOUNDS?
MOM, SHE'S WATCHING "JERRY SPRINGER."
BUT BABY, IT WAS DARK! YOUR GRANDMA LOOKED LIKE YOU!
Booooooooo...

I LIKE HOLIDAYS THAT ASK US TO REFLECT ON THINGS, DON'T YOU?
HAR HAR.
HERE LIES JASON
WHOSE IGUANA SNUCK INTO HIS SISTER'S ROOM ONE TIME TOO MANY
HERE LIES JASON
WHO CALLED HIS SISTER "FUNGUS LIPS" ONE TIME TOO MANY
HERE LIES JASON
WHO PUT SALT IN HIS SISTER'S MILK ONE TIME TOO MANY


SO, PETER, WHAT ARE YOU DRESSING UP AS FOR HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING?
DINGUS, I'M 16 YEARS OLD.
GUYS MY AGE DON'T GO TRICK-OR-TREATING.
DUH.
SHEESH. USE YOUR HEAD.
SO YOU'LL BE DRESSING UP AS SOMEONE YOUNGER.
I FIGURE IF I SHAVE I CAN PASS FOR 12.

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YES?
HI. I'M JASON FOX AND THIS IS MY ASSOCIATE MARCUS JONES. WE'RE CONDUCTING A PRE-HALLOWEEN TASTE TEST.
WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO OBTAIN SAMPLES OF ANY TREATS YOU'LL BE HANDING OUT THIS YEAR?
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A "TASTE TEST"?
YES. WE'D LIKE TO AVOID HOUSES THAT GIVE OUT BORING THINGS LIKE RAISINS AND APPLES.
AND HIT THE OTHER HOUSES OVER AND OVER AND OVER. IT'S MORE EFFICIENT THAT WAY.
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NOTHING BUT RAISINS AND APPLES SO FAR. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
WHY DO THEY ALL ASK US TO REPEAT OUR LAST NAMES?
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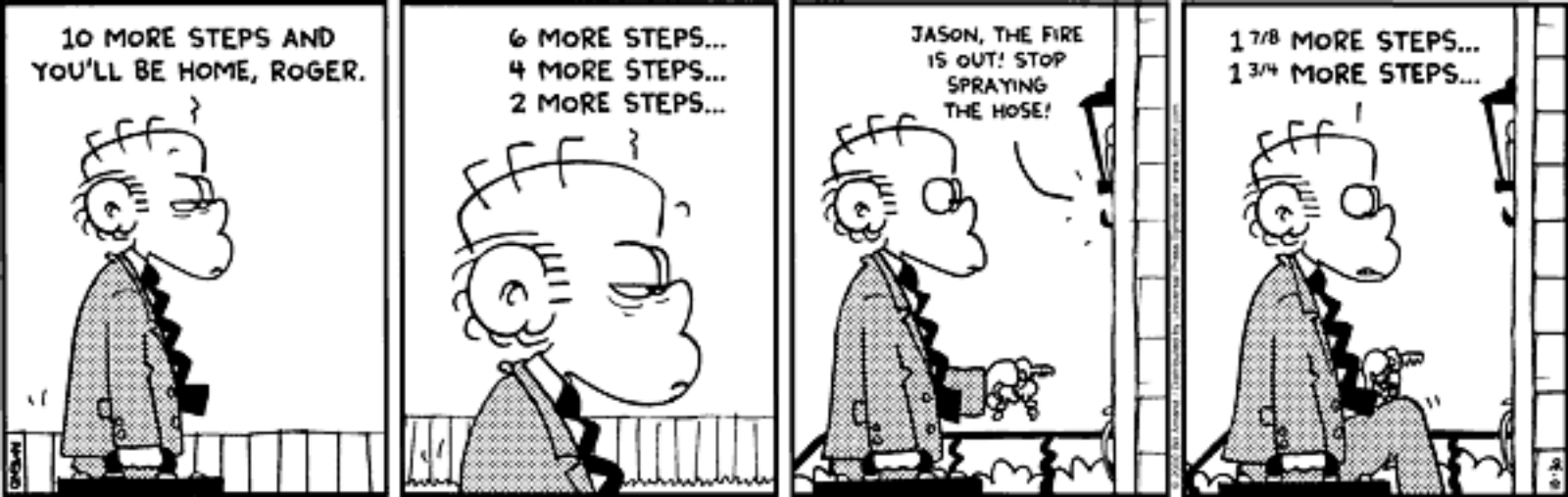
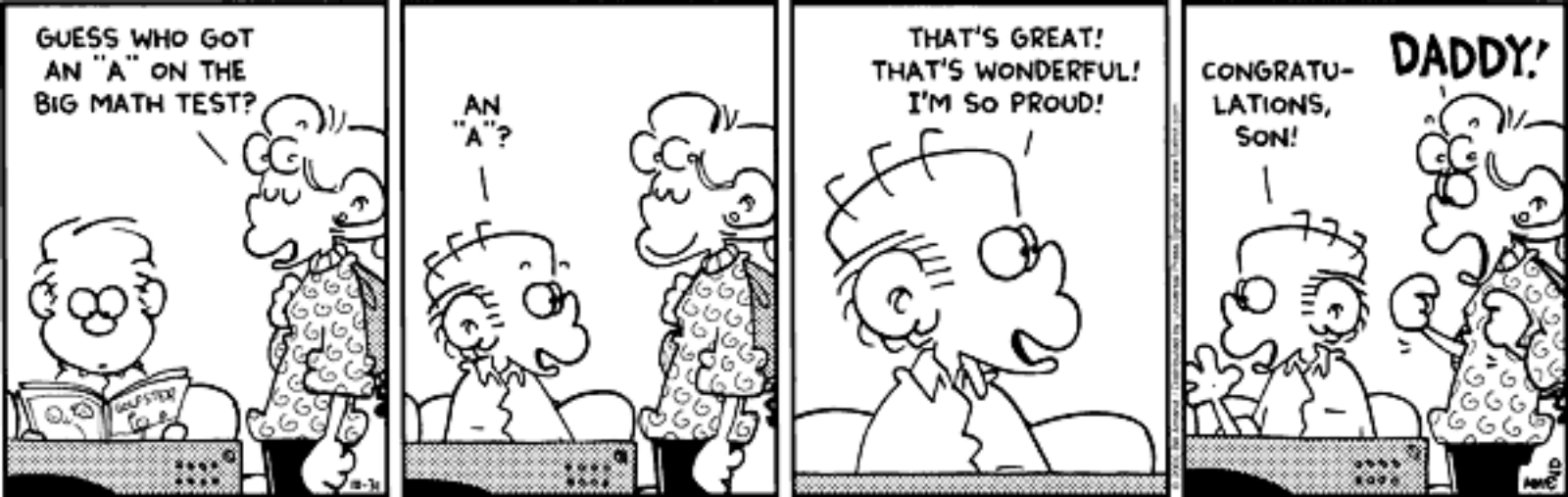
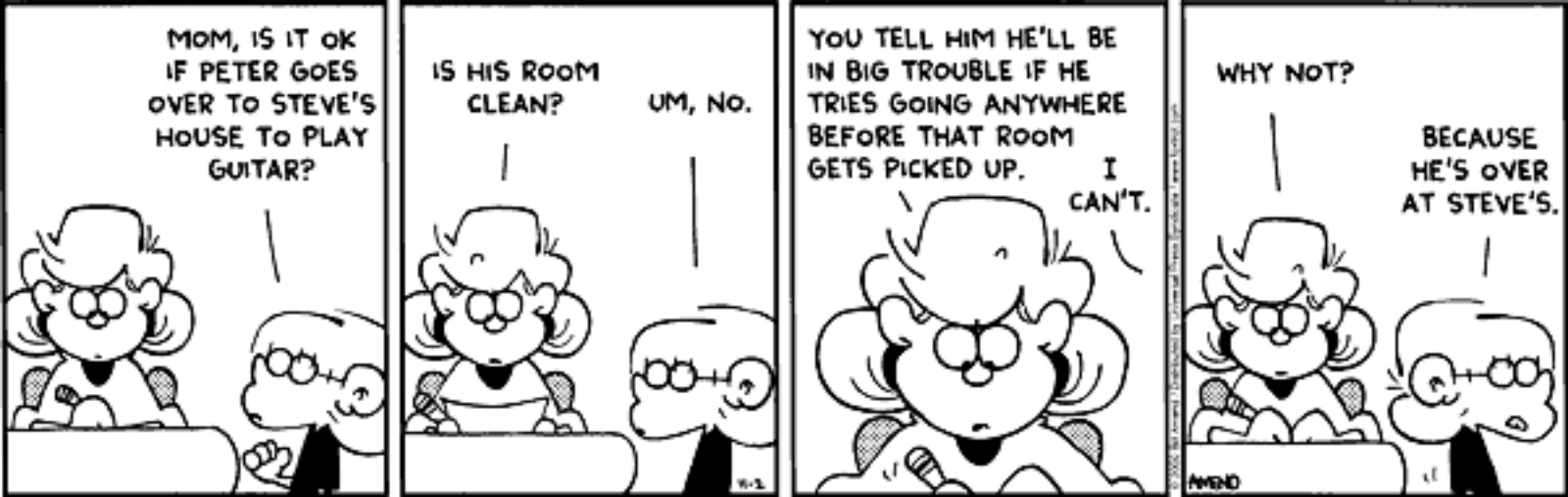

10 MORE STEPS AND YOU'LL BE HOME, ROGER.
6 MORE STEPS...
4 MORE STEPS...
2 MORE STEPS...
JASON, THE FIRE IS OUT! STOP SPRAYING THE HOSE!
1 7/8 MORE STEPS...
1 3/4 MORE STEPS...


GUESS WHO GOT AN "A" ON THE BIG MATH TEST?
AN "A"?
THAT'S GREAT! THAT'S WONDERFUL! I'M SO PROUD!
CONGRATU-LATIONS, SON!
DADDY!

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH TODAY?
LET'S SEE...THERE'S CHICKEN POT PIE, PIZZA PIE, CHERRY PIE AND APPLE PIE.
BASICALLY PIE, PIE, PIE AND MORE PIE.
YOU DO THIS JUST TO TORMENT THOSE OF US WITH OUR TRIG MIDTERM TODAY, DON'T YOU?
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE THE 3.14159TH PERSON TO ASK ME THAT.


MOM, IS IT OK IF PETER GOES OVER TO STEVE'S HOUSE TO PLAY GUITAR?
IS HIS ROOM CLEAN?
UM, NO.
YOU TELL HIM HE'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE IF HE TRIES GOING ANYWHERE BEFORE THAT ROOM GETS PICKED UP.
I CAN'T.
WHY NOT?
BECAUSE HE'S OVER AT STEVE'S.
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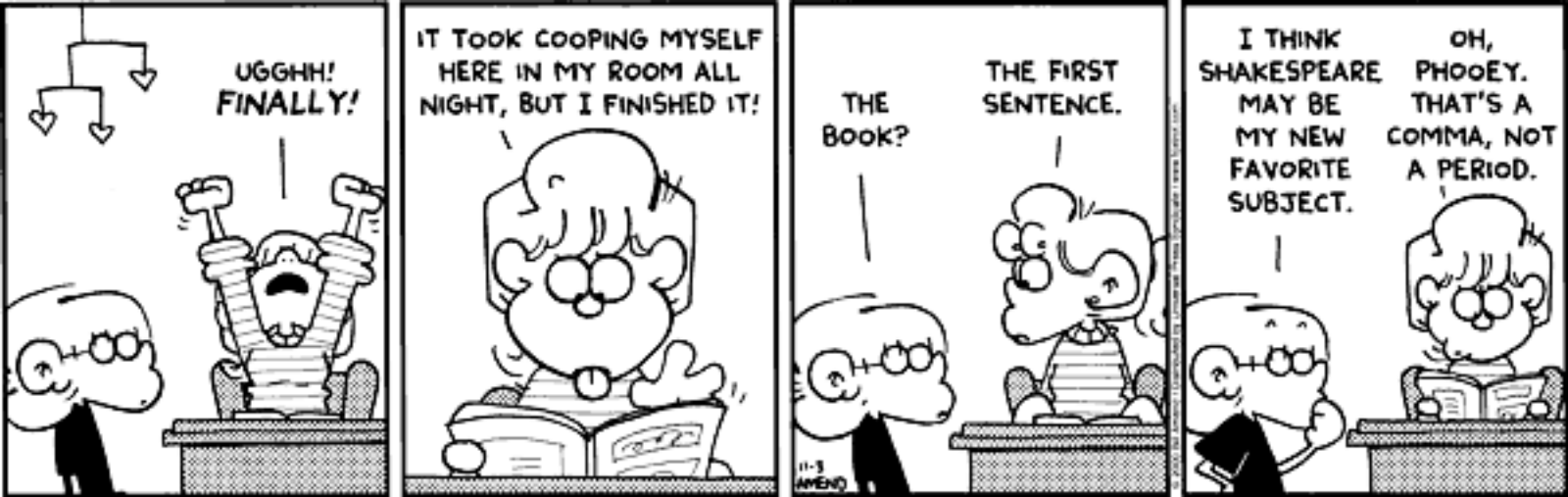
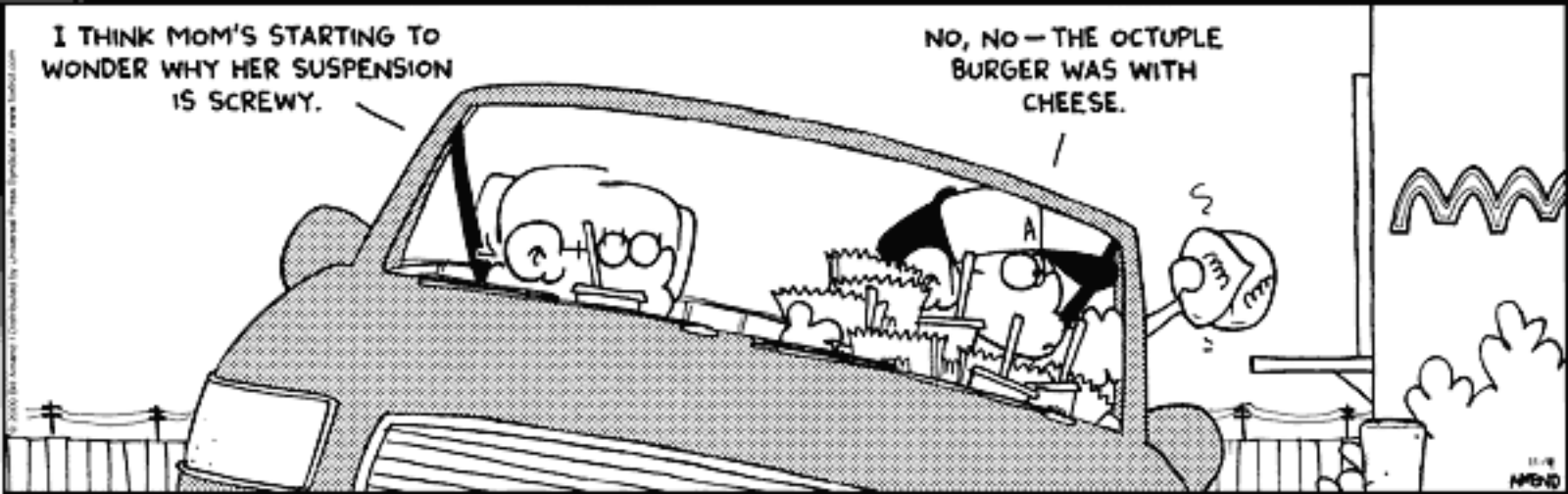

UGGHH! FINALLY!
IT TOOK COOPING MYSELF HERE IN MY ROOM ALL NIGHT, BUT I FINISHED IT!
THE BOOK?
THE FIRST SENTENCE.
I THINK SHAKESPEARE MAY BE MY NEW FAVORITE SUBJECT.
OH, PHOOEY. THAT'S A COMMA, NOT A PERIOD.


I THINK MOM'S STARTING TO WONDER WHY HER SUSPENSION IS SCREWY.
NO, NO — THE OCTUPLE BURGER WAS WITH CHEESE.

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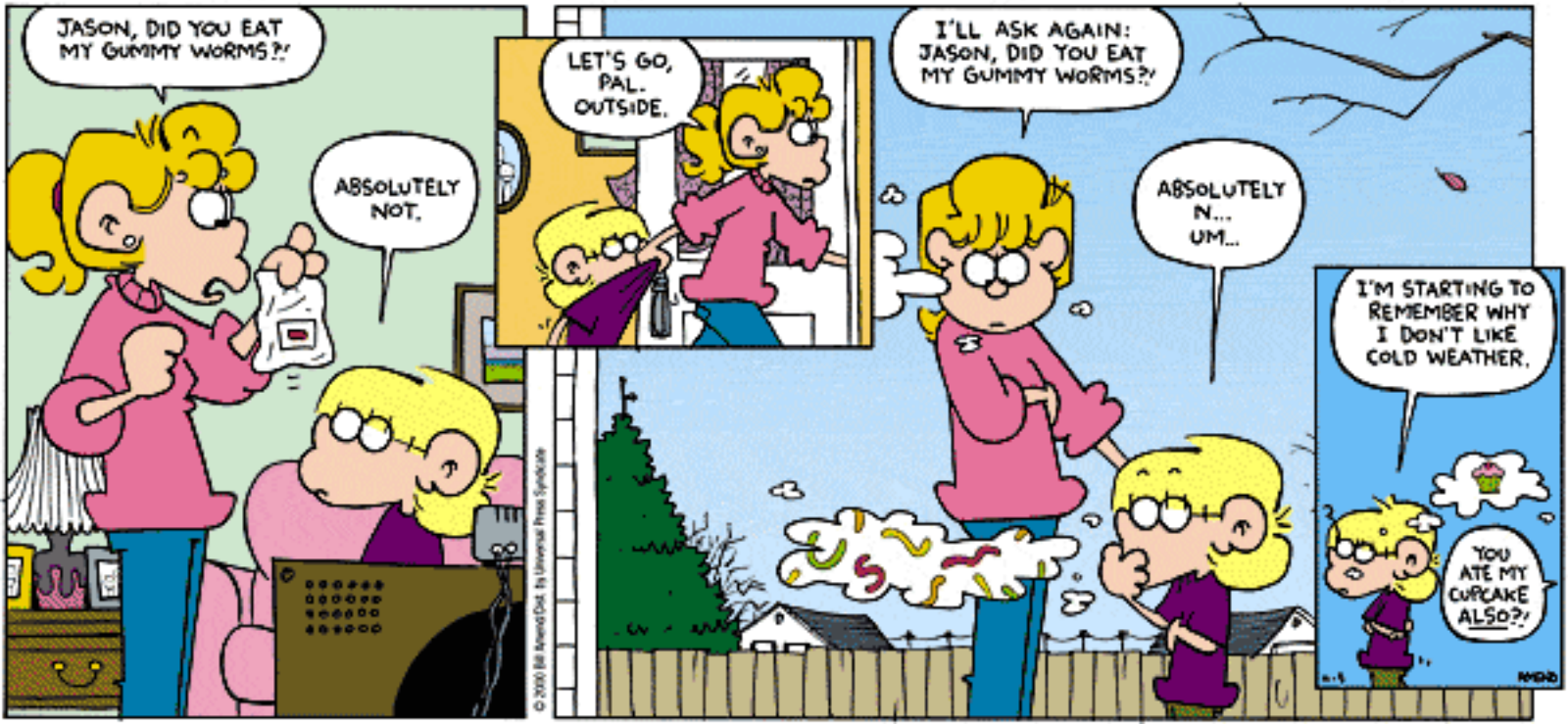
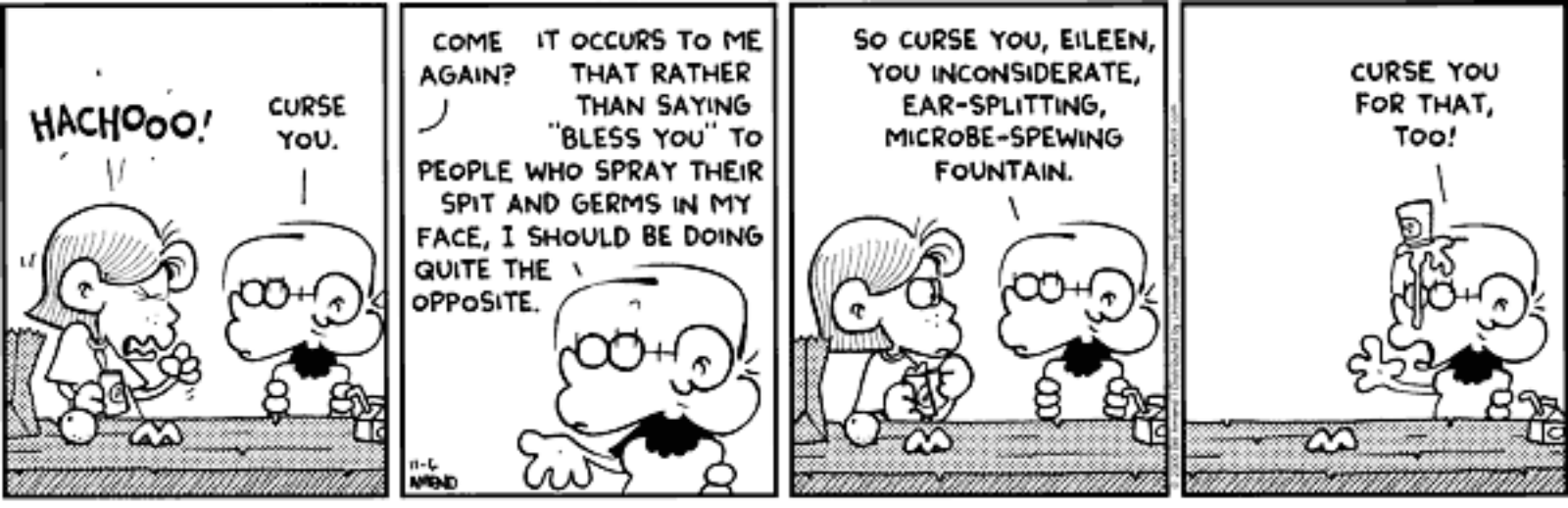
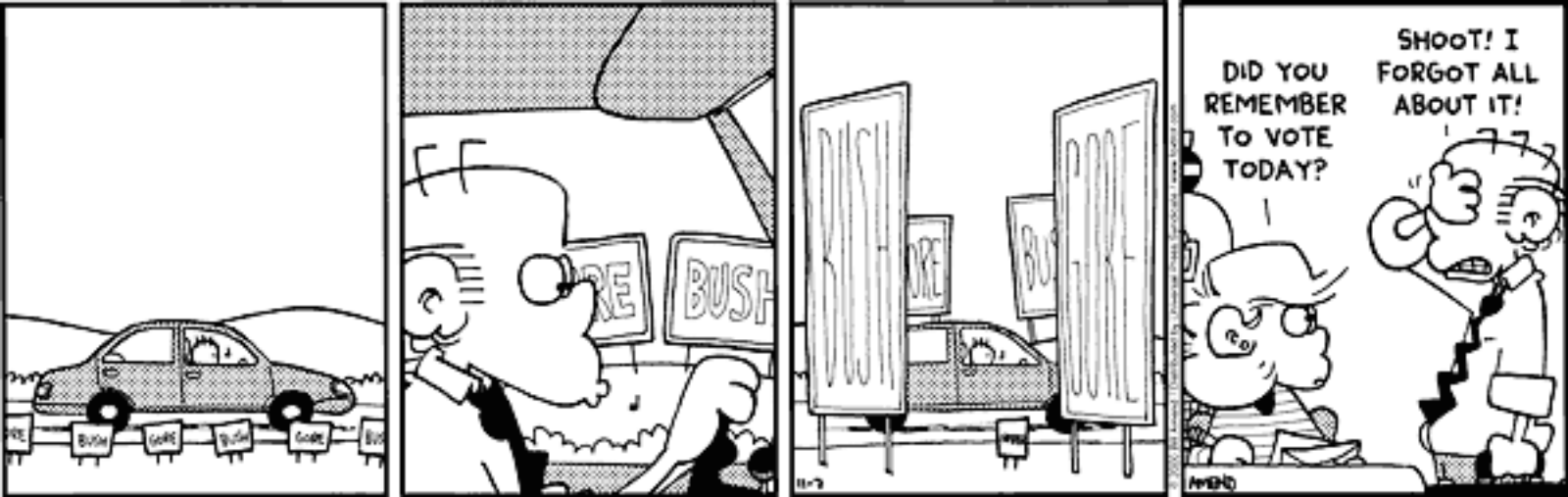

JASON, DID YOU EAT MY GUMMY WORMS?!
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
LET'S GO, PAL. OUTSIDE.
I'LL ASK AGAIN: JASON, DID YOU EAT MY GUMMY WORMS?!
ABSOLUTELY N... UM...
I'M STARTING TO REMEMBER WHY I DON'T LIKE COLD WEATHER.
YOU ATE MY CUPCAKE ALSO?!


HACHOOO!
CURSE YOU.
COME AGAIN?
IT OCCURS TO ME THAT RATHER THAN SAYING "BLESS YOU" TO PEOPLE WHO SPRAY THEIR SPIT AND GERMS IN MY FACE, I SHOULD BE DOING QUITE THE OPPOSITE.
SO CURSE YOU, EILEEN, YOU INCONSIDERATE, EAR-SPLITTING, MICROBE-SPEWING FOUNTAIN.
CURSE YOU FOR THAT, TOO!


BUSH
GORE
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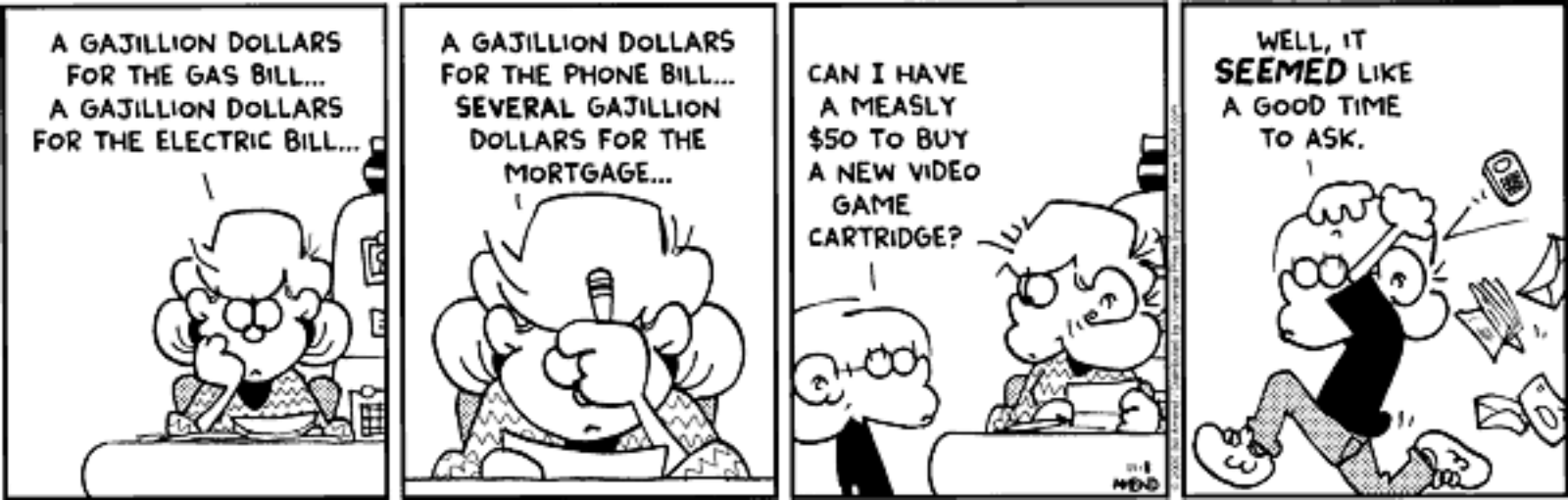
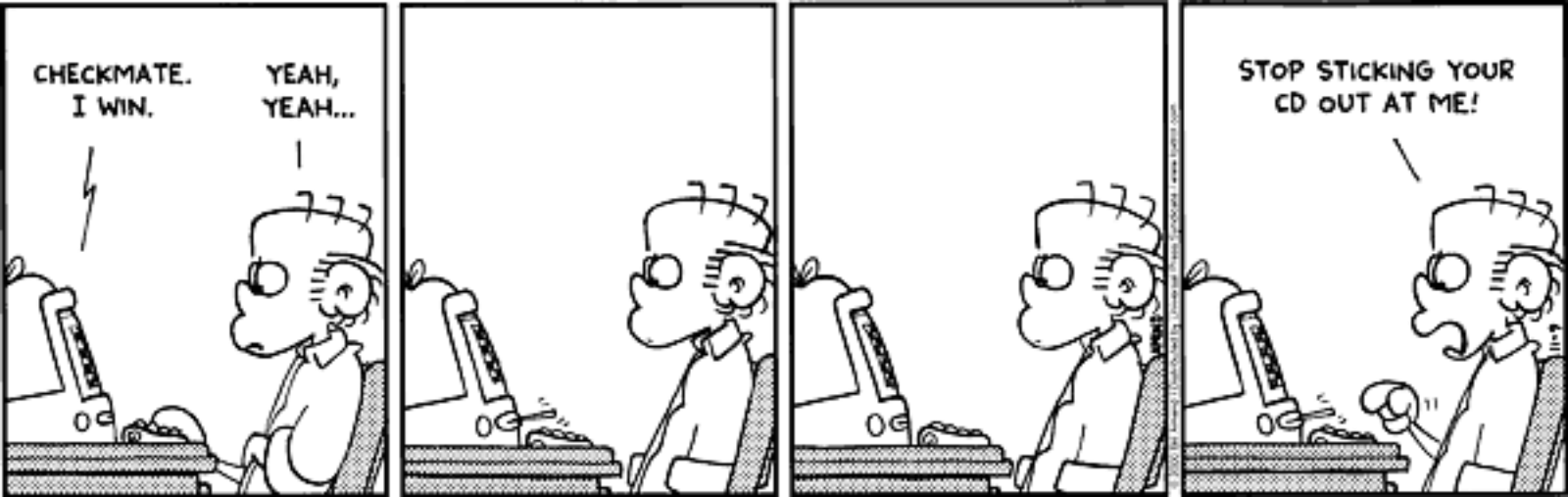
DID YOU REMEMBER TO VOTE TODAY?
SHOOT! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT!


A GAJILLION DOLLARS FOR THE GAS BILL... A GAJILLION DOLLARS FOR THE ELECTRIC BILL...
A GAJILLION DOLLARS FOR THE PHONE BILL... SEVERAL GAJILLION DOLLARS FOR THE MORTGAGE...
CAN I HAVE A MEASLY $50 TO BUY A NEW VIDEO GAME CARTRIDGE?
WELL, IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD TIME TO ASK.


CHECKMATE. I WIN.
YEAH, YEAH...
STOP STICKING YOUR CD OUT AT ME!

THIS ARTICLE SAYS HOLLYWOOD'S ACTORS AND WRITERS MAY GO ON STRIKE THIS SPRING.
THINK ABOUT IT— NO NEW MOVIES... NO NEW TV SHOWS...
AND THIS IS DIFFERENT HOW?
HA HA.
CAN SOMEONE TAPE TONIGHT'S "FUGITIVE"? I'M GOING TO "CHARLIE'S ANGELS" WITH STEVE.

GUESS WHAT?! MOM'S MAKING HER WORLD-FAMOUS TOFU AND EGGPLANT PIROGIES FOR DINNER!
WOOHOO!
I WISH HE WOULDN'T GLOAT EVERY TIME HE'S EATING OVER AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE.
DON'T THINK THERE WON'T BE LEFTOVERS, PAL!

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DINK!
YOU KNOW, MAYBE THERE'S A REASON NO ONE INVENTED THE BUBBLE GUM AIRBAG BEFORE WE DID.
HELP ME UP, WILL YA?
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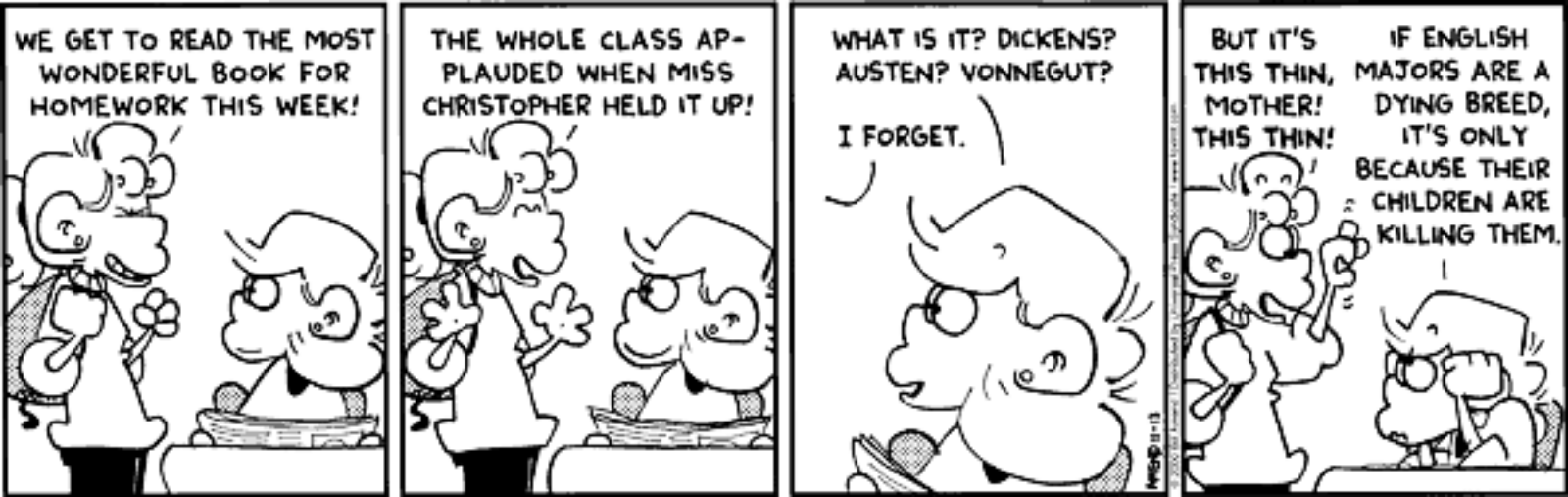
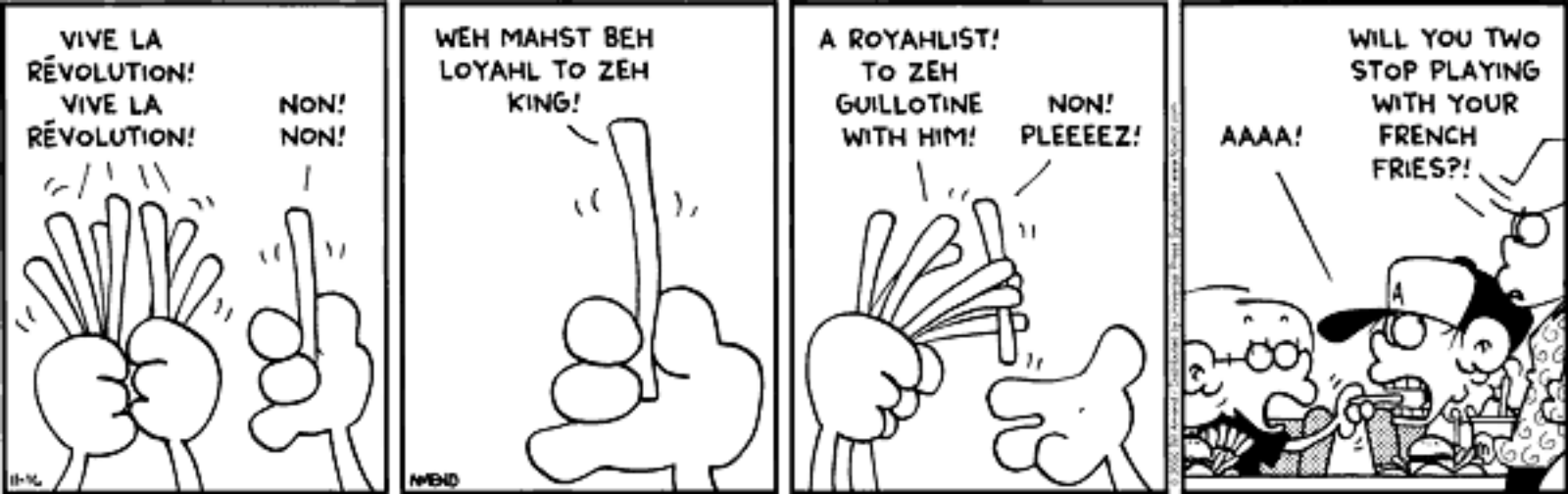
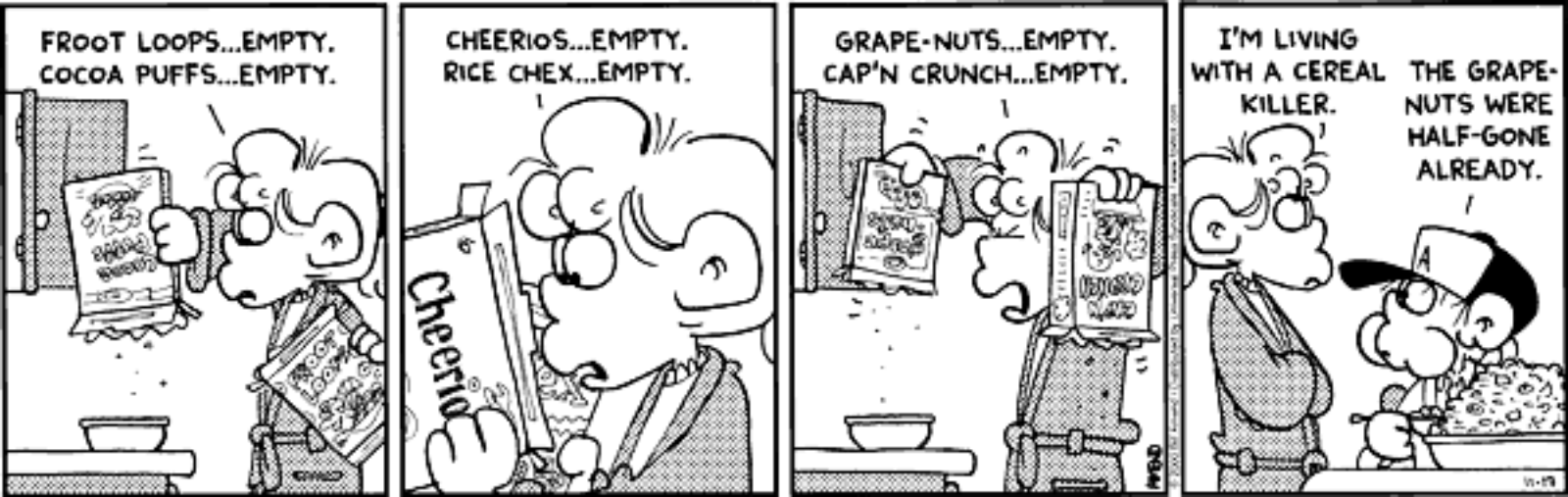
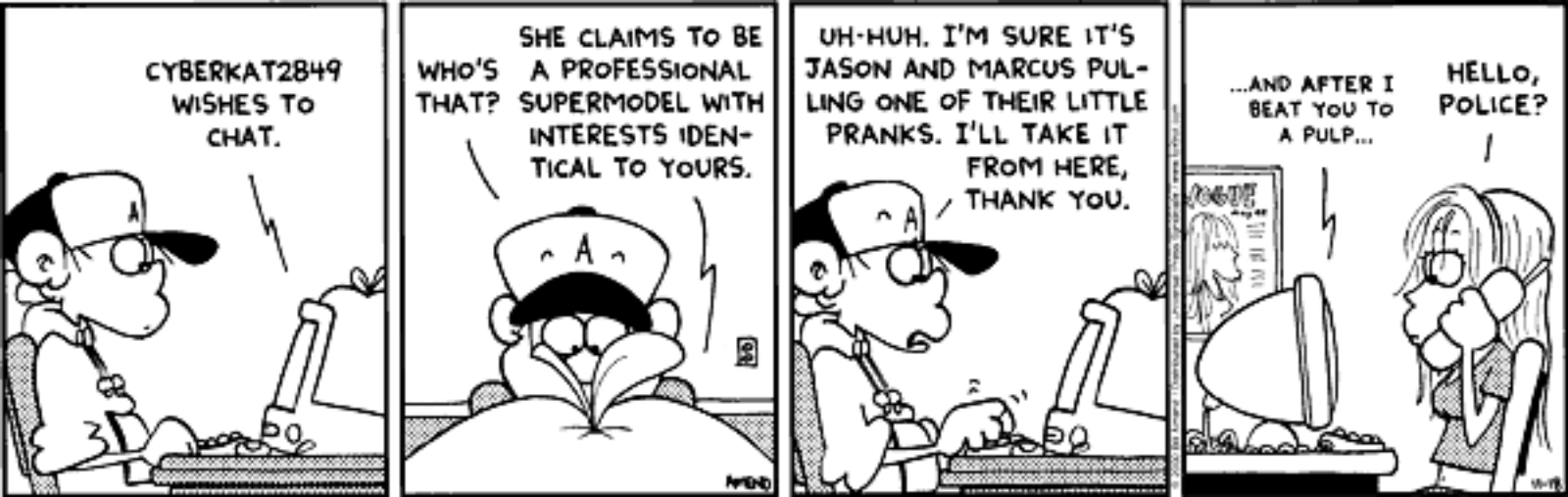

WE GET TO READ THE MOST WONDERFUL BOOK FOR HOMEWORK THIS WEEK!
THE WHOLE CLASS APPLAUDED WHEN MISS CHRISTOPHER HELD IT UP!
WHAT IS IT? DICKENS? AUSTEN? VONNEGUT?
I FORGET.
BUT IT'S THIS THIN, MOTHER! THIS THIN!
IF ENGLISH MAJORS ARE A DYING BREED, IT'S ONLY BECAUSE THEIR CHILDREN ARE KILLING THEM.

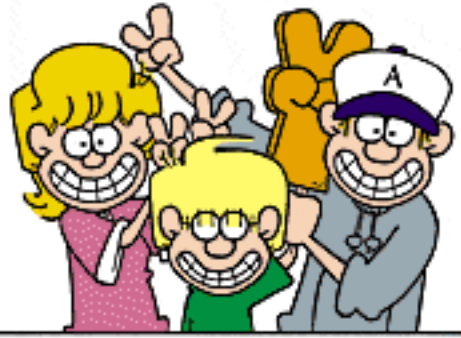
HEY, JASON — WANT TO PLAY SOME FOOTBALL?
OK.
I'VE GOT THIS NEW MOVE I DO ON POST PATTERNS THAT'S TOTALLY UNSTOPPABLE.
I MEANT PLAY OUTSIDE.
WHAT? LIKE ON A GAMEBOY?

PETER, I ASKED YOU TO RAKE THE LEAVES TWO WEEKS AGO!
I'M WAITING FOR ALL OF THEM TO FINISH FALLING. IT'S MORE EFFICIENT THAT WAY.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THE TREES ARE BARE!
NOT TRUE. THE MAPLE TREE OUT BACK STILL HAS ONE LEAF LEFT. GO LOOK FOR YOURSELF.
YOU MEAN THIS ONE WITH THE SUPER GLUE ON IT?
JASON, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HIDE THE LADDER!


VIVE LA RÉVOLUTION! VIVE LA RÉVOLUTION!
NON! NON!
WEH MAHST BEH LOYAHL TO ZEH KING!
A ROYAHLIST! TO ZEH GUILLOTINE WITH HIM!
NON! PLEEEEZ!
AAAA!
WILL YOU TWO STOP PLAYING WITH YOUR FRENCH FRIES?!


FROOT LOOPS...EMPTY.
COCOA PUFFS...EMPTY.
CHEERIOS...EMPTY.
RICE CHEX...EMPTY.
Cheerios
GRAPE-NUTS...EMPTY.
CAP'N CRUNCH...EMPTY.
I'M LIVING WITH A CEREAL KILLER.
THE GRAPE-NUTS WERE HALF-GONE ALREADY.


CYBERKAT2849 WISHES TO CHAT.
WHO'S THAT?
SHE CLAIMS TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SUPERMODEL WITH INTERESTS IDENTICAL TO YOURS.
UH-HUH. I'M SURE IT'S JASON AND MARCUS PULLING ONE OF THEIR LITTLE PRANKS. I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE, THANK YOU.
...AND AFTER I BEAT YOU TO A PULP...
HELLO, POLICE?



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It was even more luxurious than the first one.

Twice as long. Four times as many passengers.

They called it the ship that this time really couldn't go wrong.

But then...

Every soul but one plunged into the dark icy water that sad, sad day.

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THE TRAGEDY CONTINUES

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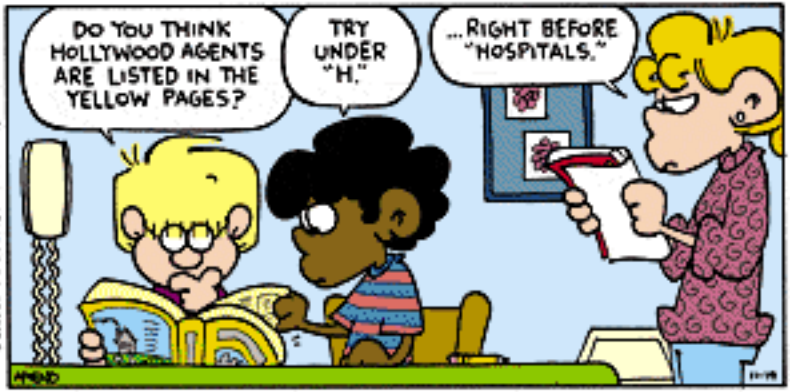
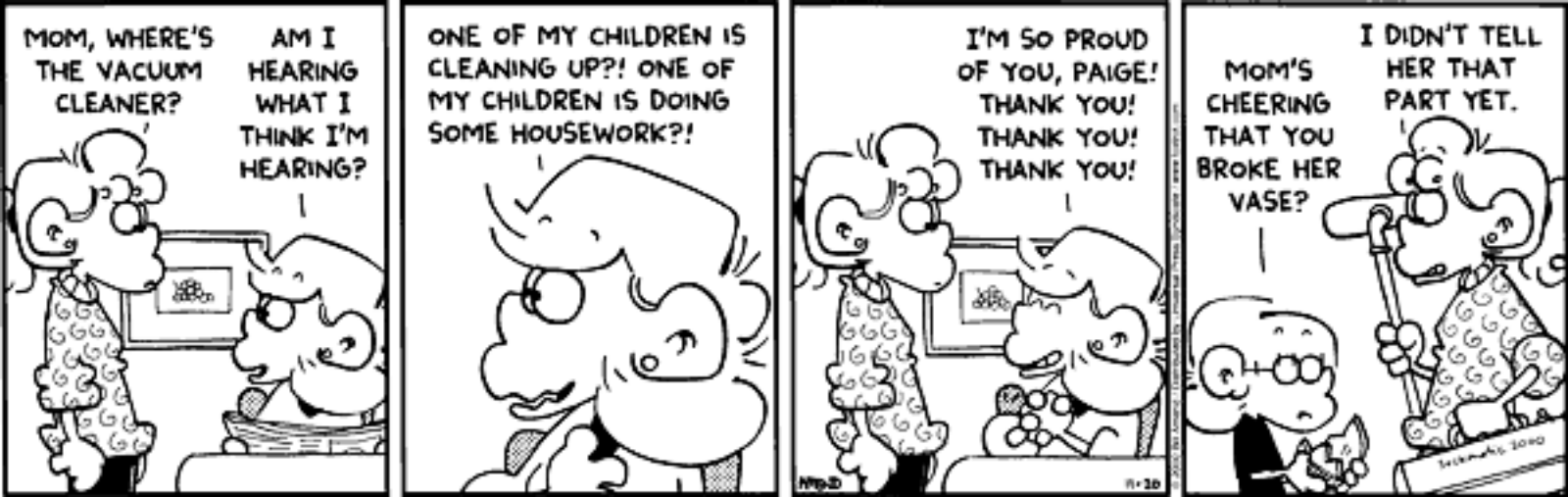
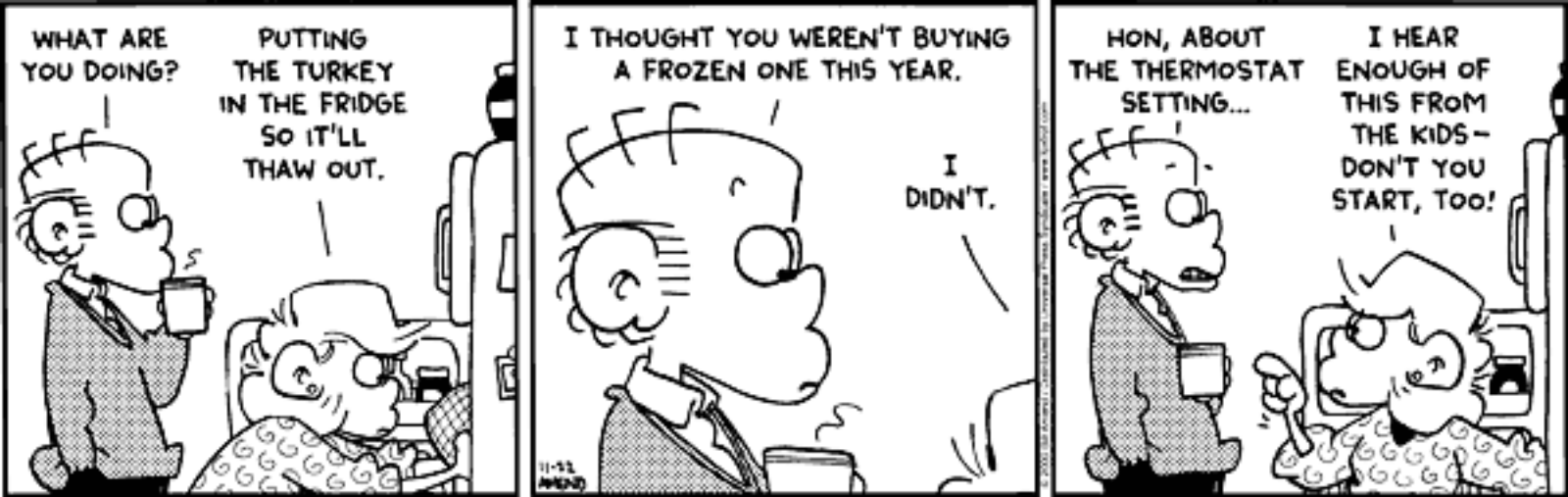
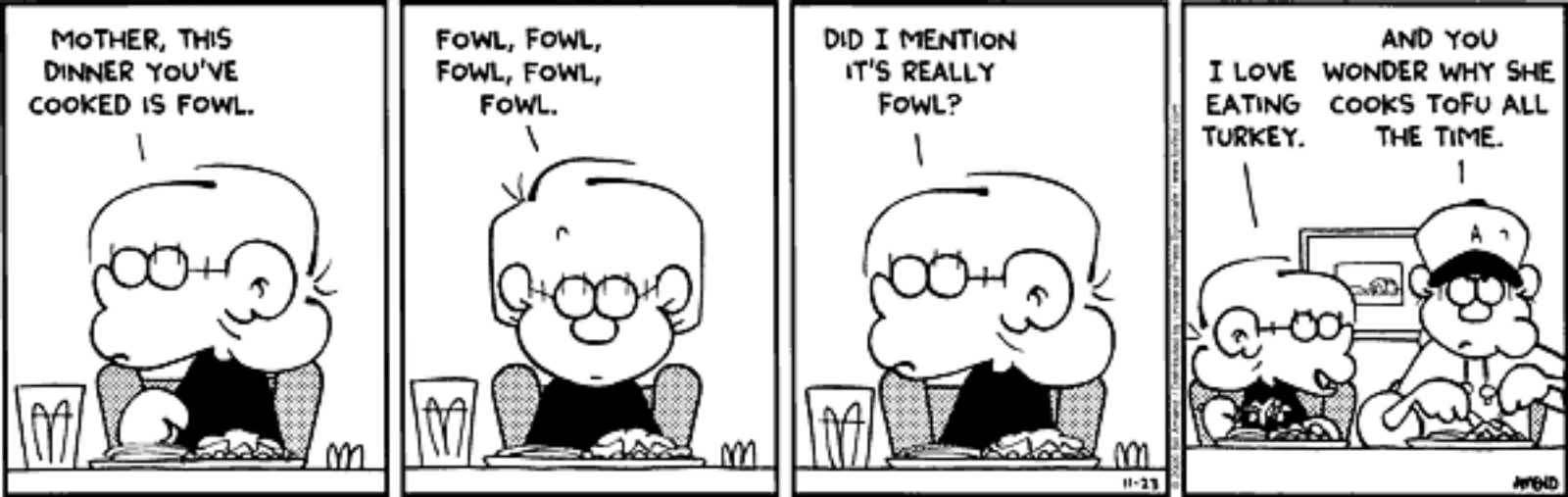



MOM, WHERE'S THE VACUUM CLEANER?
AM I HEARING WHAT I THINK I'M HEARING?
ONE OF MY CHILDREN IS CLEANING UP?! ONE OF MY CHILDREN IS DOING SOME HOUSEWORK?!
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, PAIGE! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
MOM'S CHEERING THAT YOU BROKE HER VASE?
I DIDN'T TELL HER THAT PART YET.

LIKE MY OUTFIT?
I DO.
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU GETTING INTO THE THANKSGIVING SPIRIT, JASON.
UM...
AT LEAST I ASSUME THIS HAS TO DO WITH THANKSGIVING.
WHY ARE MY BARBIES ALL WEARING WITCHES' HATS?!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PUTTING THE TURKEY IN THE FRIDGE SO IT'LL THAW OUT.
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T BUYING A FROZEN ONE THIS YEAR.
I DIDN'T.
HON, ABOUT THE THERMOSTAT SETTING...
I HEAR ENOUGH OF THIS FROM THE KIDS – DON'T YOU START, TOO!


MOTHER, THIS DINNER YOU'VE COOKED IS FOWL.
FOWL, FOWL, FOWL, FOWL, FOWL.
DID I MENTION IT'S REALLY FOWL?
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I LOVE EATING TURKEY.
AND YOU WONDER WHY SHE COOKS TOFU ALL THE TIME.
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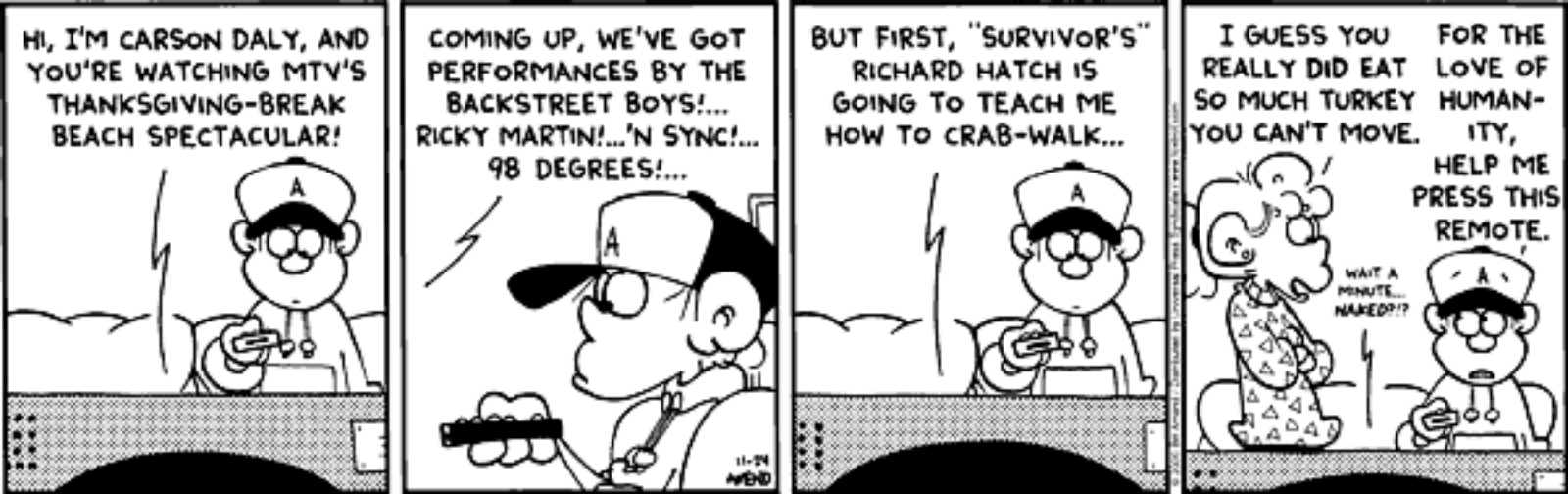
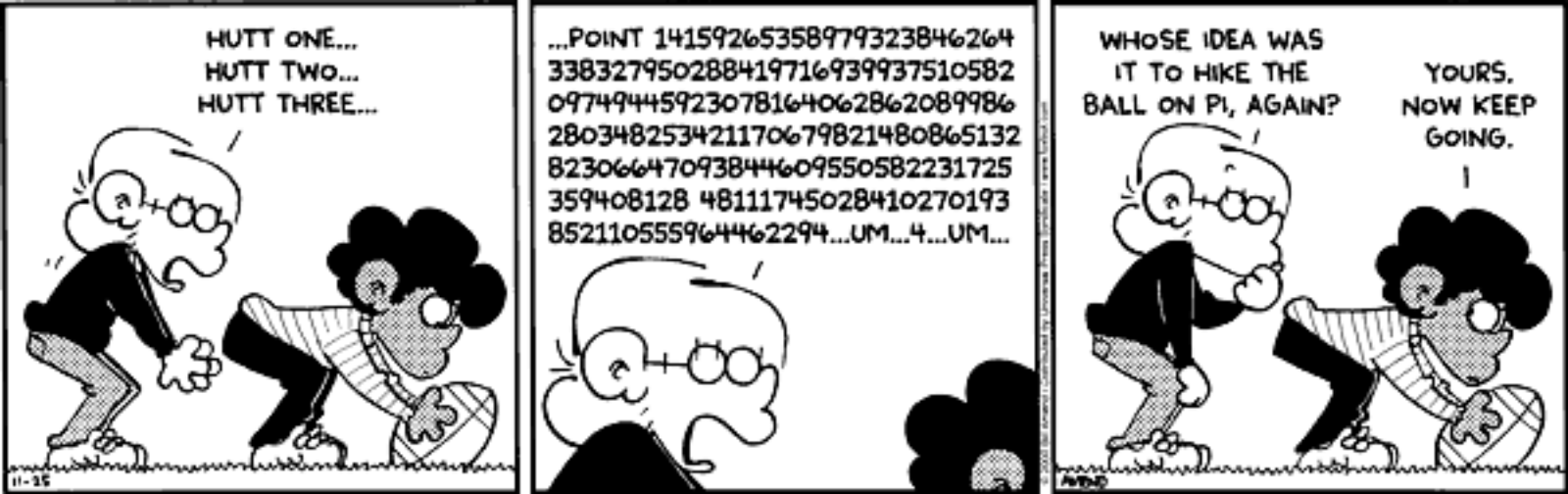

HI, I'M CARSON DALY, AND YOU'RE WATCHING MTV'S THANKSGIVING-BREAK BEACH SPECTACULAR!
COMING UP, WE'VE GOT PERFORMANCES BY THE BACKSTREET BOYS!... RICKY MARTIN!...'N SYNC!... 98 DEGREES!...
11-24 AMEND
BUT FIRST, "SURVIVOR'S" RICHARD HATCH IS GOING TO TEACH ME HOW TO CRAB-WALK...
I GUESS YOU REALLY DID EAT SO MUCH TURKEY YOU CAN'T MOVE.
WAIT A MINUTE... NAKED?!?
FOR THE LOVE OF HUMANITY, HELP ME PRESS THIS REMOTE.


HUTT ONE...
HUTT TWO...
HUTT THREE...
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85211055596446229 4...UM...4...UM...
WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO HIKE THE BALL ON PI, AGAIN?
YOURS. NOW KEEP GOING.
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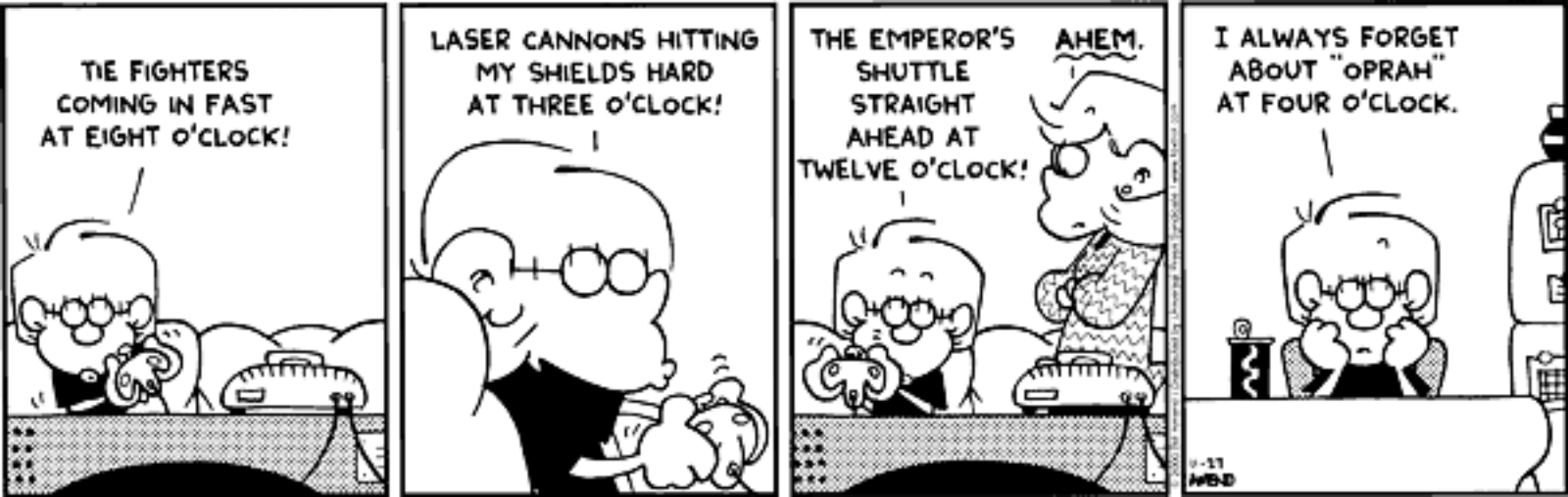
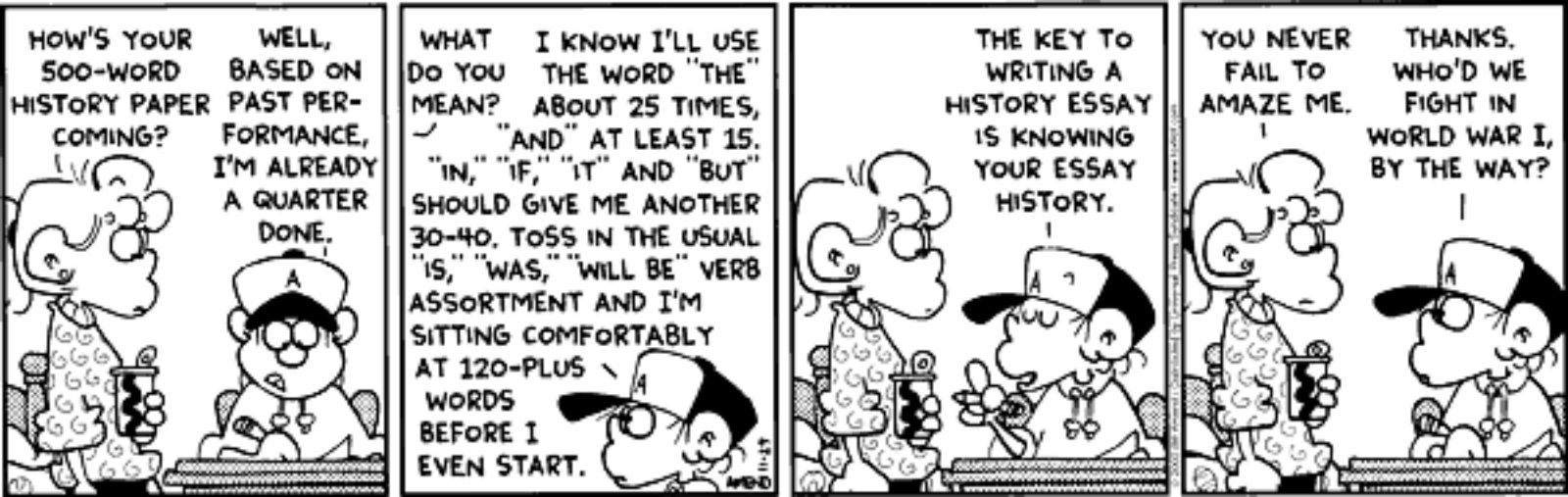
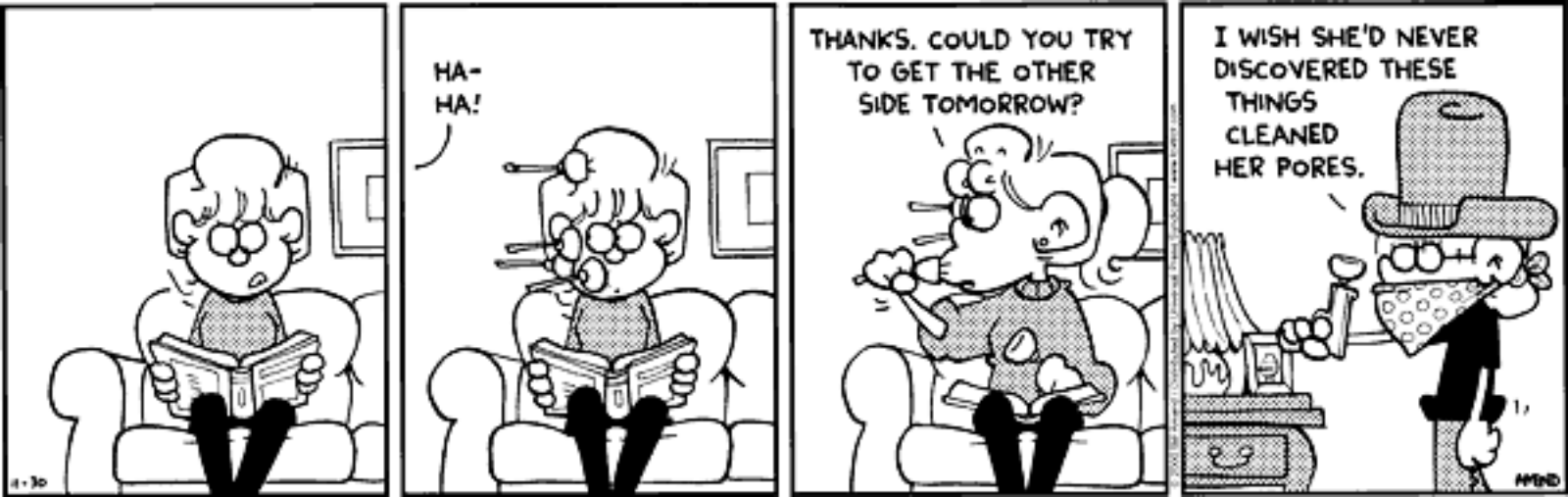

TIE FIGHTERS COMING IN FAST AT EIGHT O'CLOCK!
LASER CANNONS HITTING MY SHIELDS HARD AT THREE O'CLOCK!
THE EMPEROR'S SHUTTLE STRAIGHT AHEAD AT TWELVE O'CLOCK!
AHEM.
I ALWAYS FORGET ABOUT "OPRAH" AT FOUR O'CLOCK.

ROUND AND ROUND IT GOES...WHERE IT STOPS, NOBODY KNOWS...
BEEEEP!
WOOHOO! IT'S POINTING AT ME! I GET THE LAST FROZEN BURRITO!
KIDS, THIS ISN'T WHY I BOUGHT A CAROUSEL MICROWAVE.
SMELL IT AND WEEP, LITTLE BROTHER!
DOUBLE OR NOTHING ON THIS HOT DOG?


HOW'S YOUR 500-WORD HISTORY PAPER COMING?
WELL, BASED ON PAST PERFORMANCE, I'M ALREADY A QUARTER DONE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I KNOW I'LL USE THE WORD "THE" ABOUT 25 TIMES, "AND" AT LEAST 15. "IN," "IF," "IT" AND "BUT" SHOULD GIVE ME ANOTHER 30-40. TOSS IN THE USUAL "IS," "WAS," "WILL BE" VERB ASSORTMENT AND I'M SITTING COMFORTABLY AT 120-PLUS WORDS BEFORE I EVEN START.
THE KEY TO WRITING A HISTORY ESSAY IS KNOWING YOUR ESSAY HISTORY.
YOU NEVER FAIL TO AMAZE ME.
THANKS. WHO'D WE FIGHT IN WORLD WAR I, BY THE WAY?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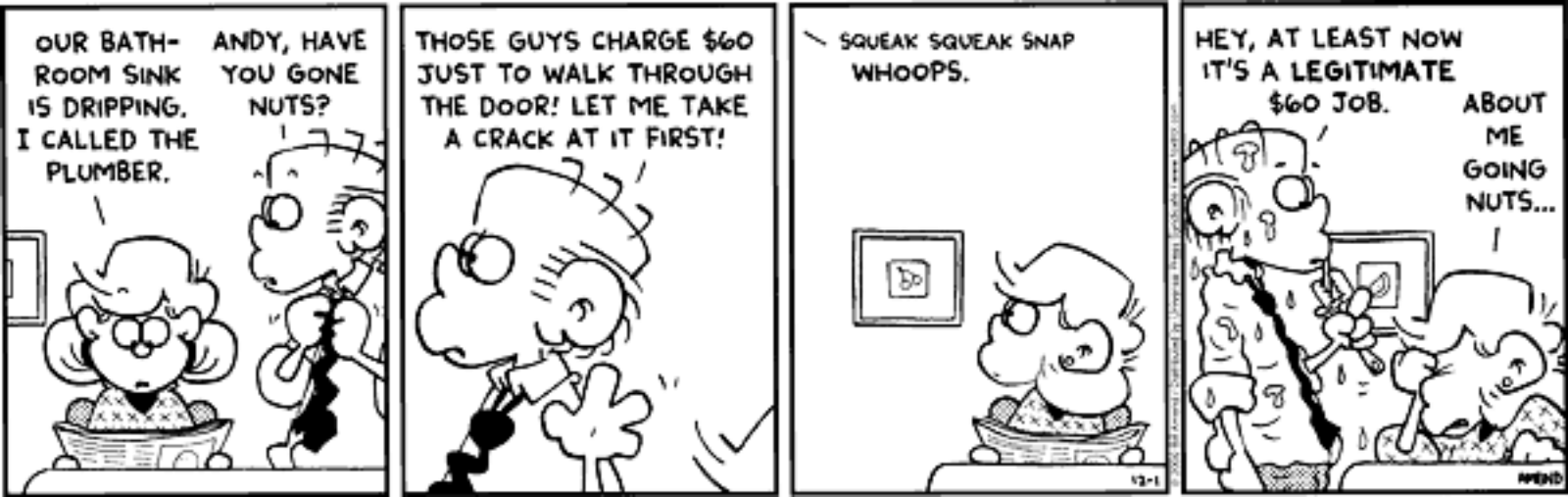
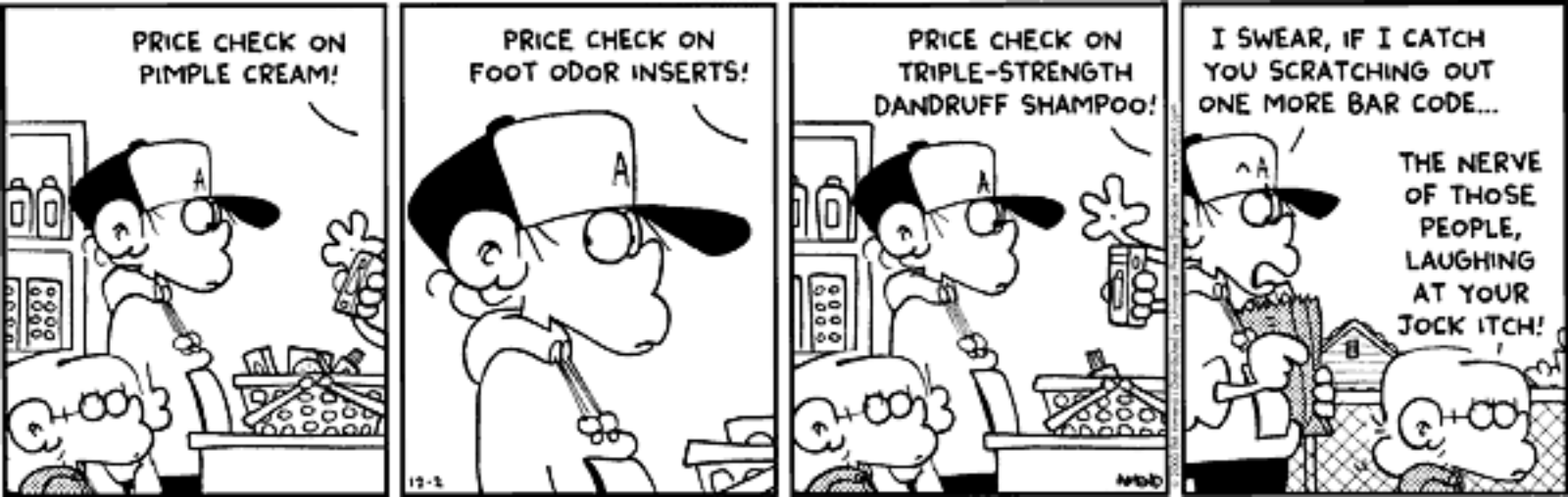
HA!
THANKS. COULD YOU TRY TO GET THE OTHER SIDE TOMORROW?
I WISH SHE'D NEVER DISCOVERED THESE THINGS CLEANED HER PORES.


OUR BATHROOM SINK IS DRIPPING. I CALLED THE PLUMBER.
ANDY, HAVE YOU GONE NUTS?
THOSE GUYS CHARGE $60 JUST TO WALK THROUGH THE DOOR! LET ME TAKE A CRACK AT IT FIRST!
SQUEAK SQUEAK SNAP
WHOOPS.
HEY, AT LEAST NOW IT'S A LEGITIMATE $60 JOB.
ABOUT ME GOING NUTS...


PRICE CHECK ON PIMPLE CREAM!
PRICE CHECK ON FOOT ODOR INSERTS!
PRICE CHECK ON TRIPLE-STRENGTH DANDRUFF SHAMPOO!
I SWEAR, IF I CATCH YOU SCRATCHING OUT ONE MORE BAR CODE...
THE NERVE OF THOSE PEOPLE, LAUGHING AT YOUR JOCK ITCH!

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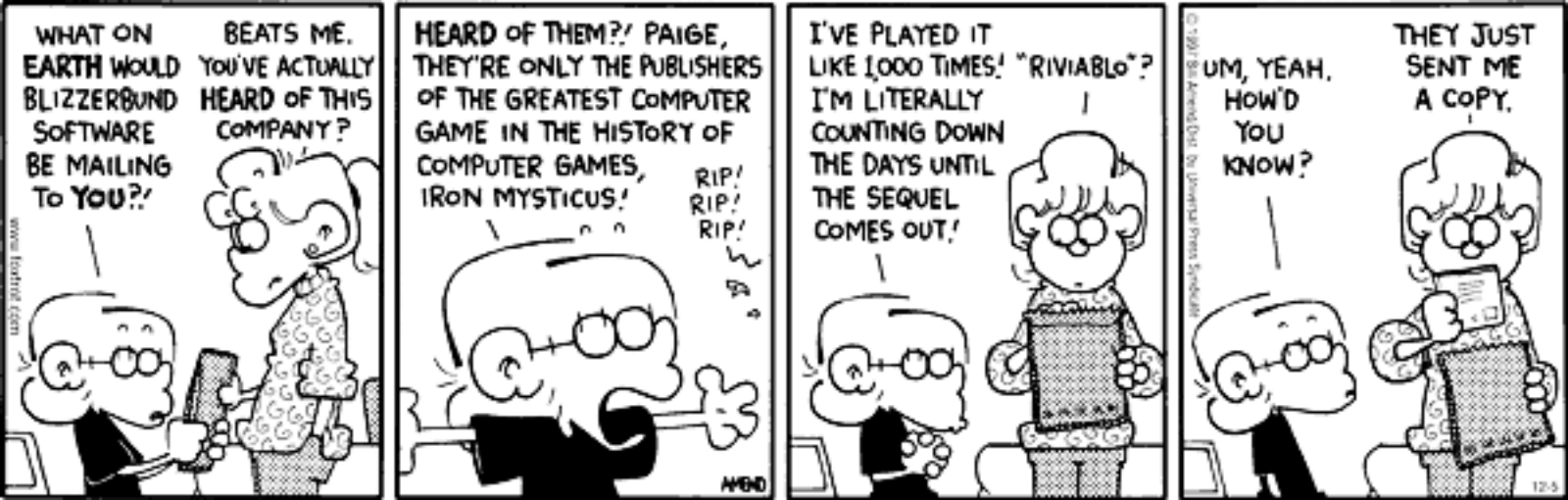
WHAT ON EARTH WOULD BLIZZERBUND SOFTWARE BE MAILING TO YOU?!
BEATS ME. YOU'VE ACTUALLY HEARD OF THIS COMPANY?
HEARD OF THEM?! PAIGE, THEY'RE ONLY THE PUBLISHERS OF THE GREATEST COMPUTER GAME IN THE HISTORY OF COMPUTER GAMES, IRON MYSTICUS!
RIP! RIP! RIP!
I'VE PLAYED IT LIKE 1,000 TIMES! I'M LITERALLY COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS UNTIL THE SEQUEL COMES OUT!
"RIVIABLO"?
UM, YEAH. HOW'D YOU KNOW?
THEY JUST SENT ME A COPY.
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THEY SENT YOU A BETA VERSION OF RIVIABLO ?!? WHY ?!? HOW ?!? IT'S NOT FAIR!
I'M THE ONE WHO LOVES COMPUTER GAMES! I'M THE ONE WHO'S BEEN WAITING FOUR YEARS FOR THIS! I'M THE ONE WHO ENTERED THEIR ONLINE "BE A BETA TESTER FOR RIVIABLO" SWEEPSTAKES!
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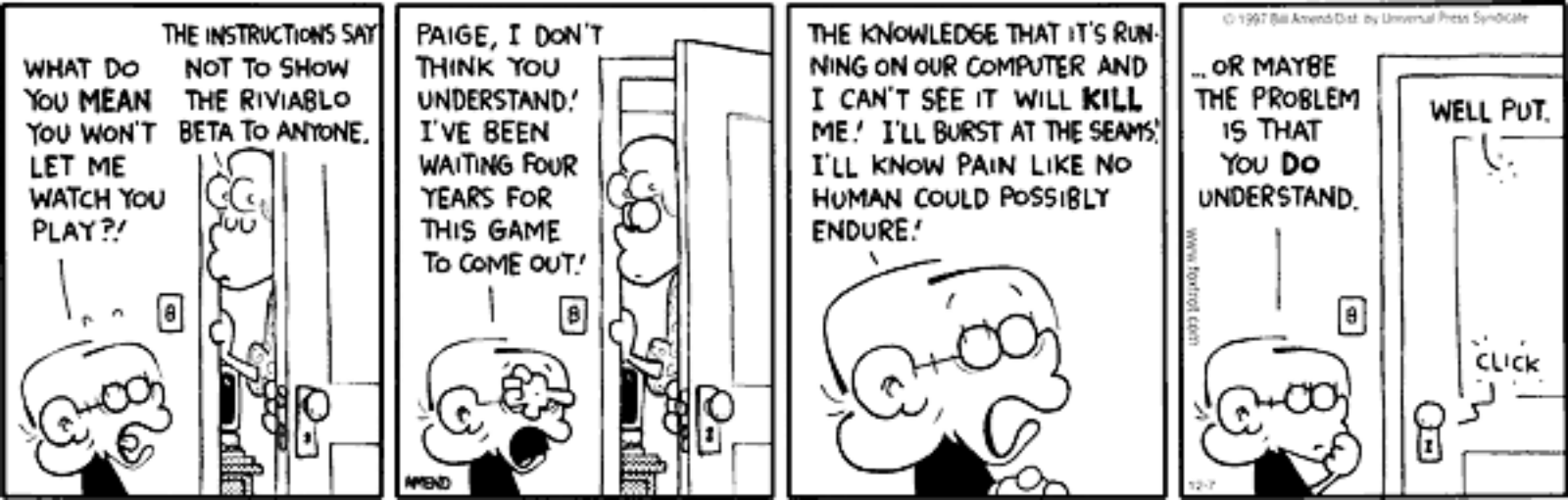
EGAD! I'LL BET I DID IT WHILE LOGGED ON AS YOU!
WHAP!
I MEAN, UM, WHILE ACCIDENTALLY LOGGED ON AS YOU.
A MINUTE AGO, I WAS READY TO GIVE YOU THIS.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU WON'T LET ME WATCH YOU PLAY?!
THE INSTRUCTIONS SAY NOT TO SHOW THE RIVIABLO BETA TO ANYONE.
PAIGE, I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOUR YEARS FOR THIS GAME TO COME OUT!
AMEND
THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IT'S RUNNING ON OUR COMPUTER AND I CAN'T SEE IT WILL KILL ME! I'LL BURST AT THE SEAMS! I'LL KNOW PAIN LIKE NO HUMAN COULD POSSIBLY ENDURE!
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...OR MAYBE THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU DO UNDERSTAND.
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WELL PUT.
CLICK

OOO – THIS GAME IS AMAZING!
OOO – THIS GAME IS INCREDIBLE!
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OOO – THIS GAME IS SOOOO GOOOOD!
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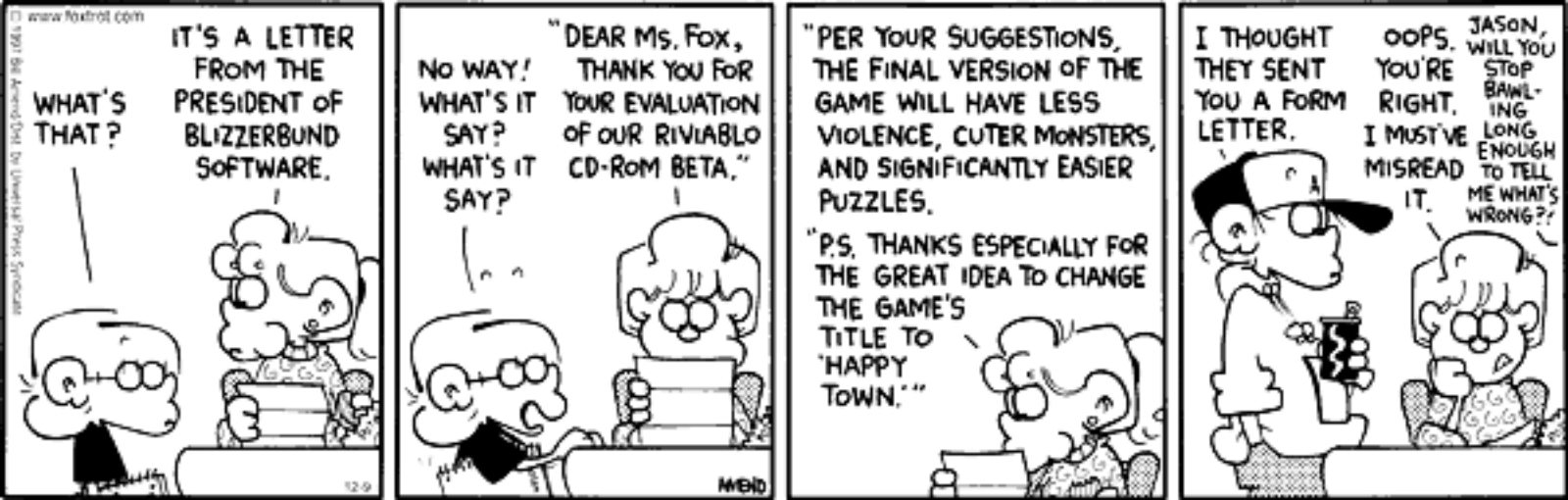
AT LEAST THE PACKAGING IS. READY TO OPEN IT?
OOO – THIS GAME IS UNNBELIEEEV-ABLE!
PAIGE, THE ENVELOPE I'M SLIPPING UNDER THE DOOR CONTAINS MY LIFE'S SAVINGS...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WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF BLIZZERBUND SOFTWARE.
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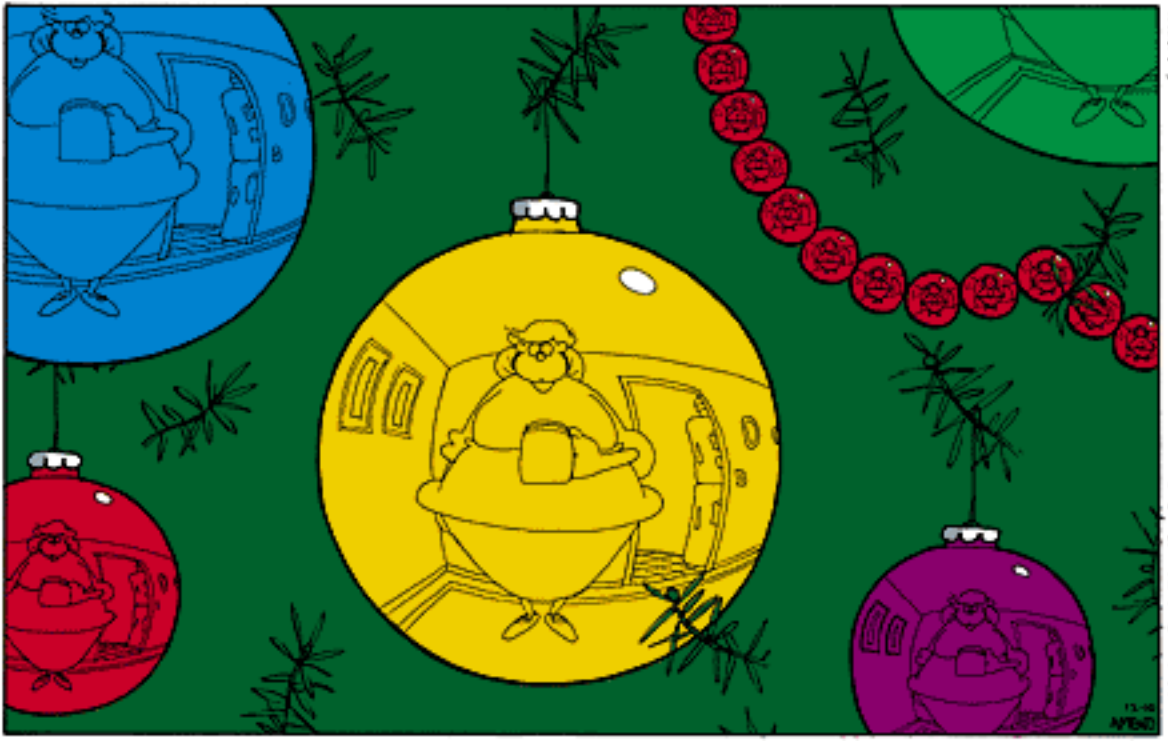
NO WAY! WHAT'S IT SAY? WHAT'S IT SAY?
"DEAR MS. FOX, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EVALUATION OF OUR RIVIABLO CD-ROM BETA."
"PER YOUR SUGGESTIONS, THE FINAL VERSION OF THE GAME WILL HAVE LESS VIOLENCE, CUTER MONSTERS, AND SIGNIFICANTLY EASIER PUZZLES.
"P.S. THANKS ESPECIALLY FOR THE GREAT IDEA TO CHANGE THE GAME'S TITLE TO 'HAPPY TOWN.'"
I THOUGHT THEY SENT YOU A FORM LETTER.
OOPS. YOU'RE RIGHT. I MUST'VE MISREAD IT.
JASON, WILL YOU STOP BAWLING LONG ENOUGH TO TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG?!



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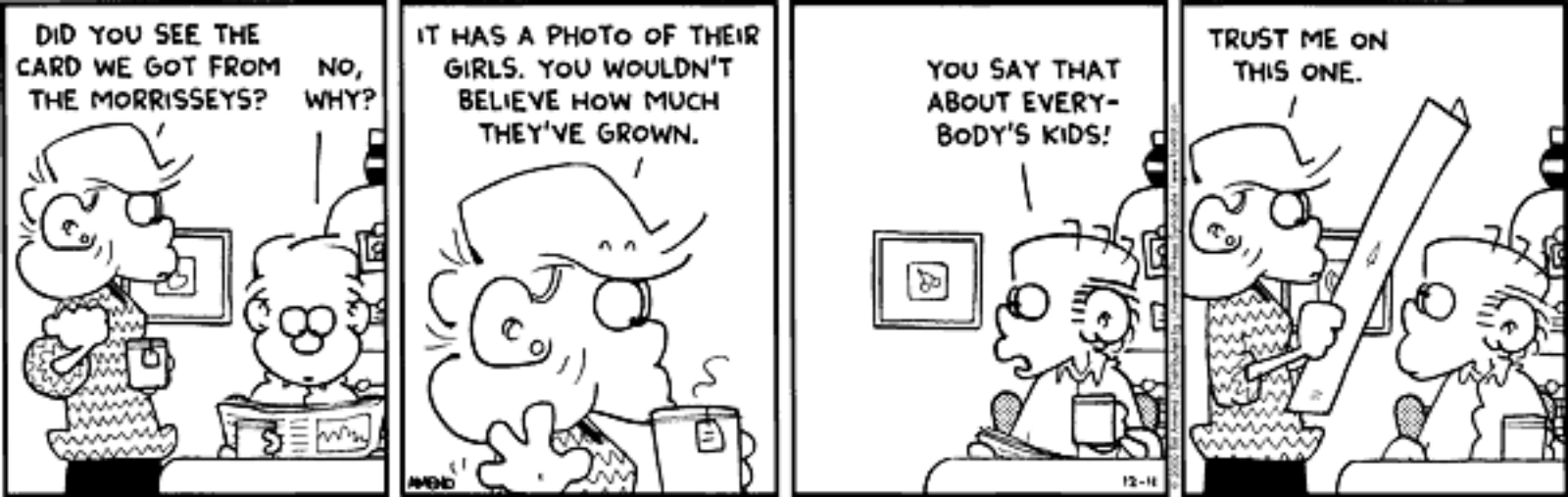
DID YOU SEE THE CARD WE GOT FROM THE MORRISSEYS?
NO, WHY?
IT HAS A PHOTO OF THEIR GIRLS. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH THEY'VE GROWN.
YOU SAY THAT ABOUT EVERY-BODY'S KIDS!
TRUST ME ON THIS ONE.
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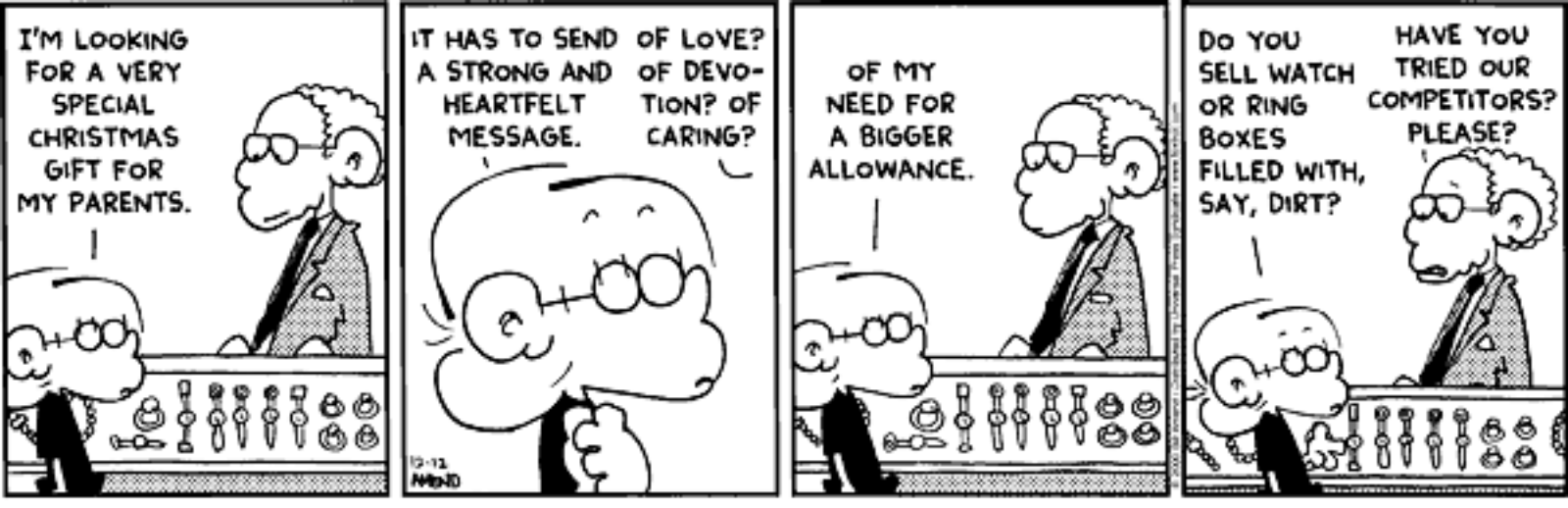
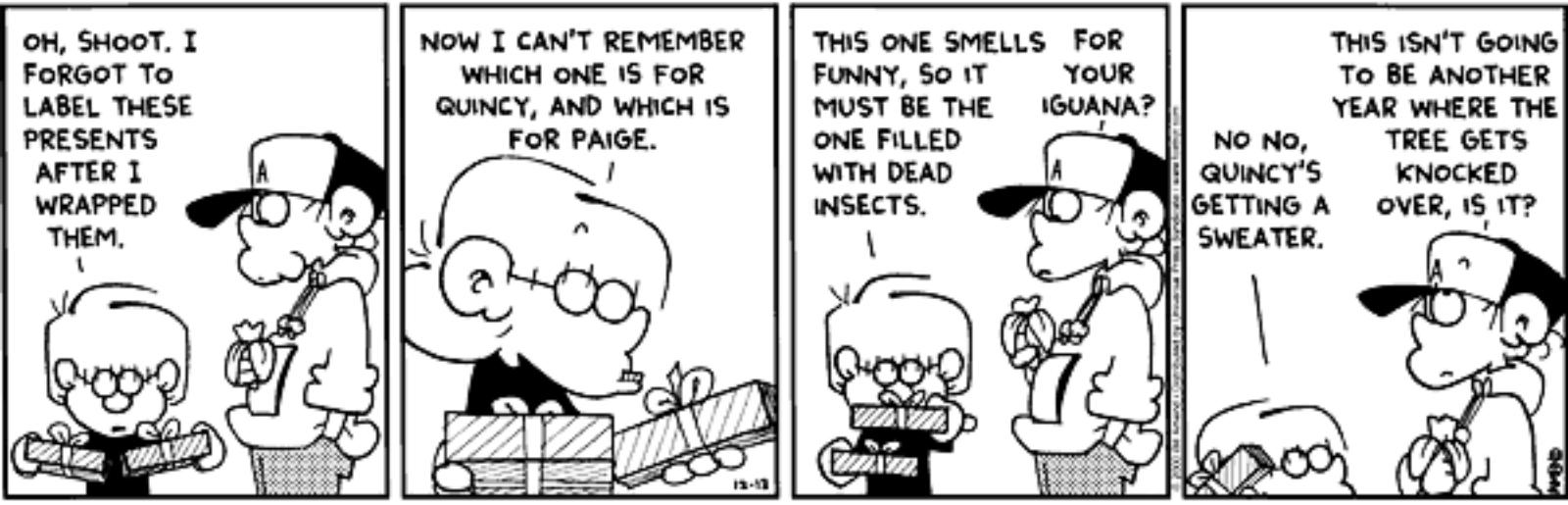
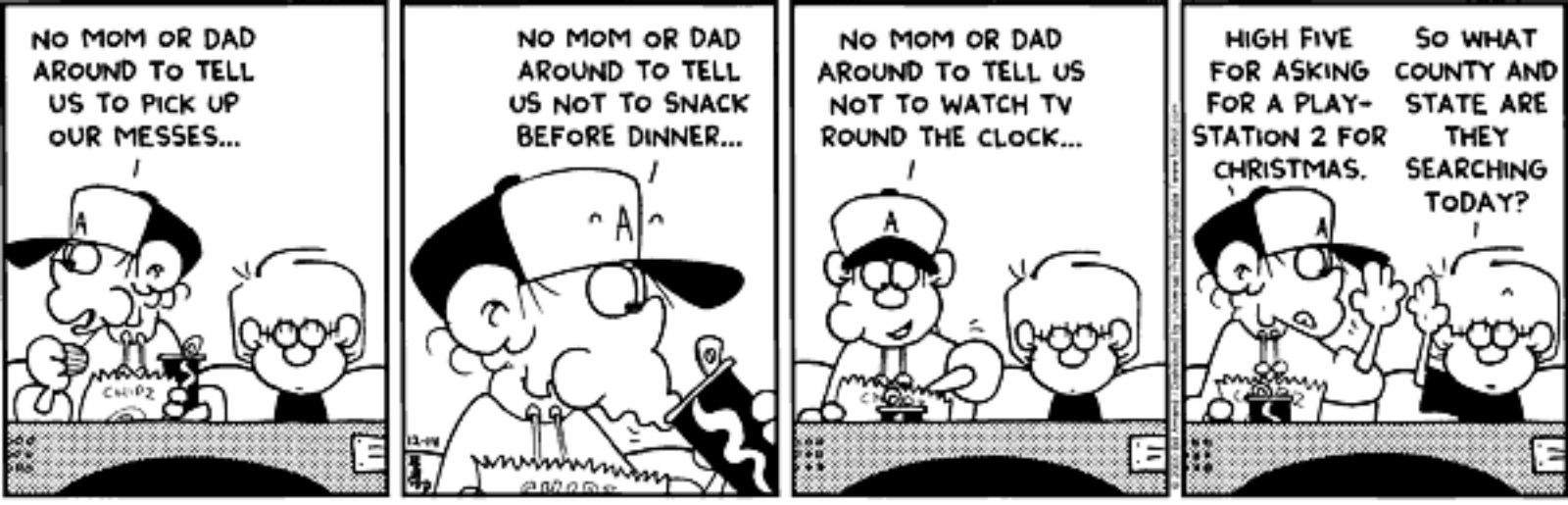
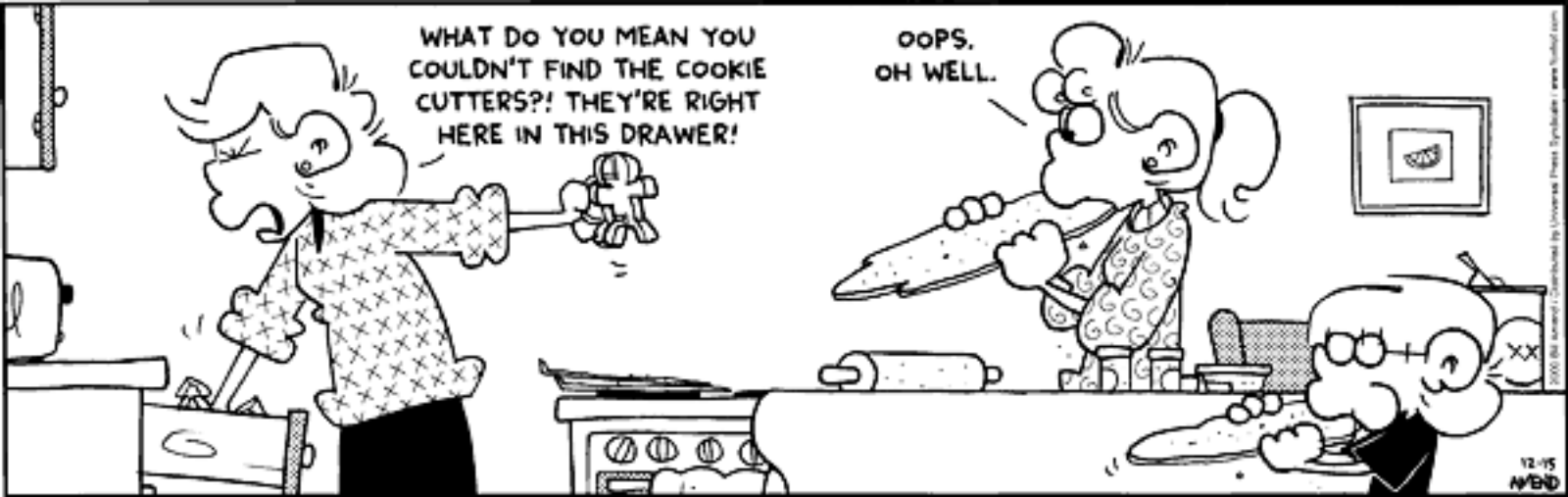

I'M LOOKING FOR A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MY PARENTS.
IT HAS TO SEND A STRONG AND HEARTFELT MESSAGE.
OF LOVE? OF DEVOTION? OF CARING?
12-12
OF MY NEED FOR A BIGGER ALLOWANCE.
DO YOU SELL WATCH OR RING BOXES FILLED WITH, SAY, DIRT?
HAVE YOU TRIED OUR COMPETITORS? PLEASE?


OH, SHOOT. I FORGOT TO LABEL THESE PRESENTS AFTER I WRAPPED THEM.
NOW I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH ONE IS FOR QUINCY, AND WHICH IS FOR PAIGE.
THIS ONE SMELLS FUNNY, SO IT MUST BE THE ONE FILLED WITH DEAD INSECTS.
FOR YOUR IGUANA?
NO NO, QUINCY'S GETTING A SWEATER.
THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE ANOTHER YEAR WHERE THE TREE GETS KNOCKED OVER, IS IT?


NO MOM OR DAD AROUND TO TELL US TO PICK UP OUR MESSES...
NO MOM OR DAD AROUND TO TELL US NOT TO SNACK BEFORE DINNER...
NO MOM OR DAD AROUND TO TELL US NOT TO WATCH TV ROUND THE CLOCK...
HIGH FIVE FOR ASKING FOR A PLAY-STATION 2 FOR CHRISTMAS.
SO WHAT COUNTY AND STATE ARE THEY SEARCHING TODAY?


WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU COULDN'T FIND THE COOKIE CUTTERS?! THEY'RE RIGHT HERE IN THIS DRAWER!
OOPS. OH WELL.
12-15
NWEND

WHAT'S THIS DOCUMENT?
IT'S MY CHRISTMAS LIST.
THIS YEAR I'M ASKING FOR MORE MEMORY, A BIGGER HARD DRIVE, AND GOLD-PLATED CONNECTORS FOR MY USB PORTS.
AND WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD GIVE YOU ANY OF THAT?!
MAYBE THE SAME PERSON WHO HACKED THE FLORIDA ELECTION BOARD'S MAINFRAME LAST MONTH?
IF YOU ASK ME, YOU'VE GOT TOO MUCH MEMORY AS IT IS.
SHALL I ACCESS AN ONLINE STORE FOR YOU, SANTA?

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I'M PRETTY SURE AUNT EUGENIA DIDN'T MAKE US THAT FRUITCAKE FOR YOU TO STAND ON.
IF YOU CAN SUGGEST A BETTER USE...
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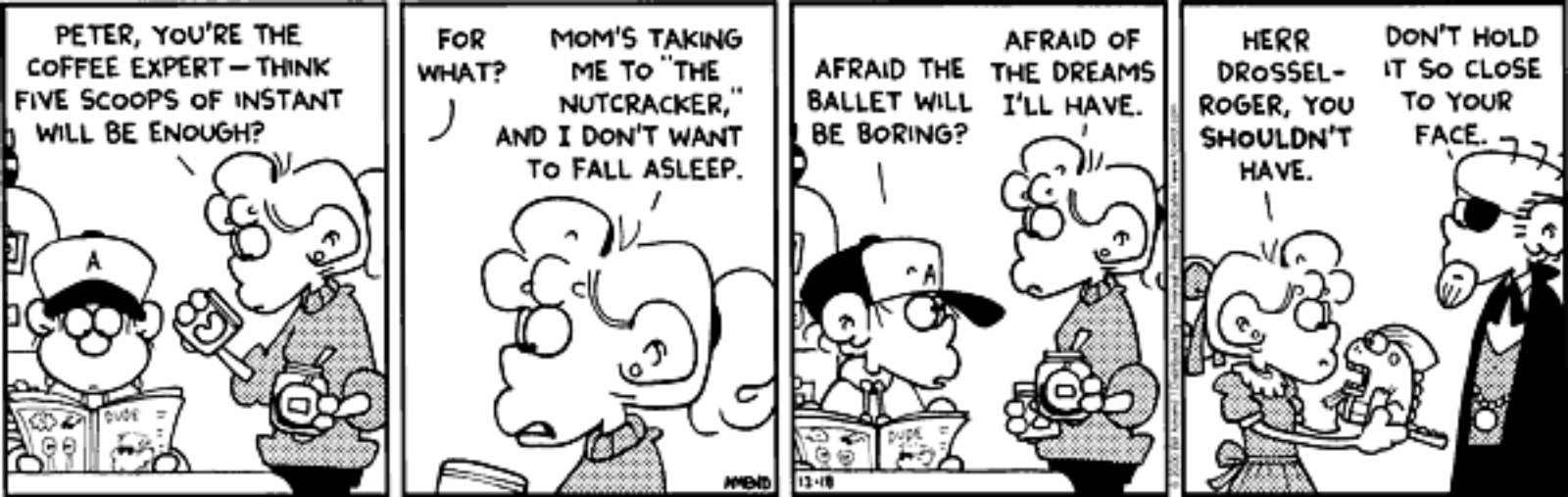
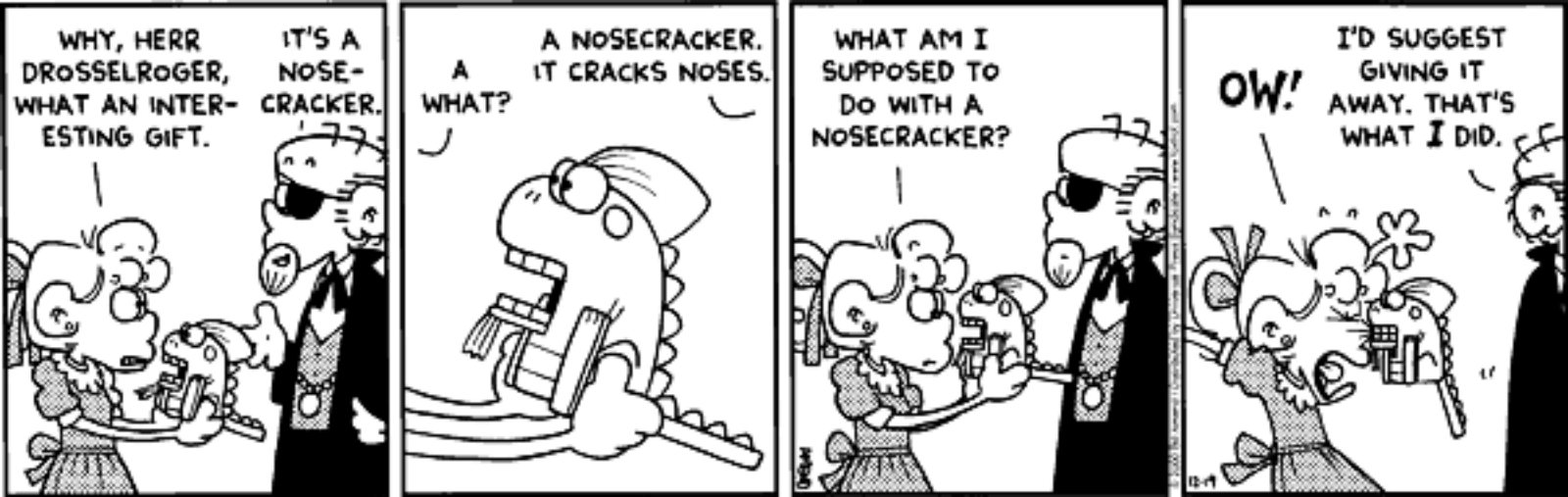
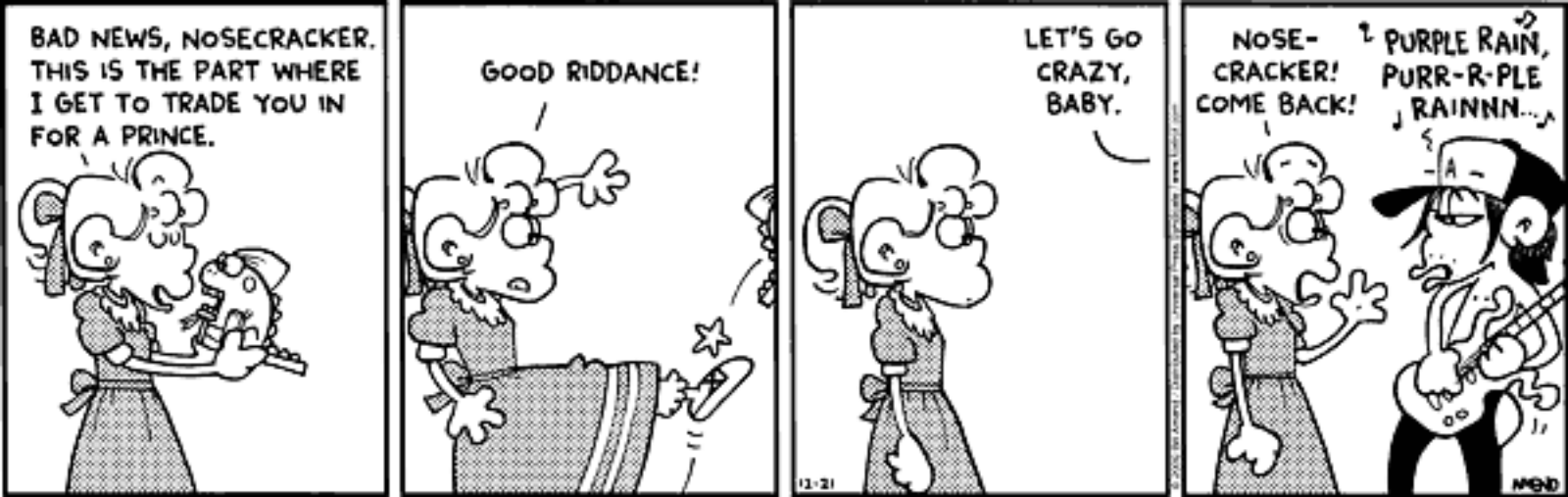
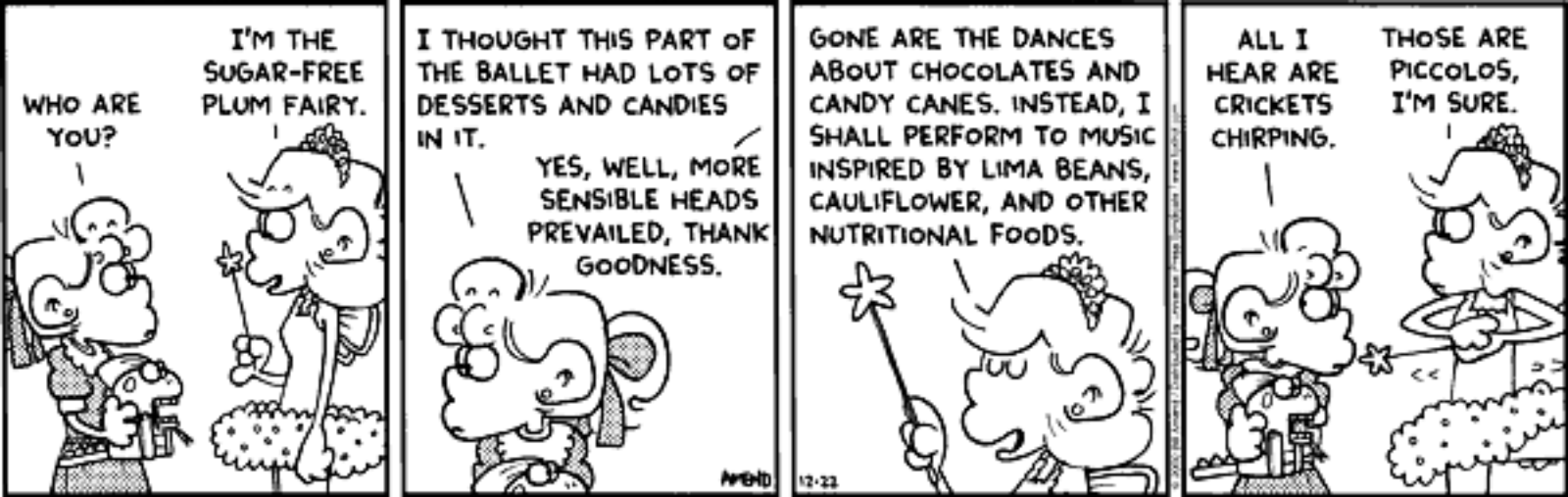

PETER, YOU'RE THE COFFEE EXPERT — THINK FIVE SCOOPS OF INSTANT WILL BE ENOUGH?
FOR WHAT?
MOM'S TAKING ME TO "THE NUTCRACKER," AND I DON'T WANT TO FALL ASLEEP.
AFRAID THE BALLET WILL BE BORING?
AFRAID OF THE DREAMS I'LL HAVE.
HERR DROSSEL-ROGER, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE.
DON'T HOLD IT SO CLOSE TO YOUR FACE.

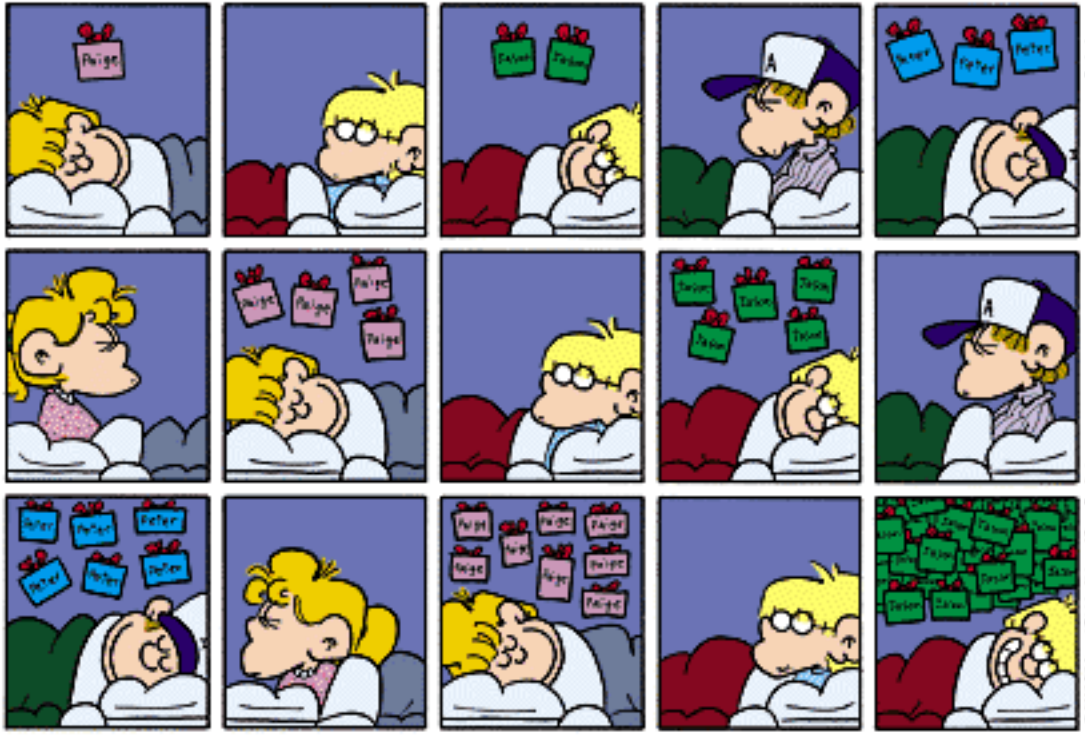

WHY, HERR DROSSELROGER, WHAT AN INTER-ESTING GIFT.
IT'S A NOSE-CRACKER.
A WHAT?
A NOSECRACKER. IT CRACKS NOSES.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH A NOSECRACKER?
OW!
I'D SUGGEST GIVING IT AWAY. THAT'S WHAT I DID.

EEK! A MOUSE KING!
MUAA-HA-HA!
SAVE ME, NOSECRACKER! SAVE ME!
AMEND 11-20
LEAD YOUR TOY ARMY AND VANQUISH THE FOUL VERMIN!
HE'S THE VERMIN!
MOUSE HORDE! TO THE TOY CHEST! LET NO FURBY ESCAPE OUR WRATH!


BAD NEWS, NOSECRACKER. THIS IS THE PART WHERE I GET TO TRADE YOU IN FOR A PRINCE.
GOOD RIDDANCE!
LET'S GO CRAZY, BABY.
12-21
NOSE-CRACKER! COME BACK!
PURPLE RAIN, PURR-R-PLE RAINNN...
MEND


WHO ARE YOU?
I'M THE SUGAR-FREE PLUM FAIRY.
I THOUGHT THIS PART OF THE BALLET HAD LOTS OF DESSERTS AND CANDIES IN IT.
YES, WELL, MORE SENSIBLE HEADS PREVAILED, THANK GOODNESS.
GONE ARE THE DANCES ABOUT CHOCOLATES AND CANDY CANES. INSTEAD, I SHALL PERFORM TO MUSIC INSPIRED BY LIMA BEANS, CAULIFLOWER, AND OTHER NUTRITIONAL FOODS.
12-22
ALL I HEAR ARE CRICKETS CHIRPING.
THOSE ARE PICCOLOS, I'M SURE.

WAIT A MINUTE. THIS IS IT?! WE JUST RIDE OFF IN A MAGIC SLED?!
THEY CALL THIS AN END-ING?! THERE'S NO SENSE OF CLOSURE! WHO WROTE THIS DUMB BALLET?!
THE AUDIENCE SHOULD GET TO SEE THE GIRL WAKE UP!
CAN YOU IMAGINE THE RIOTS IF SOMEONE TRIED THIS IN A COMIC STRIP?



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A ROBOT PUPPY! I GOT A ROBOT PUPPY!
IT'S SO PINK! SO ADORABLE! DID I MENTION IT'S PINK?!
12-25
I WUV IT! I WUV IT! I WUV, WUV, WUV, WUV IT!
AWREADY I WOATHE IT.
I LIKED SANTA BETTER WHEN HE PUNISHED US WITH COAL.
YIP! YIP! YIP!
HOW CUTE! IT BARKS!

BITS OF PLASTIC IN THE KITCHEN...
BITS OF PLASTIC ON THE STAIRS...
BITS OF PLASTIC ON MY JUST-CLEANED LIVING ROOM RUG...
ROBOT-DOG OR NOT, I WANT THAT THING HOUSEBROKEN!
IT'S JUST ITS SECOND DAY, MOM!
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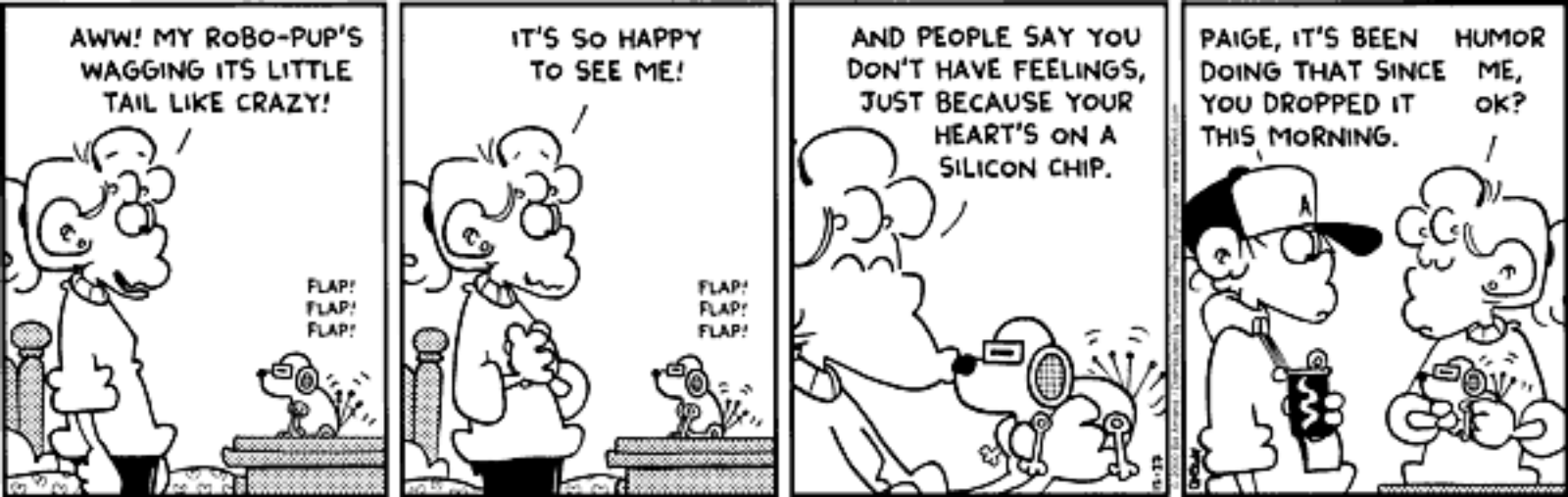
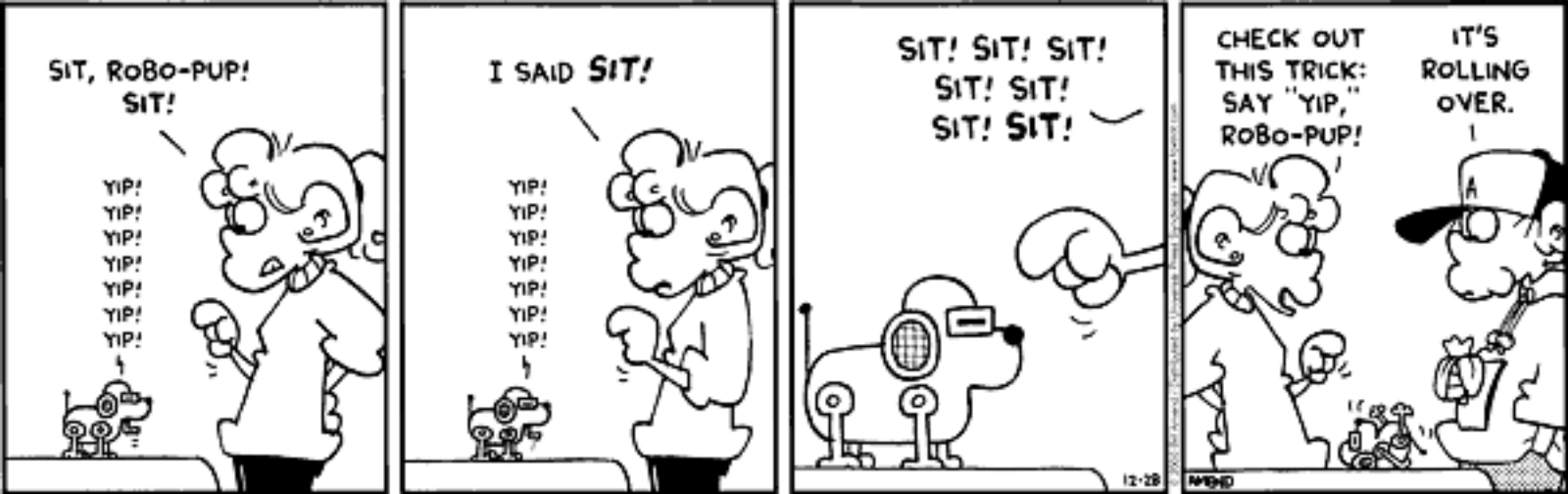
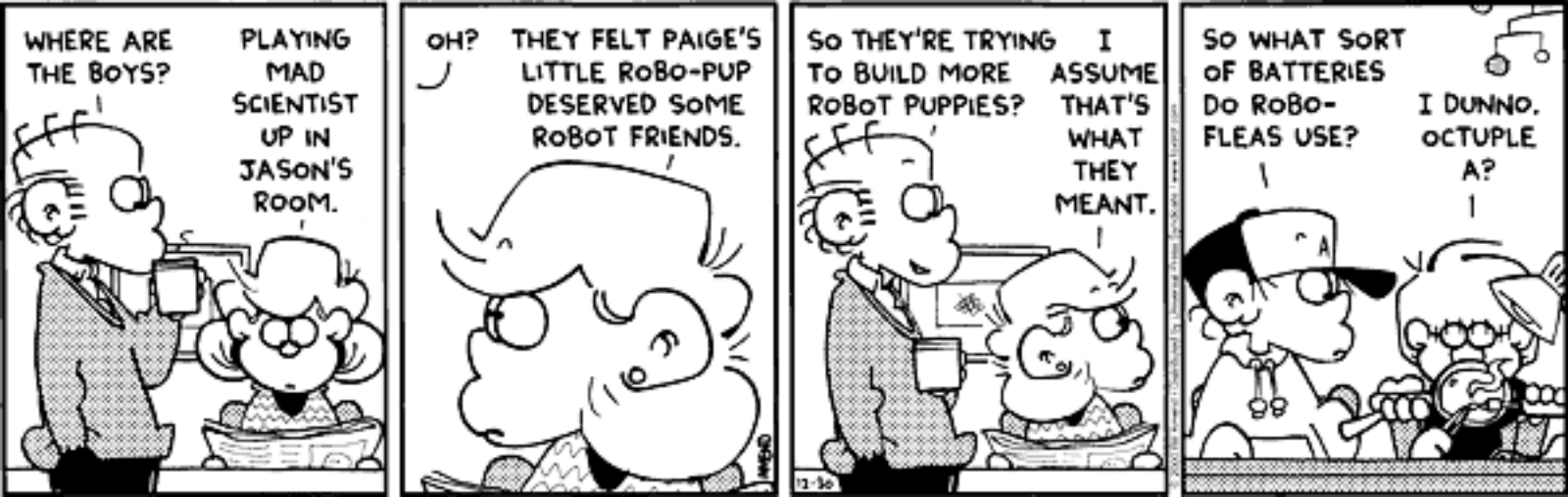
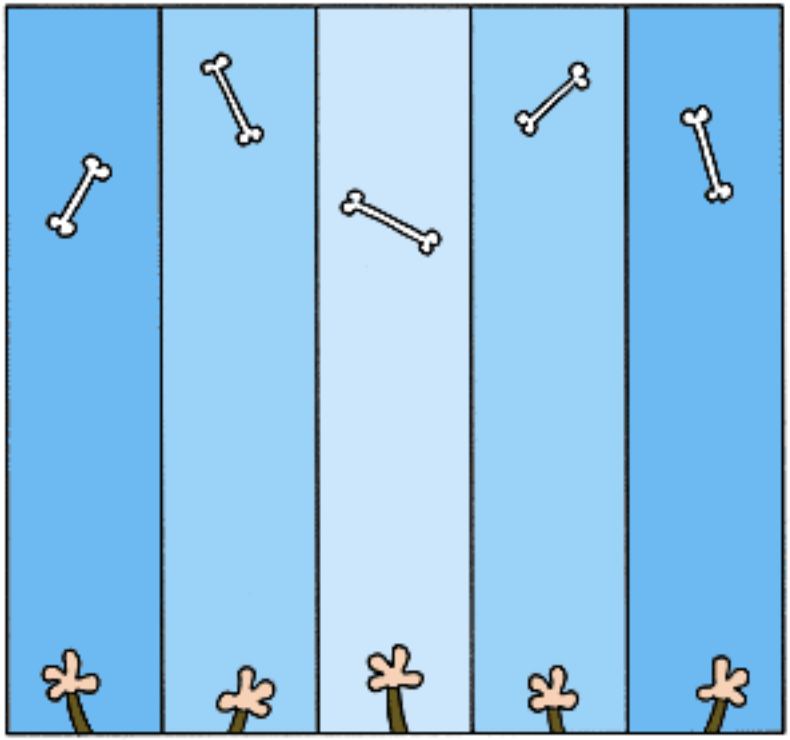

AWW! MY ROBO-PUP'S WAGGING ITS LITTLE TAIL LIKE CRAZY!
FLAP! FLAP! FLAP!
IT'S SO HAPPY TO SEE ME!
FLAP! FLAP! FLAP!
AND PEOPLE SAY YOU DON'T HAVE FEELINGS, JUST BECAUSE YOUR HEART'S ON A SILICON CHIP.
PAIGE, IT'S BEEN DOING THAT SINCE YOU DROPPED IT THIS MORNING.
HUMOR ME, OK?


SIT, ROBO-PUP! SIT!
YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP!
I SAID SIT!
YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP!
SIT! SIT! SIT! SIT! SIT! SIT! SIT!
12-28
CHECK OUT THIS TRICK: SAY "YIP," ROBO-PUP!
IT'S ROLLING OVER.

MOM! PAIGE'S STUPID ROBO-PUP CHEWED UP MY FAVORITE COMIC BOOK!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
12-29
PUNISH HER! GROUND HER! LOCK HER IN A DUNGEON SOMEWHERE!
IF A PET DESTROYS SOME-THING, ITS OWNER SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE! NO IFS, ANDS OR BUTS!
I'M TALKING SOLELY ABOUT ROBOT PETS, OF COURSE.
BY THE WAY, ABOUT YOUR IGUANA'S LITTLE CHANDELIER ADVENTURE...


WHERE ARE THE BOYS?
PLAYING MAD SCIENTIST UP IN JASON'S ROOM.
OH?
THEY FELT PAIGE'S LITTLE ROBO-PUP DESERVED SOME ROBOT FRIENDS.
SO THEY'RE TRYING TO BUILD MORE ROBOT PUPPIES?
I ASSUME THAT'S WHAT THEY MEANT.
SO WHAT SORT OF BATTERIES DO ROBO-FLEAS USE?
I DUNNO. OCTUPLE A?



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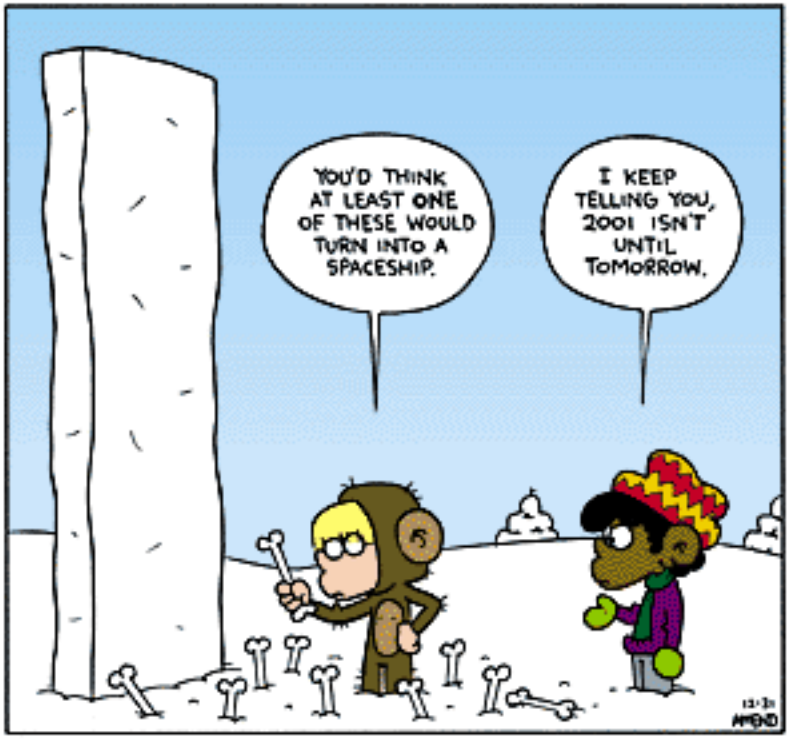
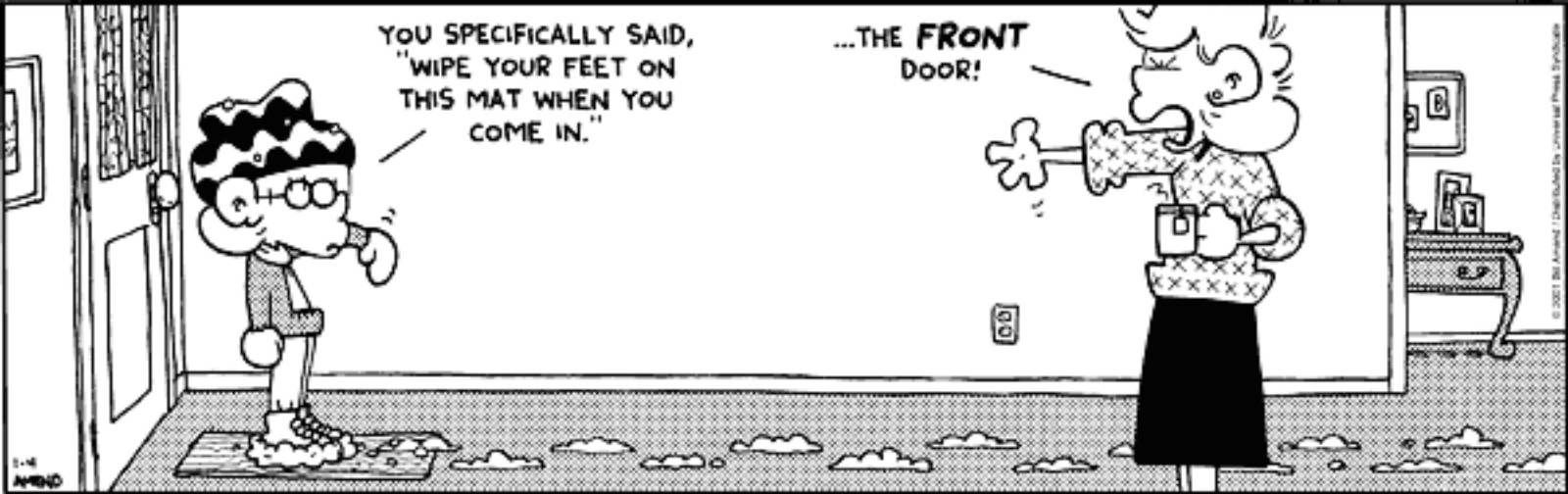
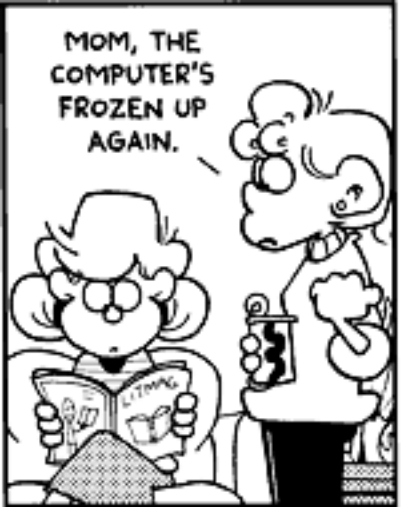


I'VE RESOLVED TO NOT LET JASON ANNOY ME THIS YEAR.
GOLFSTOP
I'VE RESOLVED TO ANNOY PAIGE MORE THAN EVER THIS YEAR.
GOLFSTOP
THIS COULD BE QUITE A TEST OF WILLS.
OR PILLS. LET'S SEE... ASPIRIN OR TYLENOL?

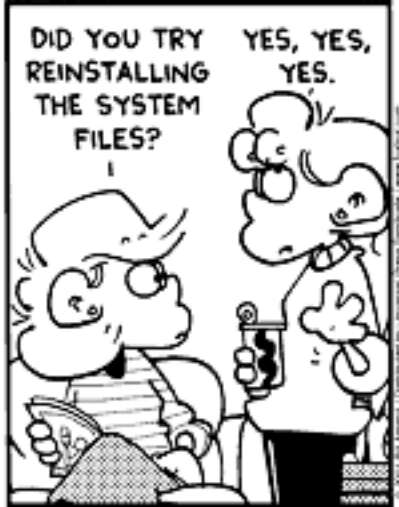
"DON'T GET HIM A SUPER SOAKER FOR CHRISTMAS," I SAID. "BUT HE REALLY WANTS ONE," YOU SAID...
1-1
NEA

QUINCY REALLY LIKES YOUR NEW CHESS SET, DAD.
HE HAS GOOD TASTE.
THESE ARE AUTHENTIC HOUSE OF STAUNTON HAND-CARVED PIECES. SANTA REALLY CAME THROUGH.
FUNNY THAT YOU SHOULD USE THE WORD "TASTE"...
WHY ARE HALF THE PAWNS MISSING?

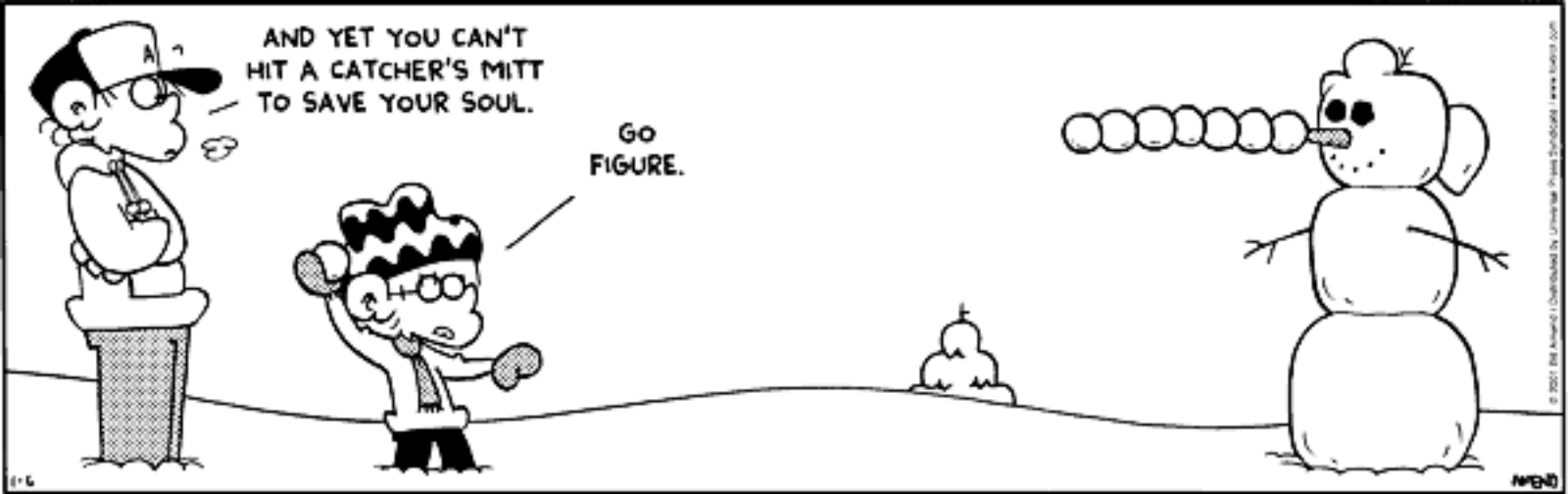

YOU SPECIFICALLY SAID, "WIPE YOUR FEET ON THIS MAT WHEN YOU COME IN."
...THE FRONT DOOR!
JUMBO

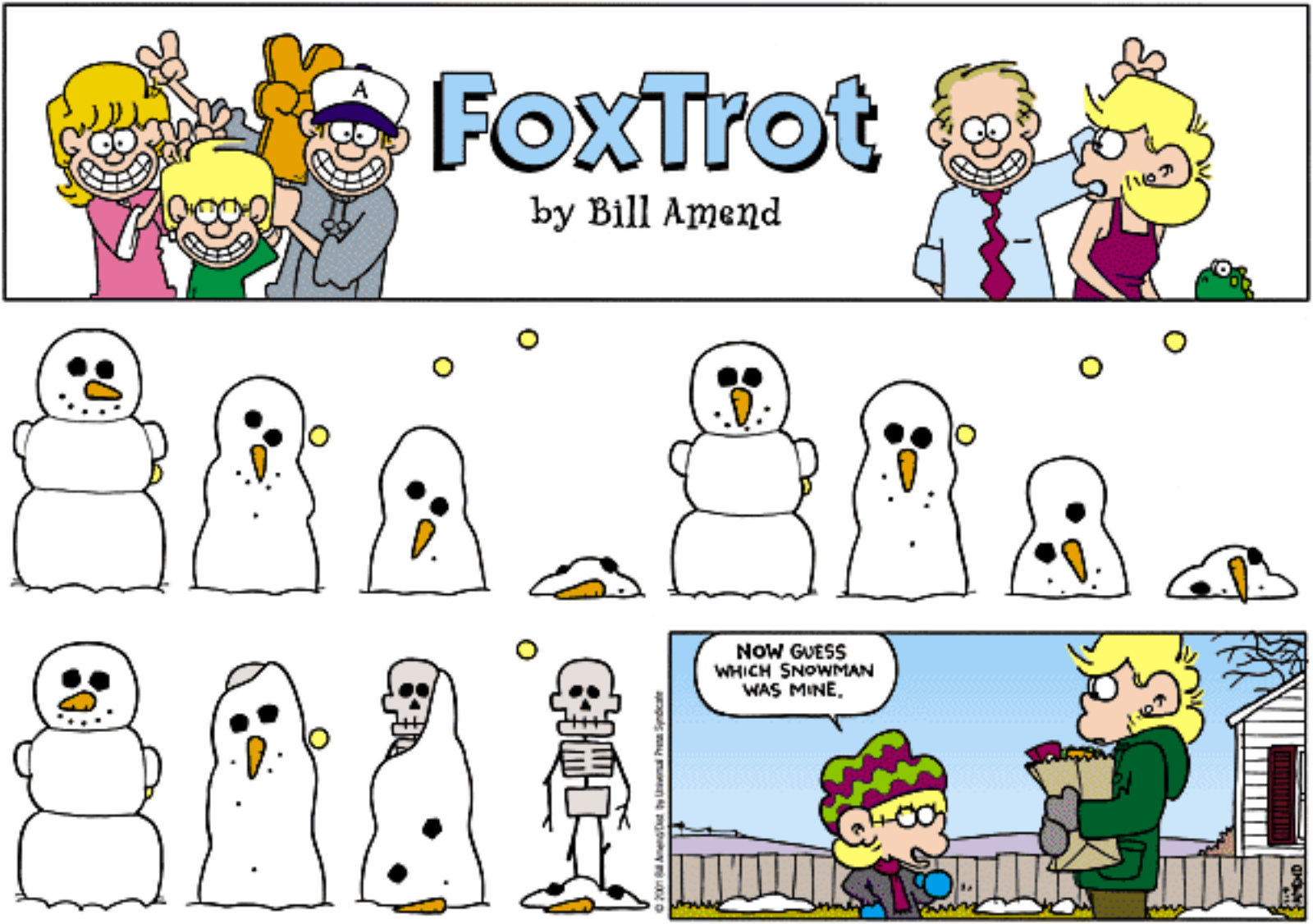

MOM, THE COMPUTER'S FROZEN UP AGAIN.

DID YOU TRY RESTARTING IT?
YES.
DID YOU TRY DISABLING THE EXTENSIONS?
YES.


DID YOU TRY REINSTALLING THE SYSTEM FILES?
YES, YES, YES.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL RAISE THE THERMOSTAT A LITTLE.
FINALLY.


AND YET YOU CAN'T HIT A CATCHER'S MITT TO SAVE YOUR SOUL.
GO FIGURE.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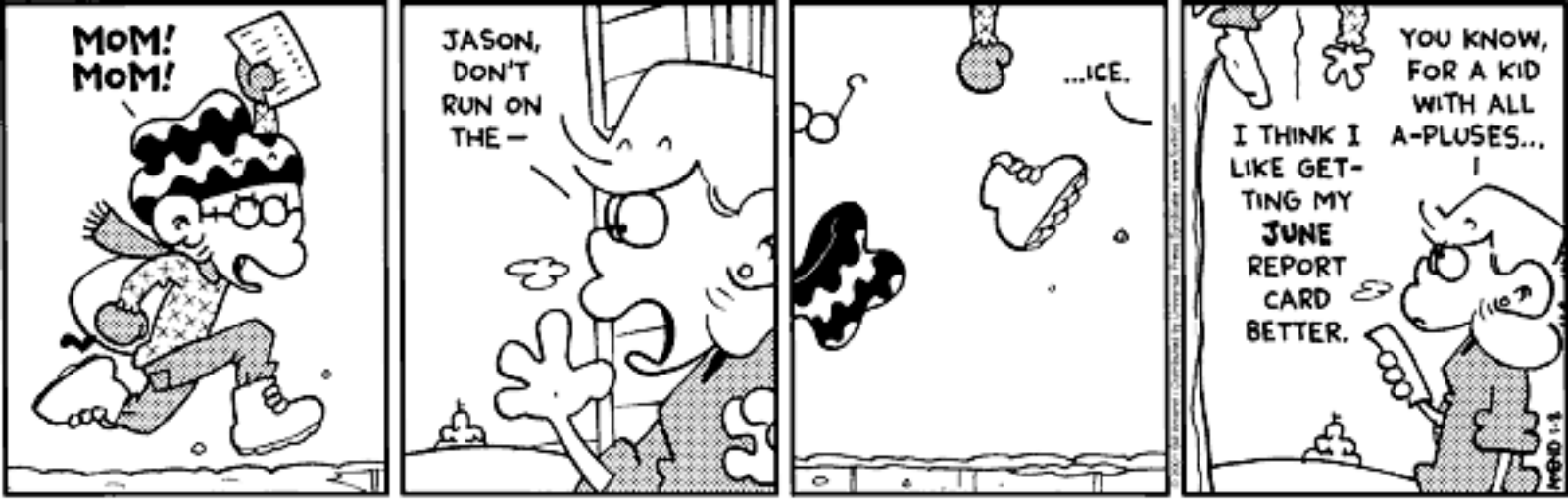
NOW GUESS WHICH SNOWMAN WAS MINE.


MOM! MOM!
JASON, DON'T RUN ON THE—
...ICE.
I THINK I LIKE GETTING MY JUNE REPORT CARD BETTER.
YOU KNOW, FOR A KID WITH ALL A-PLUSES...
MOOD 1-4

TODAY'S FORE-CAST CALLS FOR COLD, GUSTY WINDS.
MMEND
JASON! DON'T THROW THAT SUPERBALL SO CLOSE TO THE—
CRASH!
...WINDOW.
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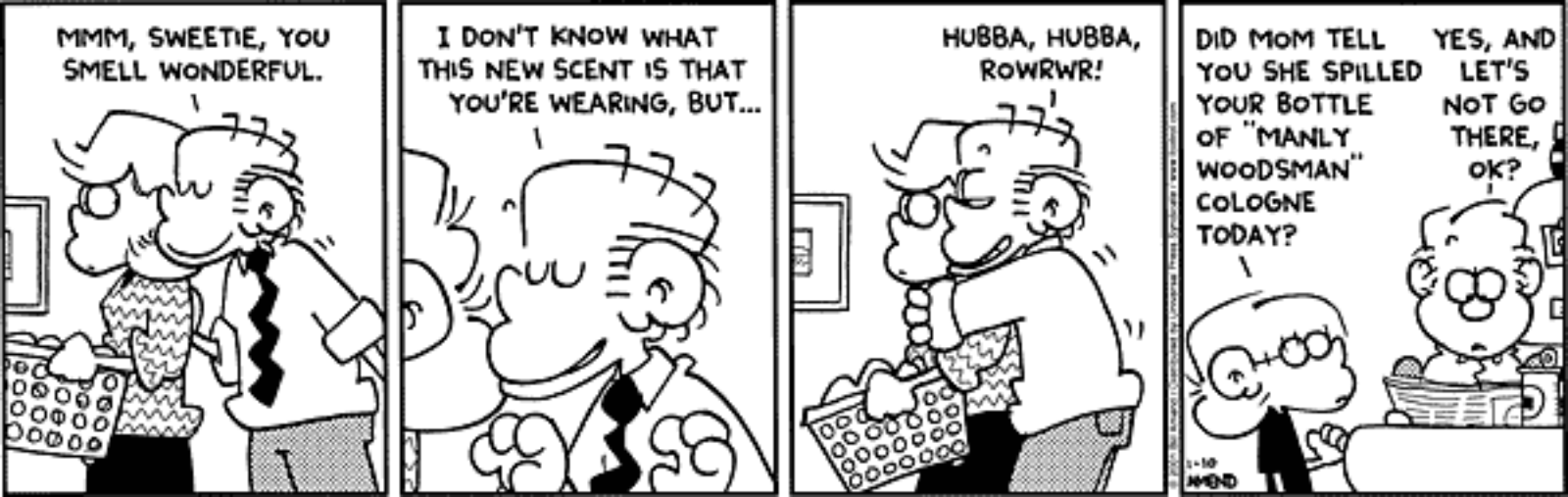
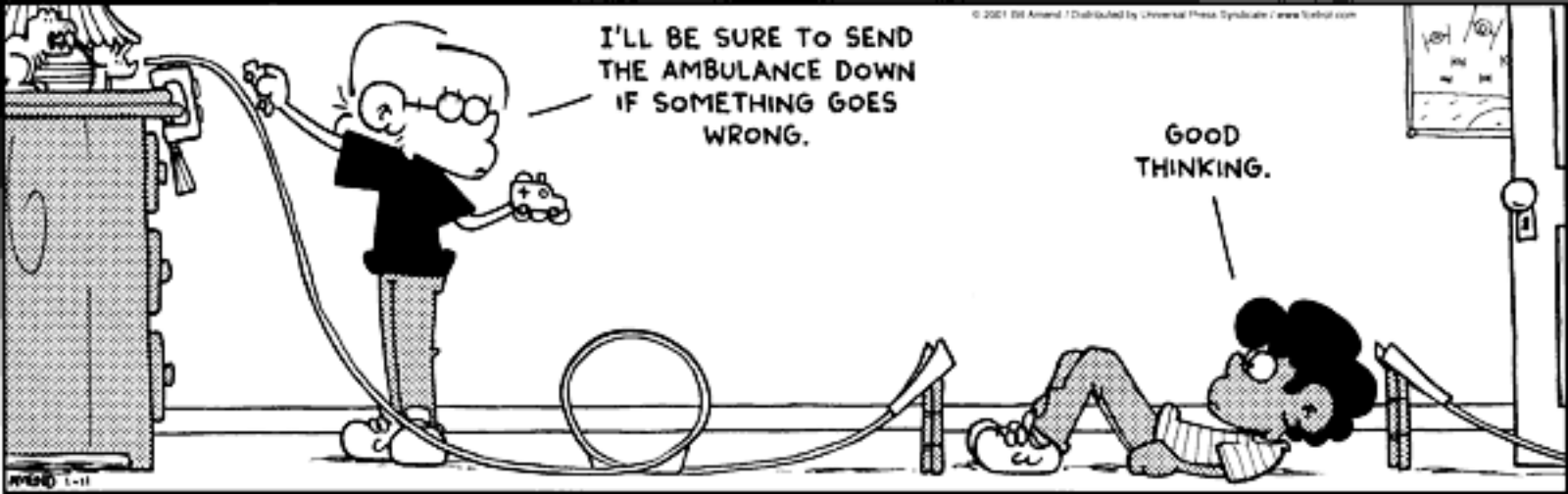
THIS GUY IS GOOD.
FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT DRIZZLE.
PAIGE! YOU LET THE BATHTUB OVERFLOW!


MMM, SWEETIE, YOU SMELL WONDERFUL.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS NEW SCENT IS THAT YOU'RE WEARING, BUT...
HUBBA, HUBBA, ROWRWR!
DID MOM TELL YOU SHE SPILLED YOUR BOTTLE OF "MANLY WOODSMAN" COLOGNE TODAY?
YES, AND LET'S NOT GO THERE, OK?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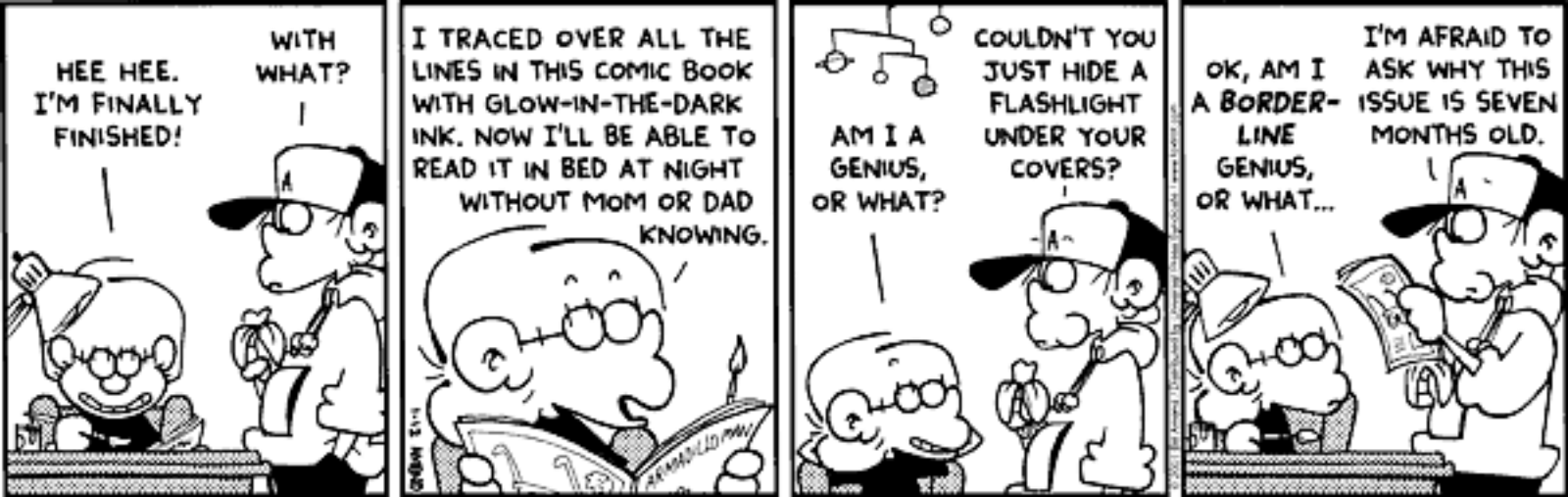
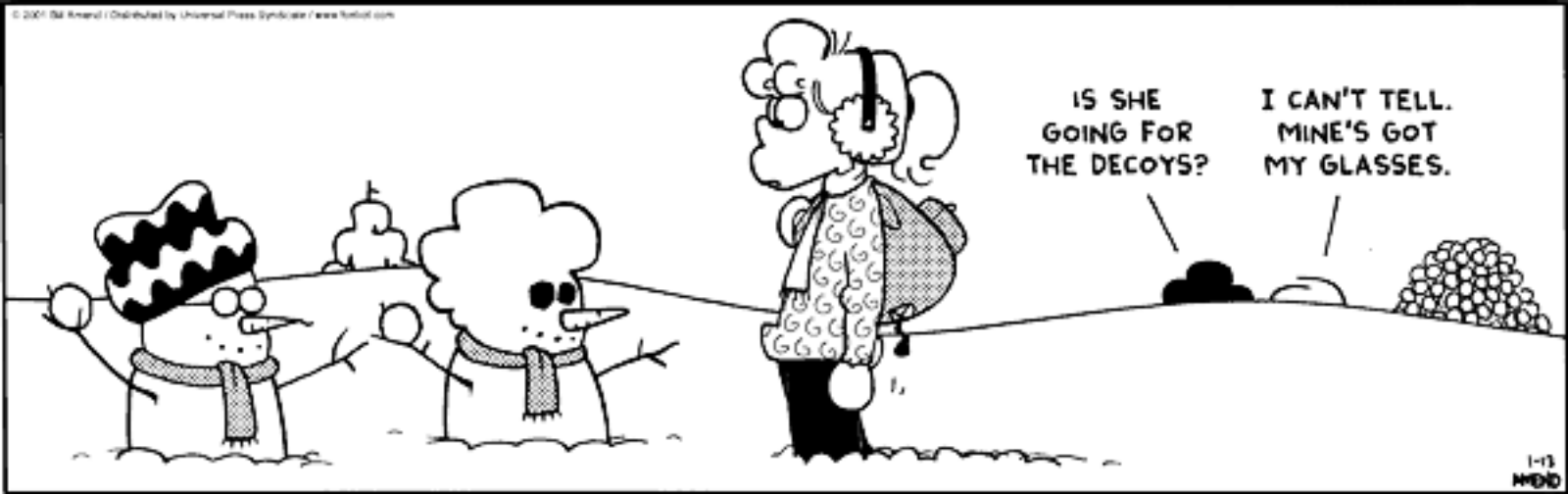
I'LL BE SURE TO SEND THE AMBULANCE DOWN IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG.
GOOD THINKING.


HEE HEE. I'M FINALLY FINISHED!
WITH WHAT?
I TRACED OVER ALL THE LINES IN THIS COMIC BOOK WITH GLOW-IN-THE-DARK INK. NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO READ IT IN BED AT NIGHT WITHOUT MOM OR DAD KNOWING.
AM I A GENIUS, OR WHAT?
COULDN'T YOU JUST HIDE A FLASHLIGHT UNDER YOUR COVERS?
OK, AM I A BORDER-LINE GENIUS, OR WHAT...
I'M AFRAID TO ASK WHY THIS ISSUE IS SEVEN MONTHS OLD.


IS SHE GOING FOR THE DECOYS?
I CAN'T TELL. MINE'S GOT MY GLASSES.
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YOU ARE AWARE THAT SYNCHRONIZED DIVING IS A SUMMER OLYMPIC SPORT?
OH, GREAT. NOW SOMEONE TELLS US.
SO THIS IS CHINA.
AMEND 1-14
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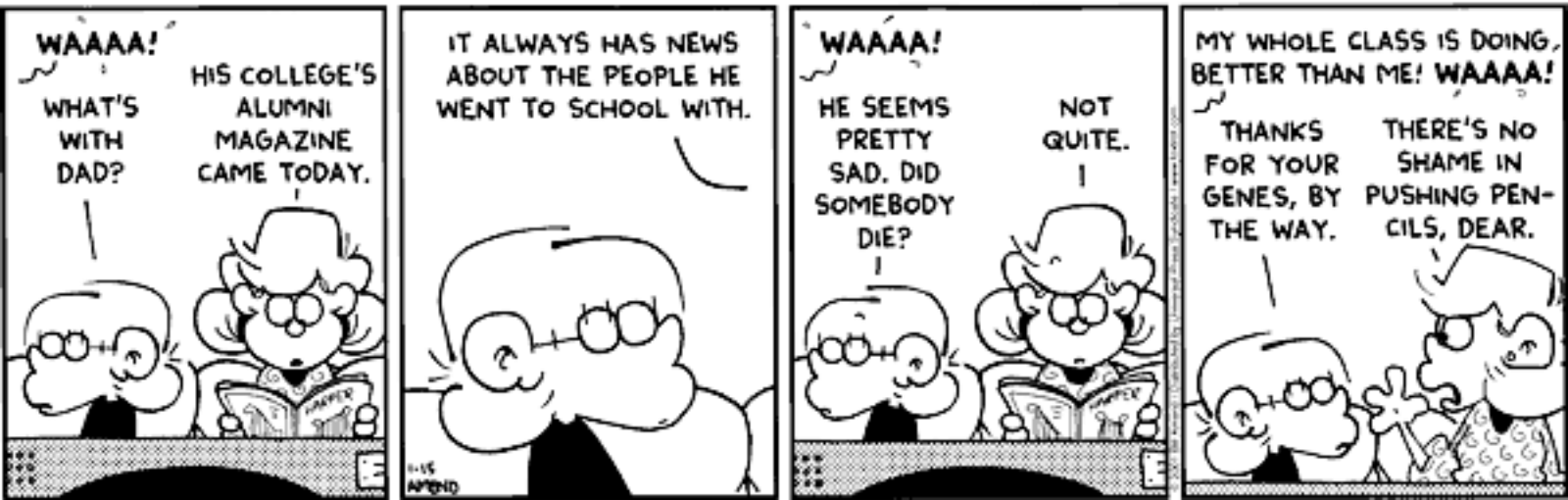
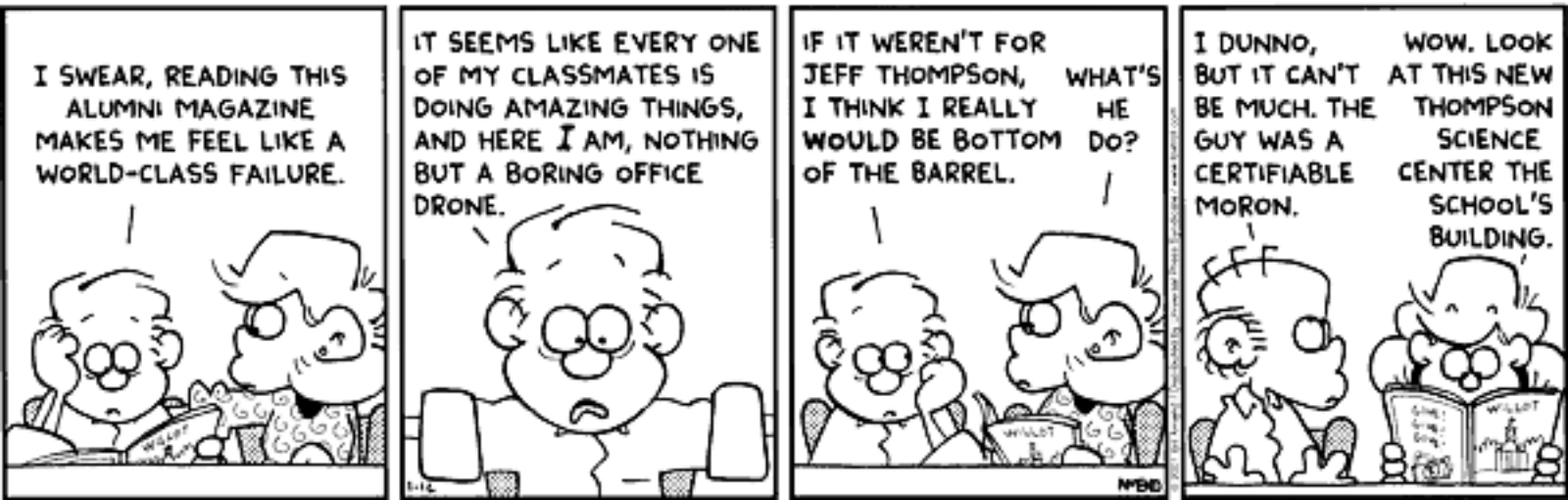
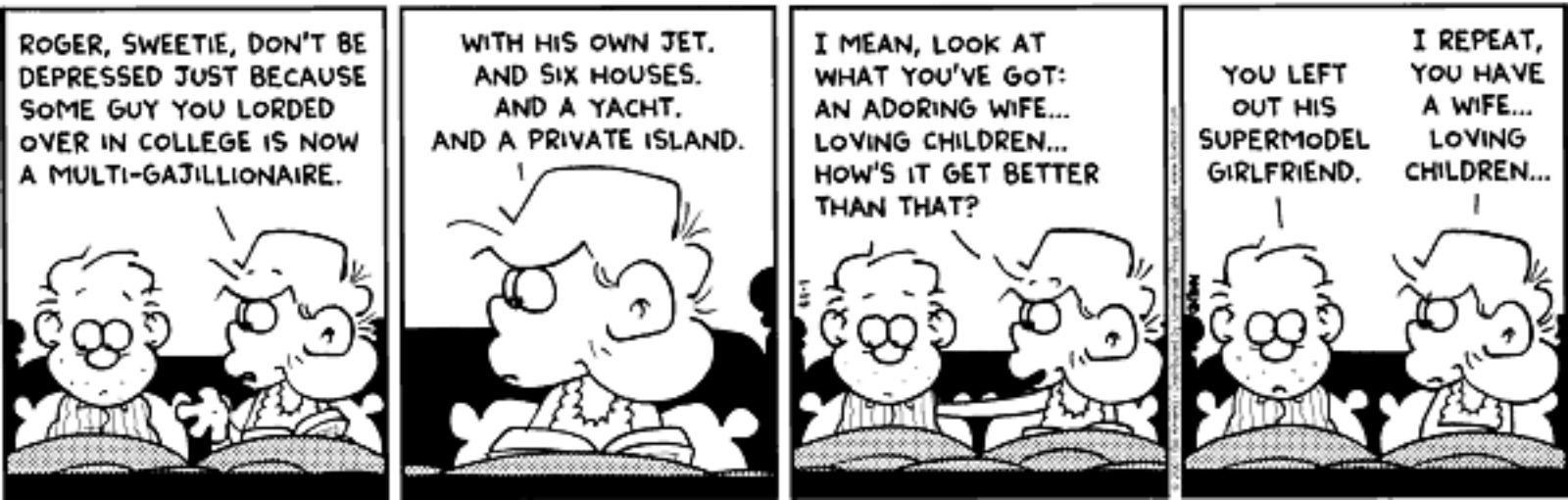
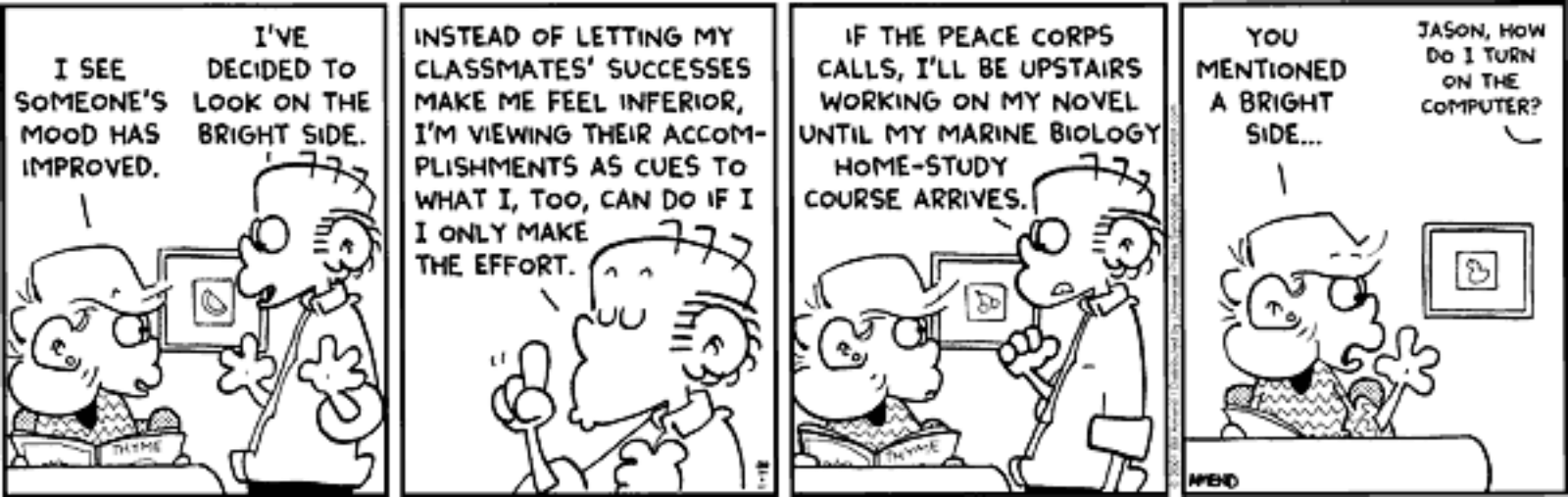
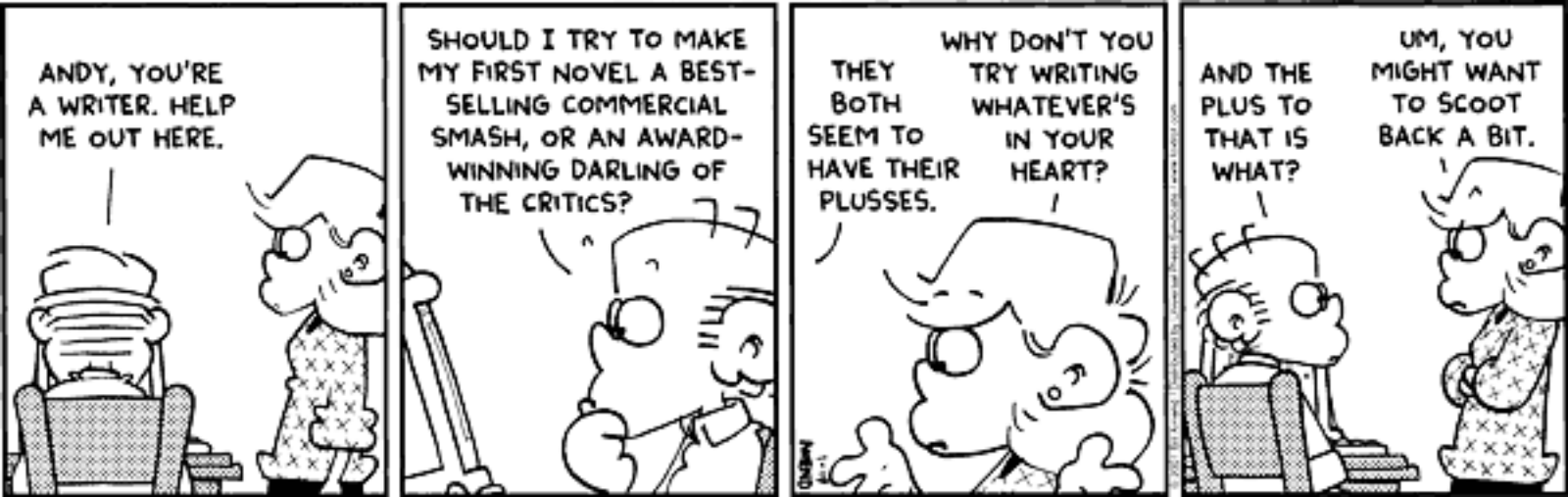
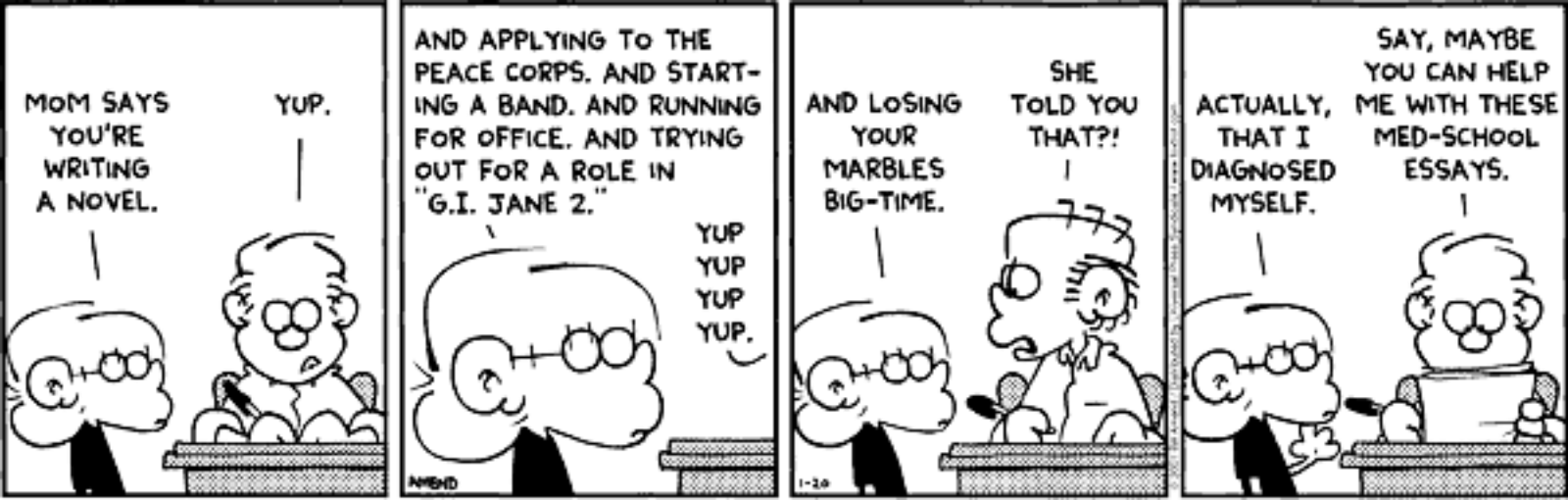

WAAAA!
WHAT'S WITH DAD?
HIS COLLEGE'S ALUMNI MAGAZINE CAME TODAY.
IT ALWAYS HAS NEWS ABOUT THE PEOPLE HE WENT TO SCHOOL WITH.
WAAAA!
HE SEEMS PRETTY SAD. DID SOMEBODY DIE?
NOT QUITE.
MY WHOLE CLASS IS DOING BETTER THAN ME! WAAAA!
THANKS FOR YOUR GENES, BY THE WAY.
THERE'S NO SHAME IN PUSHING PENCILS, DEAR.


I SWEAR, READING THIS ALUMNI MAGAZINE MAKES ME FEEL LIKE A WORLD-CLASS FAILURE.
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY ONE OF MY CLASSMATES IS DOING AMAZING THINGS, AND HERE I AM, NOTHING BUT A BORING OFFICE DRONE.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR JEFF THOMPSON, I THINK I REALLY WOULD BE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL.
WHAT'S HE DO?
I DUNNO, BUT IT CAN'T BE MUCH. THE GUY WAS A CERTIFIABLE MORON.
WOW. LOOK AT THIS NEW THOMPSON SCIENCE CENTER THE SCHOOL'S BUILDING.

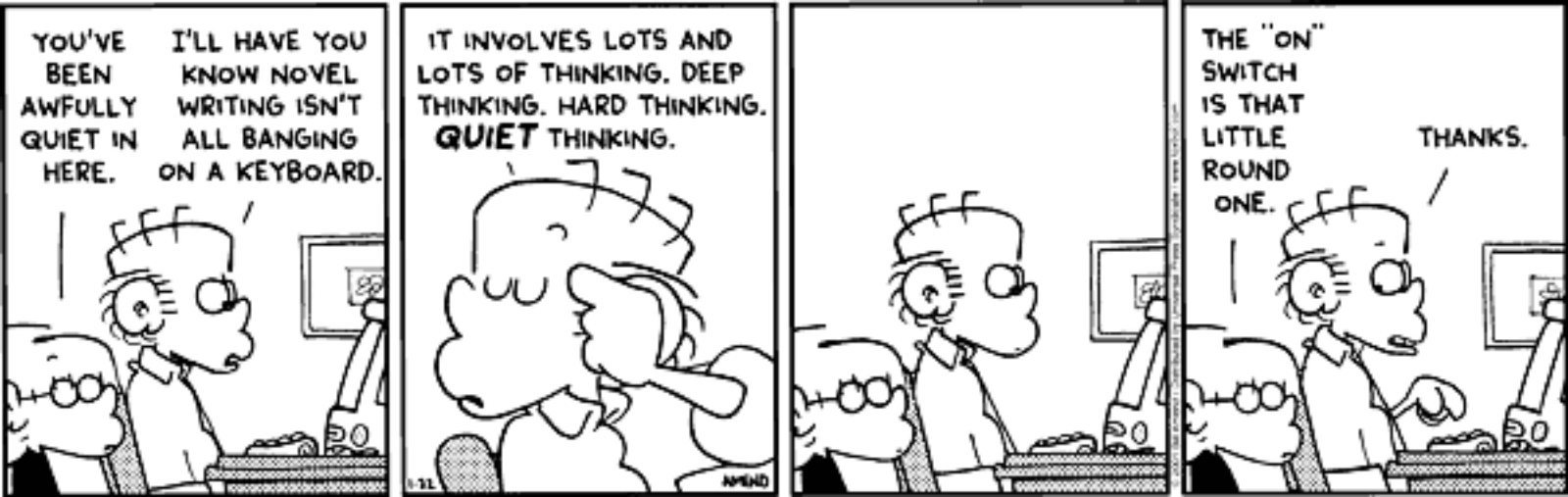

ROGER, SWEETIE, DON'T BE DEPRESSED JUST BECAUSE SOME GUY YOU LORDED OVER IN COLLEGE IS NOW A MULTI-GAJILLIONAIRE.
WITH HIS OWN JET. AND SIX HOUSES. AND A YACHT. AND A PRIVATE ISLAND.
I MEAN, LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE GOT: AN ADORING WIFE... LOVING CHILDREN... HOW'S IT GET BETTER THAN THAT?
YOU LEFT OUT HIS SUPERMODEL GIRLFRIEND.
I REPEAT, YOU HAVE A WIFE... LOVING CHILDREN...

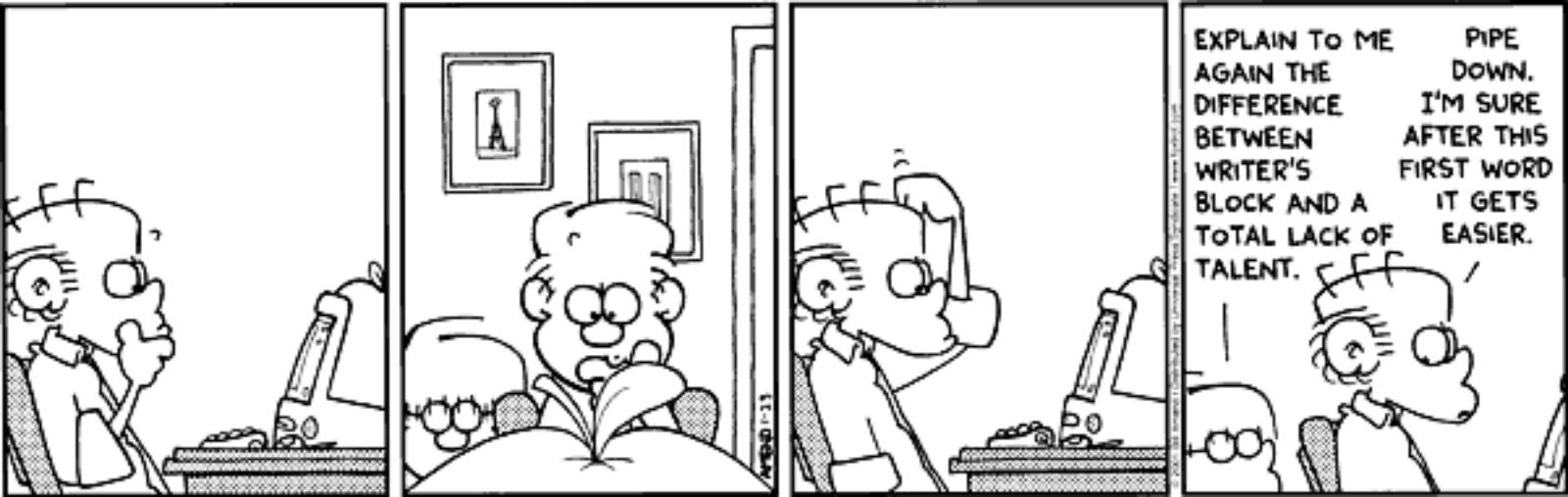

I SEE SOMEONE'S MOOD HAS IMPROVED.
I'VE DECIDED TO LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.
INSTEAD OF LETTING MY CLASSMATES' SUCCESSES MAKE ME FEEL INFERIOR, I'M VIEWING THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS CUES TO WHAT I, TOO, CAN DO IF I I ONLY MAKE THE EFFORT.
IF THE PEACE CORPS CALLS, I'LL BE UPSTAIRS WORKING ON MY NOVEL UNTIL MY MARINE BIOLOGY HOME-STUDY COURSE ARRIVES.
YOU MENTIONED A BRIGHT SIDE...
JASON, HOW DO I TURN ON THE COMPUTER?

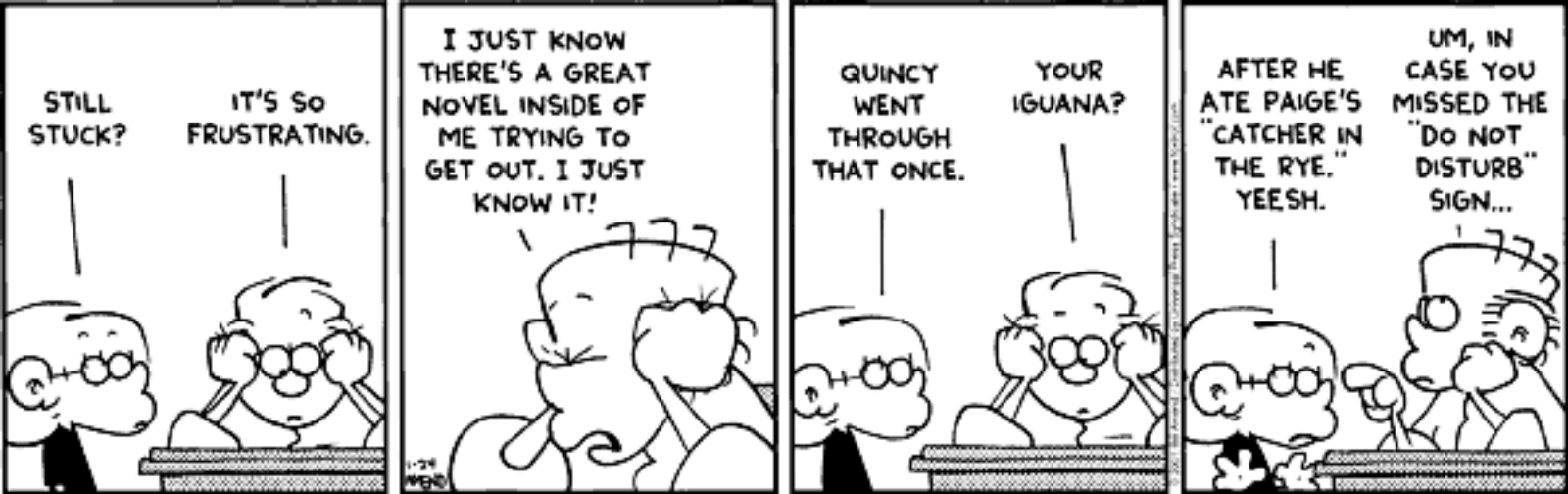

ANDY, YOU'RE A WRITER. HELP ME OUT HERE.
SHOULD I TRY TO MAKE MY FIRST NOVEL A BEST-SELLING COMMERCIAL SMASH, OR AN AWARD-WINNING DARLING OF THE CRITICS?
THEY BOTH SEEM TO HAVE THEIR PLUSSES.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY WRITING WHATEVER'S IN YOUR HEART?
AND THE PLUS TO THAT IS WHAT?
UM, YOU MIGHT WANT TO SCOOT BACK A BIT.

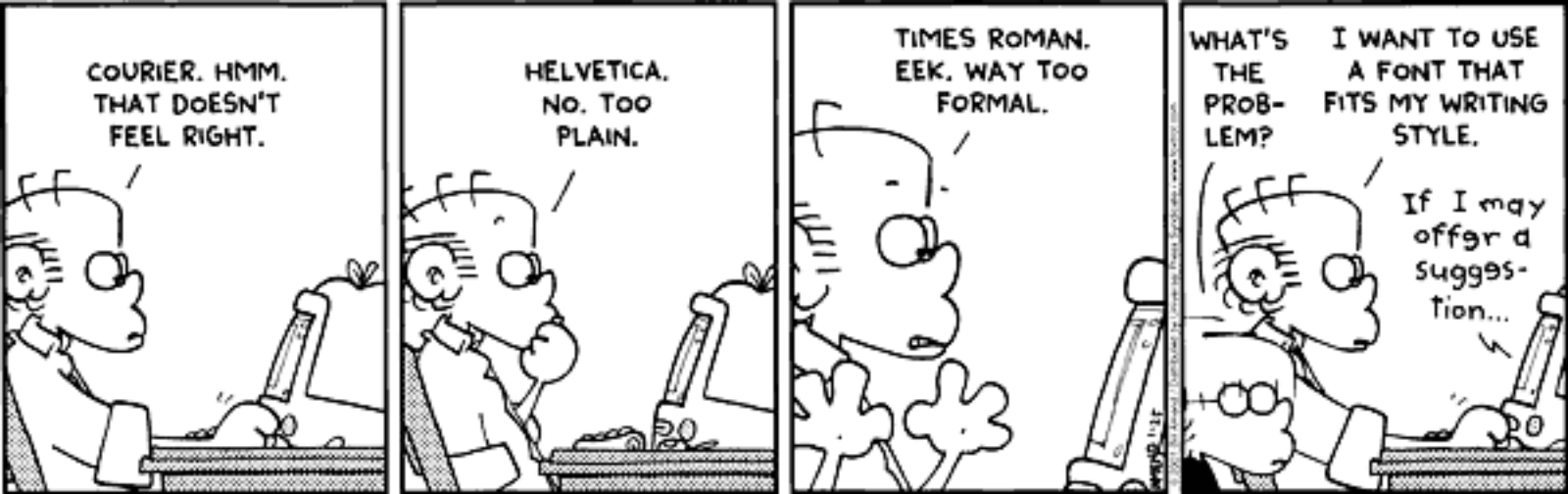

MOM SAYS YOU'RE WRITING A NOVEL.
YUP.
AND APPLYING TO THE PEACE CORPS. AND STARTING A BAND. AND RUNNING FOR OFFICE. AND TRYING OUT FOR A ROLE IN "G.I. JANE 2."
YUP YUP YUP YUP.
AND LOSING YOUR MARBLES BIG-TIME.
SHE TOLD YOU THAT?!
ACTUALLY, THAT I DIAGNOSED MYSELF.
SAY, MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME WITH THESE MED-SCHOOL ESSAYS.

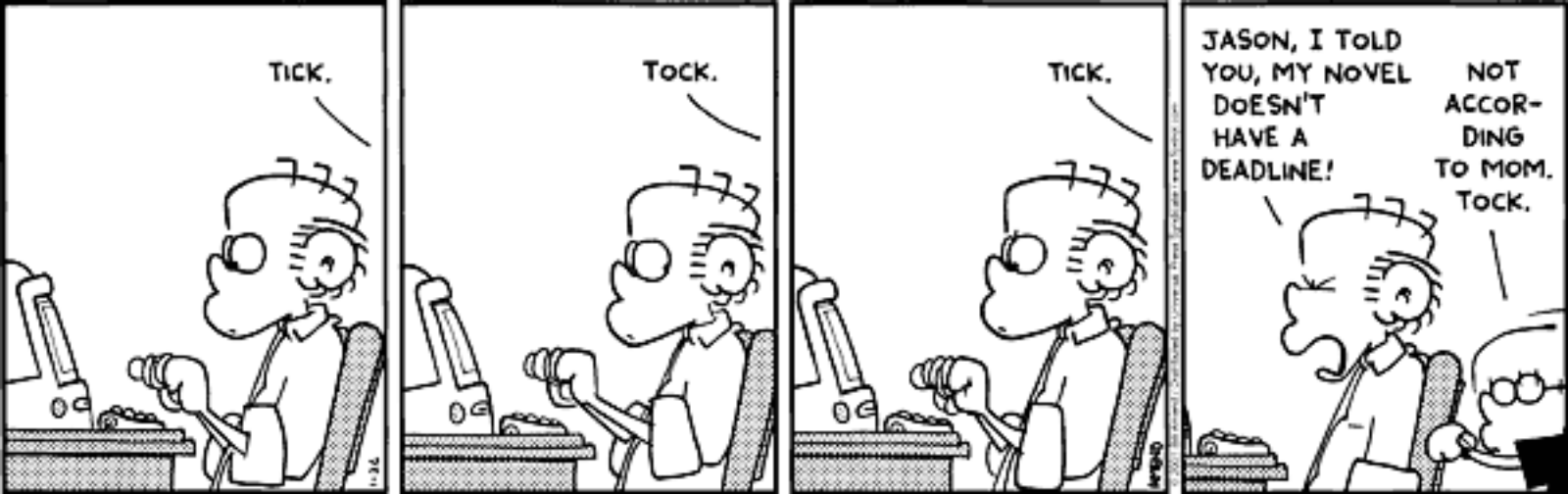
FoxTrot
by Bill Amend
HERE WE GO... THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL, BY ROGER FOX.
A TALE OF INTRIGUE! SUSPENSE!
ROMANCE! ADVENTURE!
LAUGHTER! TEARS! A GRIPPING EPIC FOR THE AGES!
ZZZZ...
DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY, DAD. COMPUTERS ARE SUPPOSED TO FALL ASLEEP.
THERE MUST BE A PEN IN THIS HOUSE SOMEWHERE.

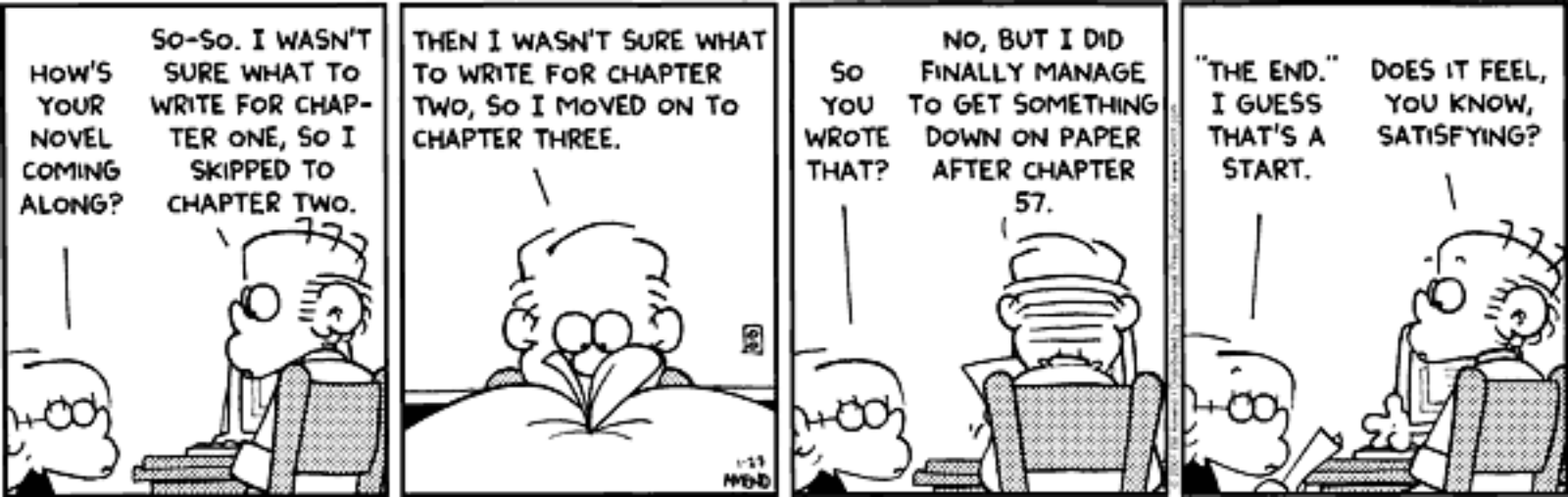

YOU'VE BEEN AWFULLY QUIET IN HERE.
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW NOVEL WRITING ISN'T ALL BANGING ON A KEYBOARD.
IT INVOLVES LOTS AND LOTS OF THINKING. DEEP THINKING. HARD THINKING. QUIET THINKING.
THE "ON" SWITCH IS THAT LITTLE ROUND ONE.
THANKS.

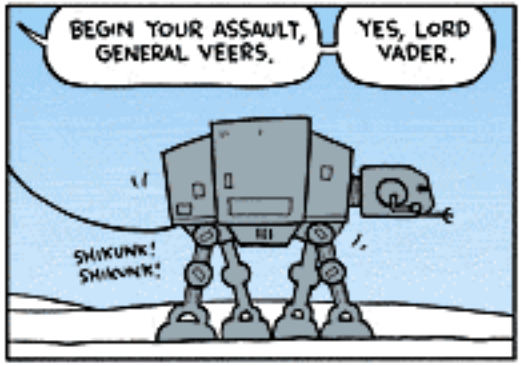

EXPLAIN TO ME AGAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WRITER'S BLOCK AND A TOTAL LACK OF TALENT.
PIPE DOWN. I'M SURE AFTER THIS FIRST WORD IT GETS EASIER.

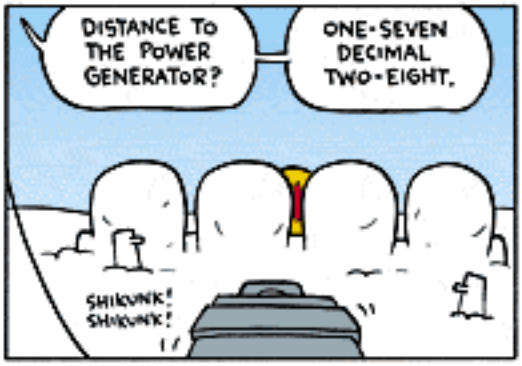

STILL STUCK?
IT'S SO FRUSTRATING.
I JUST KNOW THERE'S A GREAT NOVEL INSIDE OF ME TRYING TO GET OUT. I JUST KNOW IT!
QUINCY WENT THROUGH THAT ONCE.
YOUR IGUANA?
AFTER HE ATE PAIGE'S "CATCHER IN THE RYE." YEESH.
UM, IN CASE YOU MISSED THE "DO NOT DISTURB" SIGN...

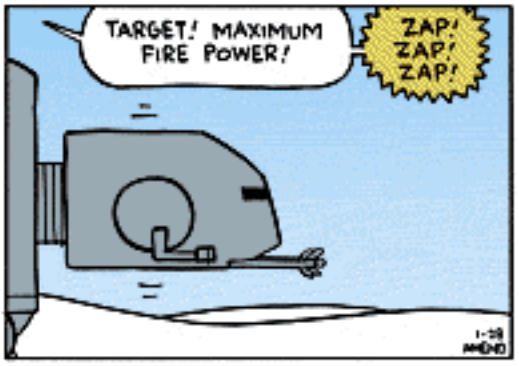

COURIER. HMM. THAT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.
HELVETICA. NO. TOO PLAIN.
TIMES ROMAN. EEK. WAY TOO FORMAL.
WHAT'S THE PROB-LEM?
I WANT TO USE A FONT THAT FITS MY WRITING STYLE.
If I may offer a suggestion...

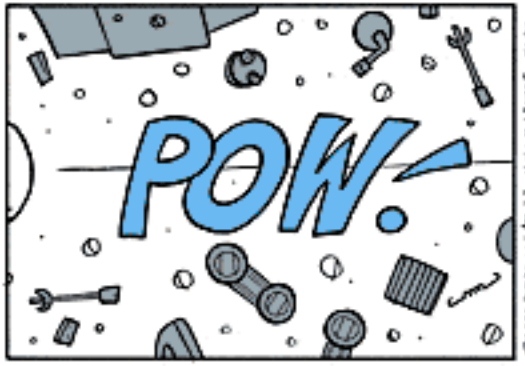

TICK.
TOCK.
TICK.
JASON, I TOLD YOU, MY NOVEL DOESN'T HAVE A DEADLINE!
NOT ACCORDING TO MOM. TOCK.


HOW'S YOUR NOVEL COMING ALONG?
SO-SO. I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO WRITE FOR CHAPTER ONE, SO I SKIPPED TO CHAPTER TWO.
THEN I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO WRITE FOR CHAPTER TWO, SO I MOVED ON TO CHAPTER THREE.
SO YOU WROTE THAT?
NO, BUT I DID FINALLY MANAGE TO GET SOMETHING DOWN ON PAPER AFTER CHAPTER 57.
"THE END." I GUESS THAT'S A START.
DOES IT FEEL, YOU KNOW, SATISFYING?









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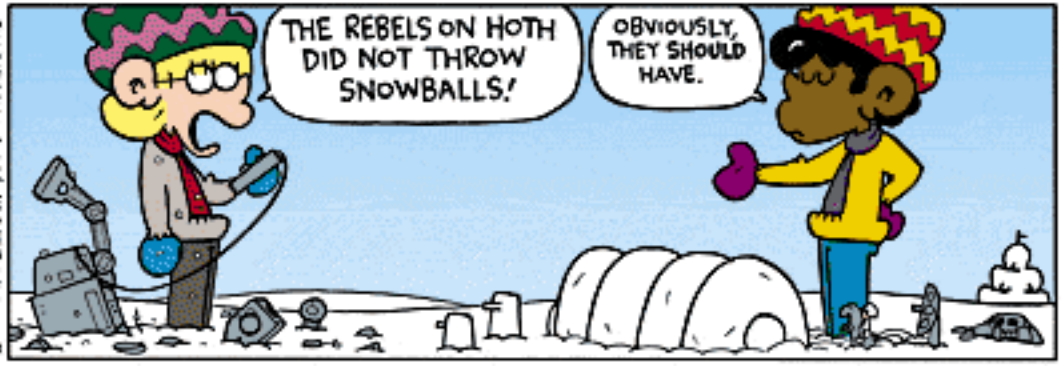

WHAT'S THIS?
MY NOVEL. WANT TO READ IT?
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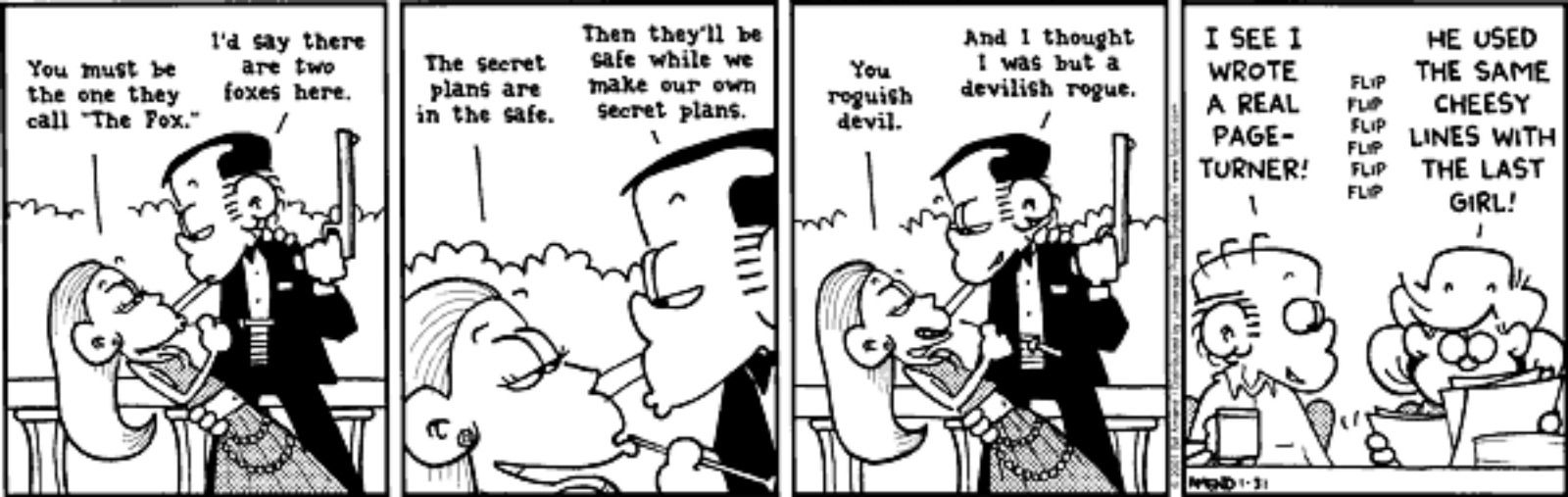
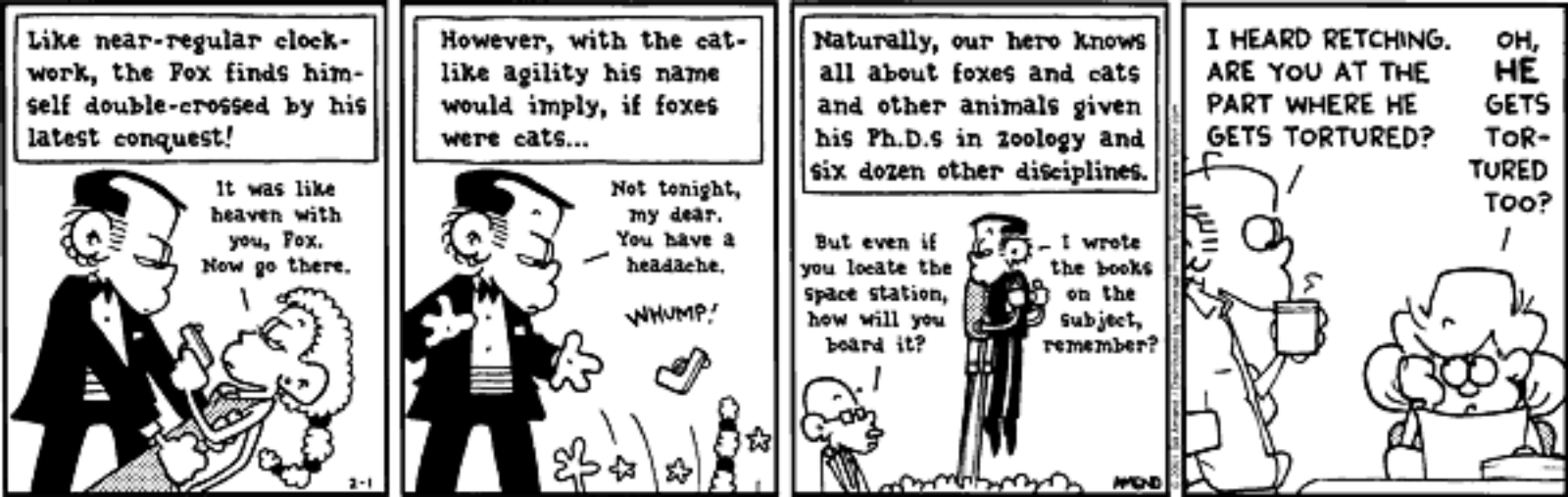
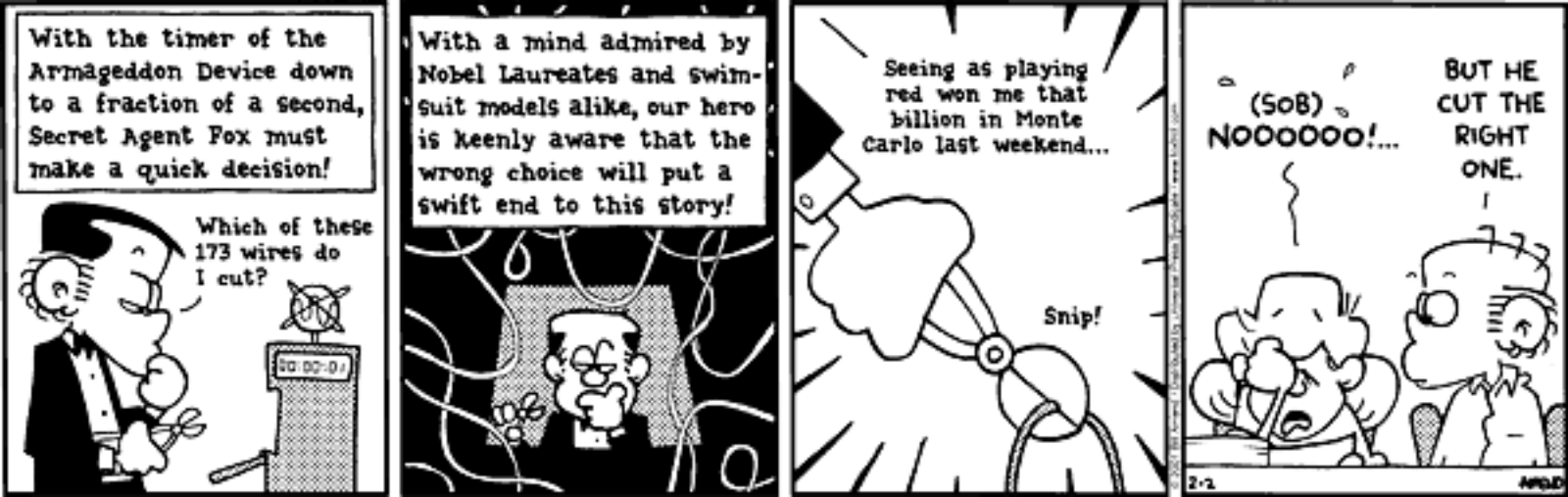
YOU WROTE YOUR NOVEL IN A WEEKEND?! I THOUGHT YOU HAD WRITER'S BLOCK!
I DID, FOR A WHILE.
BUT AS SOON AS I SETTLED ON THE MAIN CHARACTER, IT WAS AS IF A SPIGOT JUST OPENED UP!
But won't the mission be dangerous, Agent Fox?
In triplicate.
"Danger" is my middle name. That and "Handsome." And "Brilliant." And "Very Suave." Shall I go on?

A shadowy sliver of a human shadow lowers himself spider-like down a wall.
Silently, he slips quietly into a room brimming with priceless objects of art and beauty.
Some more beautiful than others.
You're three seconds late, Agent Fox.
Trust me. I'm worth the wait.
YOUR CHARACTER HAS A FLING WITH A RED-HEAD?!
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE JEALOUS, SO I PUT TWO BLONDES IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.


You must be the one they call "The Fox."
I'd say there are two foxes here.
The secret plans are in the safe.
Then they'll be safe while we make our own secret plans.
You roguish devil.
And I thought I was but a devilish rogue.
I SEE I WROTE A REAL PAGE-TURNER!
FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP
HE USED THE SAME CHEESY LINES WITH THE LAST GIRL!


Like near-regular clockwork, the Fox finds himself double-crossed by his latest conquest!
It was like heaven with you, Fox. Now go there.
However, with the cat-like agility his name would imply, if foxes were cats...
Not tonight, my dear. You have a headache.
WHUMP!
Naturally, our hero knows all about foxes and cats and other animals given his Ph.D.s in zoology and six dozen other disciplines.
But even if you locate the space station, how will you board it?
I wrote the books on the subject, remember?
I HEARD RETCHING. ARE YOU AT THE PART WHERE HE GETS TORTURED?
OH, HE GETS TORTURED TOO?


With the timer of the Armageddon Device down to a fraction of a second, Secret Agent Fox must make a quick decision!
Which of these 173 wires do I cut?
00:00:01
With a mind admired by Nobel Laureates and swimsuit models alike, our hero is keenly aware that the wrong choice will put a swift end to this story!
Seeing as playing red won me that billion in Monte Carlo last weekend...
Snip!
(SOB) NOOOOOO!...
BUT HE CUT THE RIGHT ONE.
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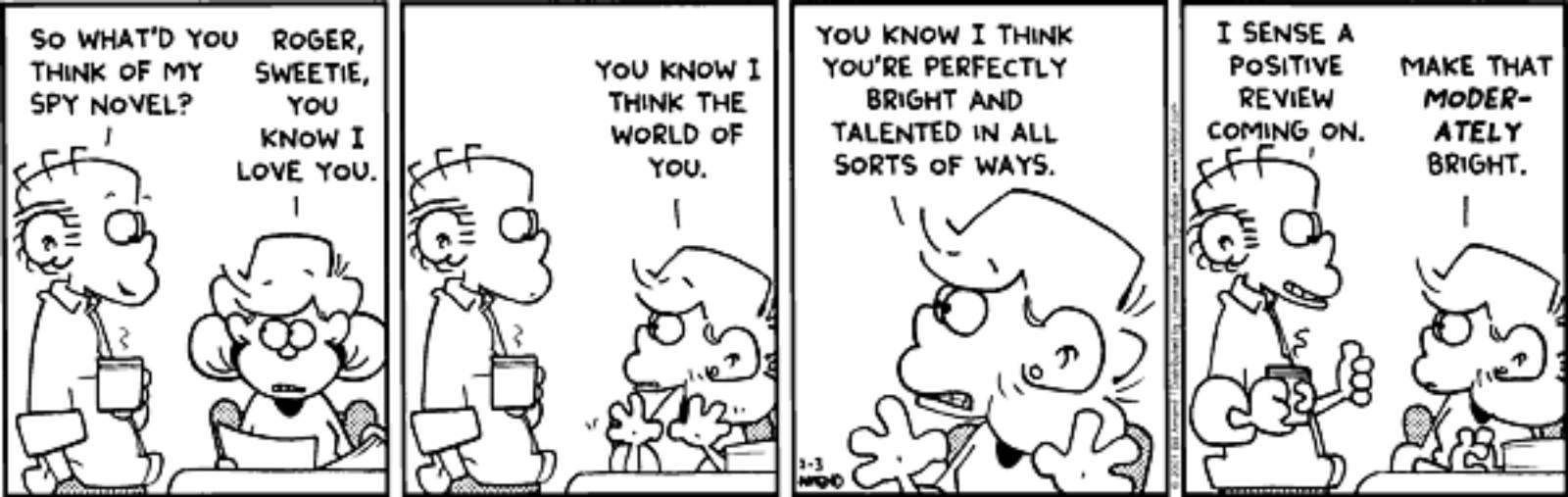
SO WHAT'D YOU THINK OF MY SPY NOVEL?
ROGER, SWEETIE, YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU.
YOU KNOW I THINK THE WORLD OF YOU.
YOU KNOW I THINK YOU'RE PERFECTLY BRIGHT AND TALENTED IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS.
I SENSE A POSITIVE REVIEW COMING ON.
MAKE THAT MODERATELY BRIGHT.

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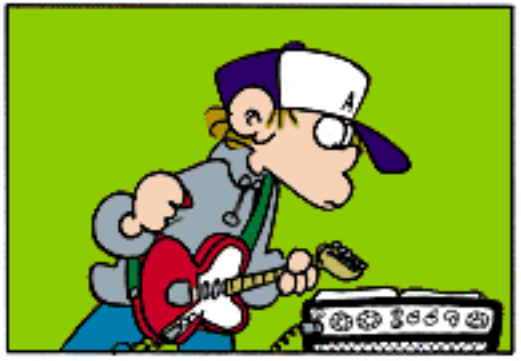
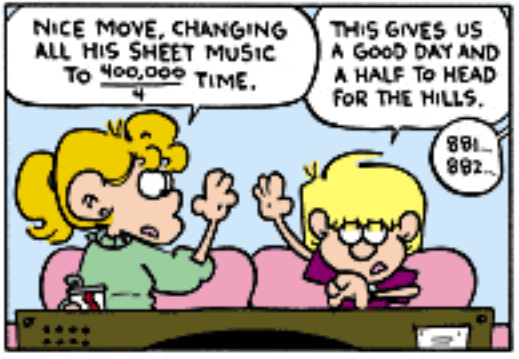
AH ONE!... TWO!...

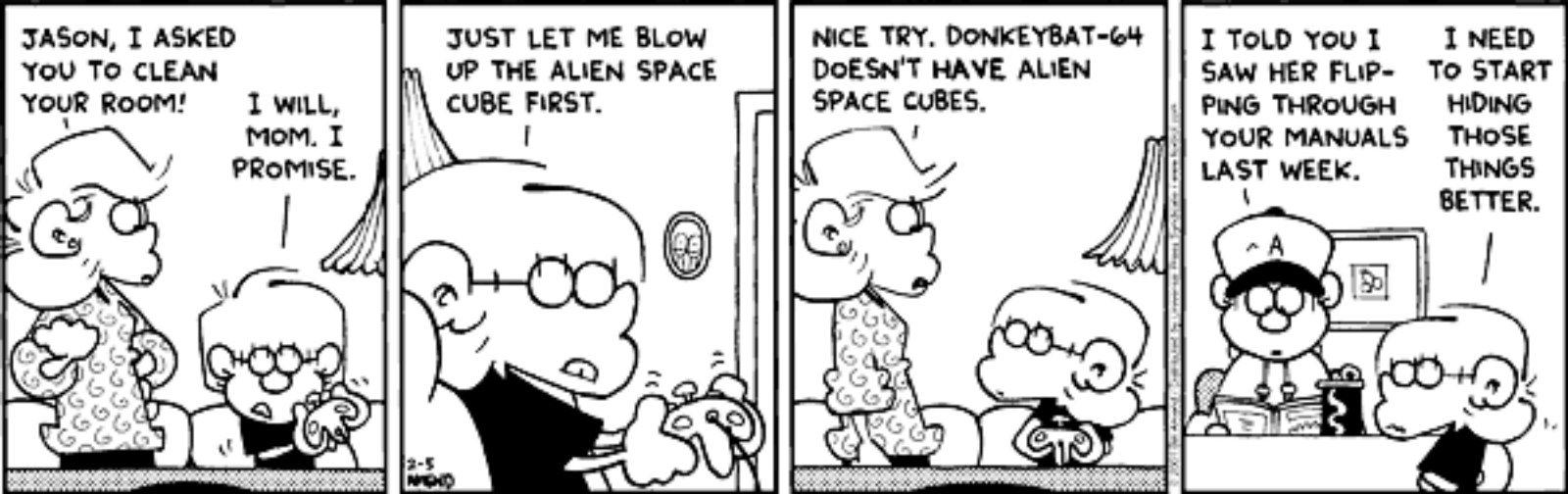
AH ONE! TWO! THREE! FOUR!...

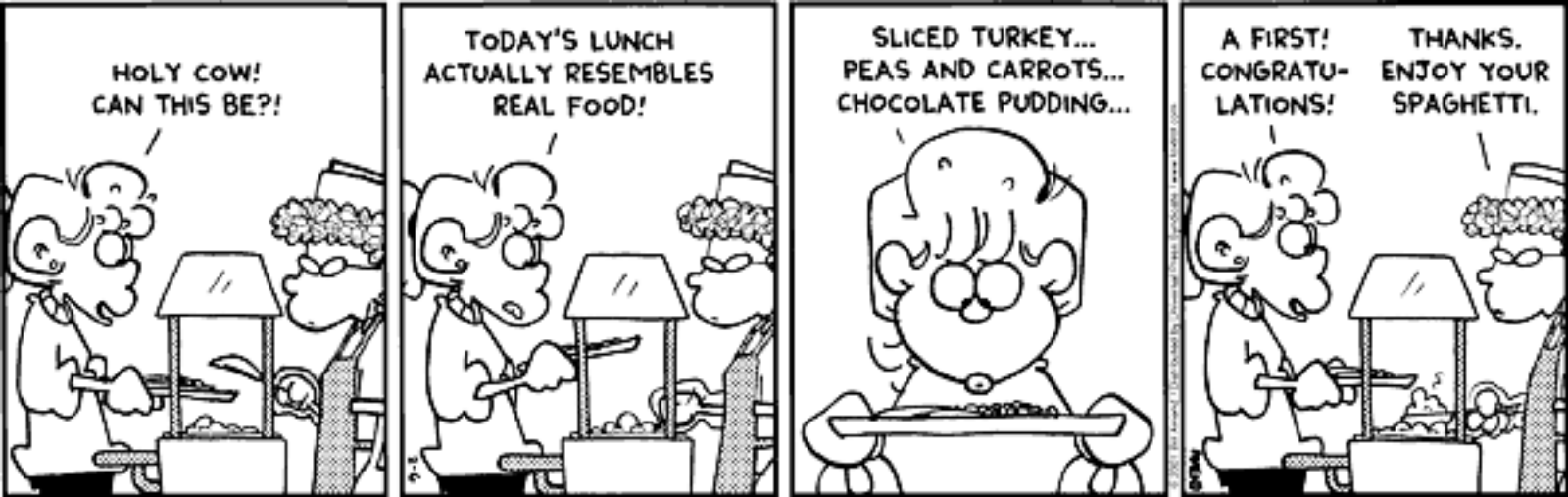


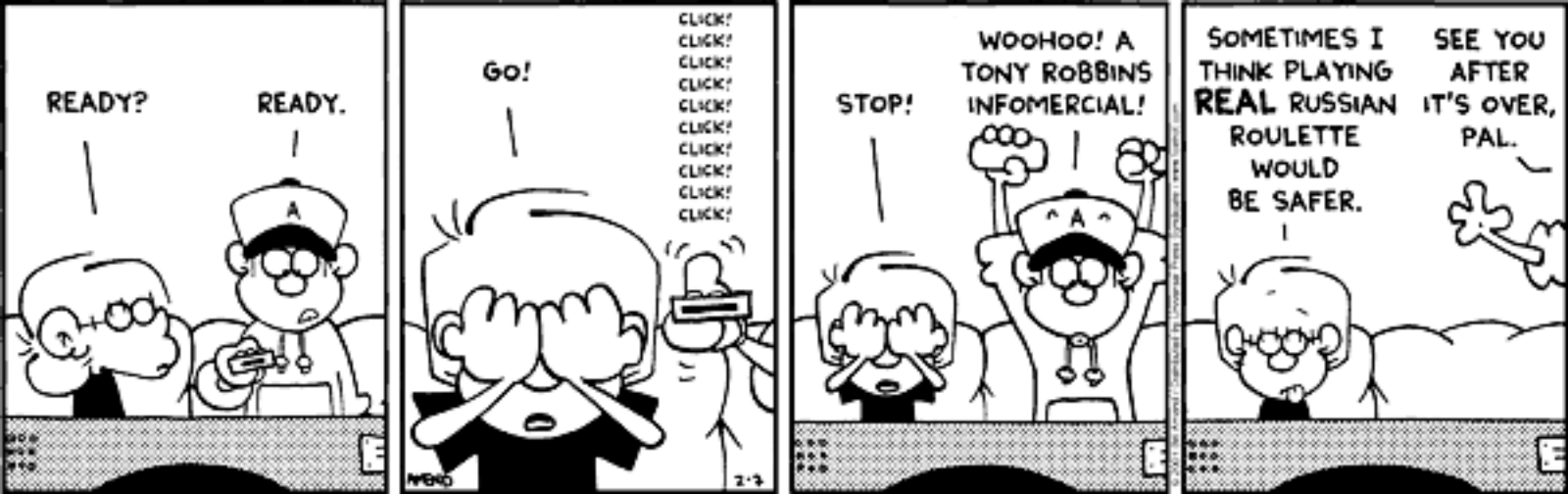
FIVE! SIX! SEVEN! EIGHT!...

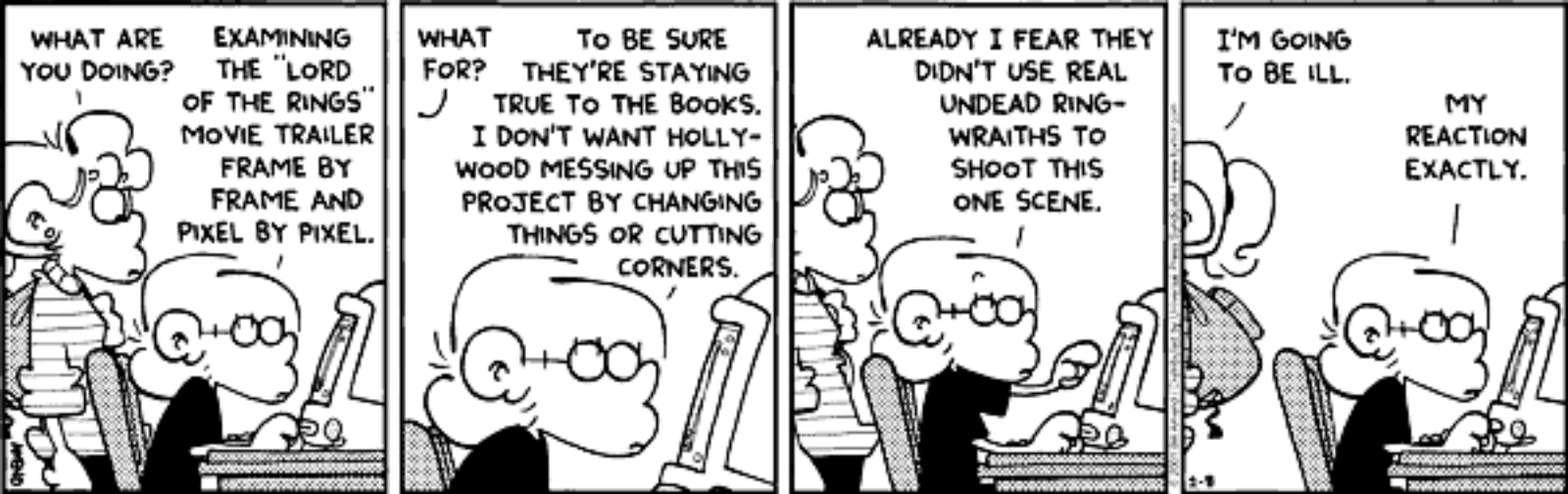
NINE! TEN! ELEVEN! TWELVE!...

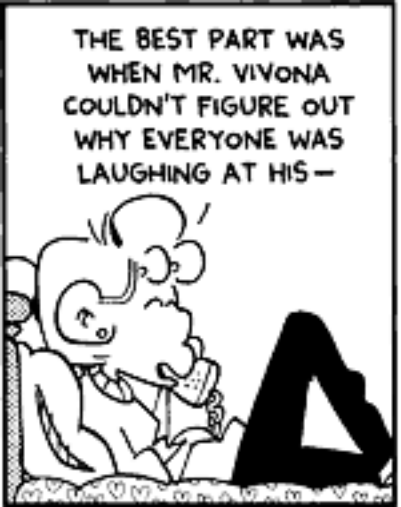

NICE MOVE, CHANGING ALL HIS SHEET MUSIC TO 400,000/4 TIME.
THIS GIVES US A GOOD DAY AND A HALF TO HEAD FOR THE HILLS.
881... 882...


JASON, I ASKED YOU TO CLEAN YOUR ROOM!
I WILL, MOM. I PROMISE.
JUST LET ME BLOW UP THE ALIEN SPACE CUBE FIRST.
2-5
NICE TRY. DONKEYBAT-64 DOESN'T HAVE ALIEN SPACE CUBES.
I TOLD YOU I SAW HER FLIPPING THROUGH YOUR MANUALS LAST WEEK.
I NEED TO START HIDING THOSE THINGS BETTER.


HOLY COW! CAN THIS BE?!
TODAY'S LUNCH ACTUALLY RESEMBLES REAL FOOD!
SLICED TURKEY... PEAS AND CARROTS... CHOCOLATE PUDDING...
A FIRST! CONGRATU-LATIONS!
THANKS. ENJOY YOUR SPAGHETTI.


READY?
READY.
GO!
CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!
STOP!
WOOHOO! A TONY ROBBINS INFOMERCIAL!
SOMETIMES I THINK PLAYING REAL RUSSIAN ROULETTE WOULD BE SAFER.
SEE YOU AFTER IT'S OVER, PAL.

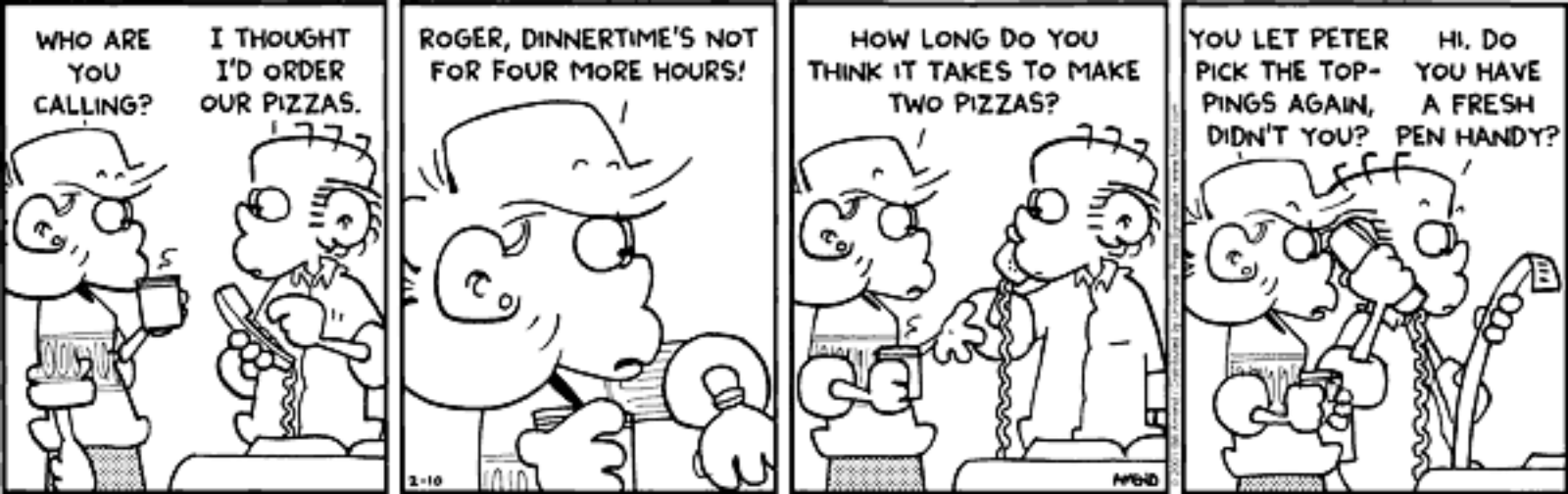

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EXAMINING THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" MOVIE TRAILER FRAME BY FRAME AND PIXEL BY PIXEL.
WHAT FOR?
TO BE SURE THEY'RE STAYING TRUE TO THE BOOKS. I DON'T WANT HOLLYWOOD MESSING UP THIS PROJECT BY CHANGING THINGS OR CUTTING CORNERS.
ALREADY I FEAR THEY DIDN'T USE REAL UNDEAD RING-WRAITHS TO SHOOT THIS ONE SCENE.
I'M GOING TO BE ILL.
MY REACTION EXACTLY.


THE BEST PART WAS WHEN MR. VIVONA COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHY EVERYONE WAS LAUGHING AT HIS—

NICOLE?

DID YOU JUST HEAR A CLICKING SOUND?
YUP. SAME AS LAST WEEK.

C'MON! LITTLE BROTHERS TRADITIONALLY BUG THEIR SISTERS!
THAT DOESN'T MEAN WIRETAP!


WHO ARE YOU CALLING?
I THOUGHT I'D ORDER OUR PIZZAS.
ROGER, DINNERTIME'S NOT FOR FOUR MORE HOURS!
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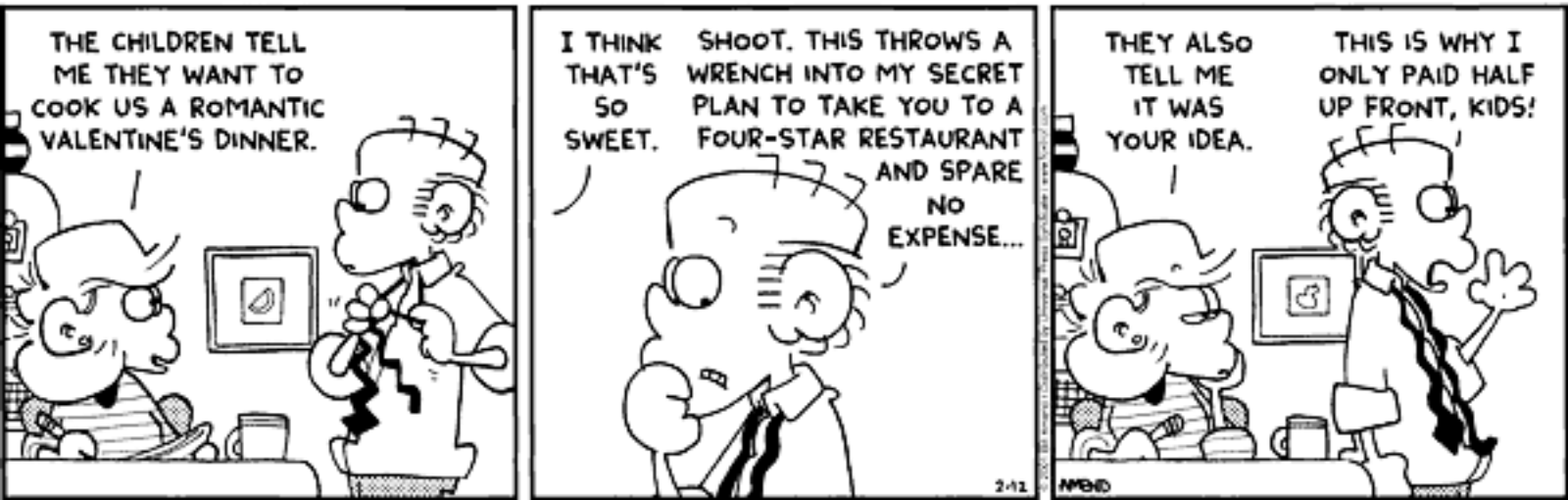
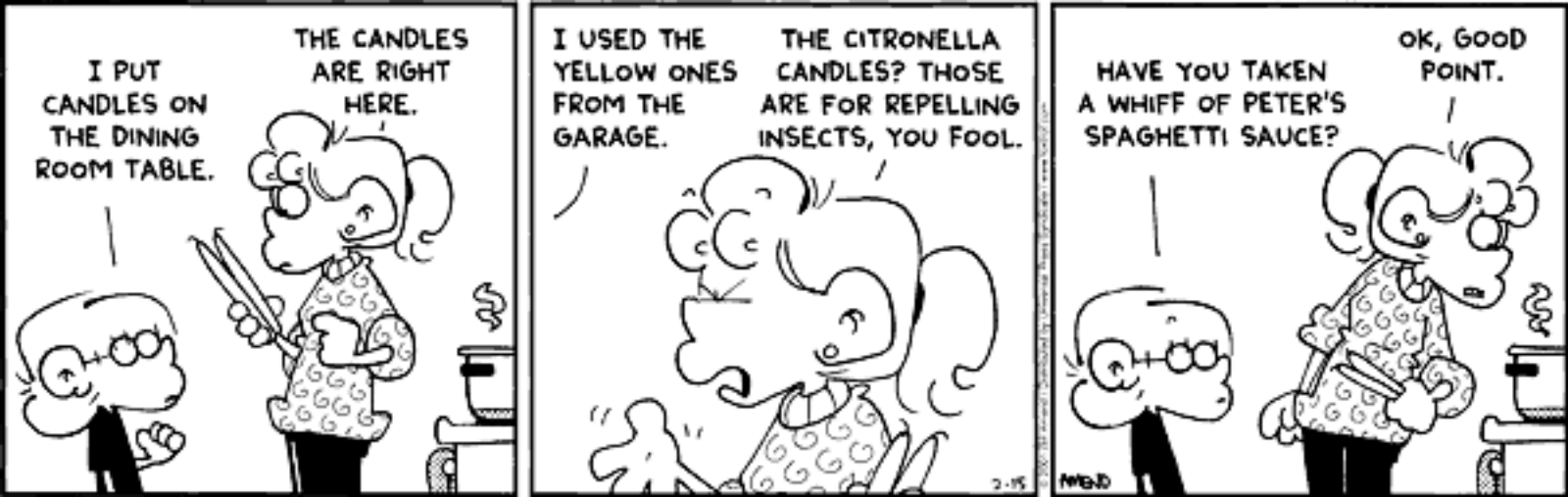
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT TAKES TO MAKE TWO PIZZAS?
YOU LET PETER PICK THE TOP-PINGS AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
HI. DO YOU HAVE A FRESH PEN HANDY?

FoxTrot
by Bill Amend
I KNOW I'M A FEW DAYS EARLY, JASON, BUT IT CAN'T WAIT.
EILEEN, WHAT IS THIS?
A BOX OF CHOCOLATES.
THE TRADITIONAL VALENTINE'S GIFT FOR ONE'S SWEETHEART.
AAAA! NO! I'M NOT YOUR SWEETHEART! TAKE IT BACK! I DON'T WANT IT! TAKE IT BACK!
Poof!
ACTUALLY, IT WAS THE YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHER WHO COULDN'T WAIT.
I WANT THAT FILM!

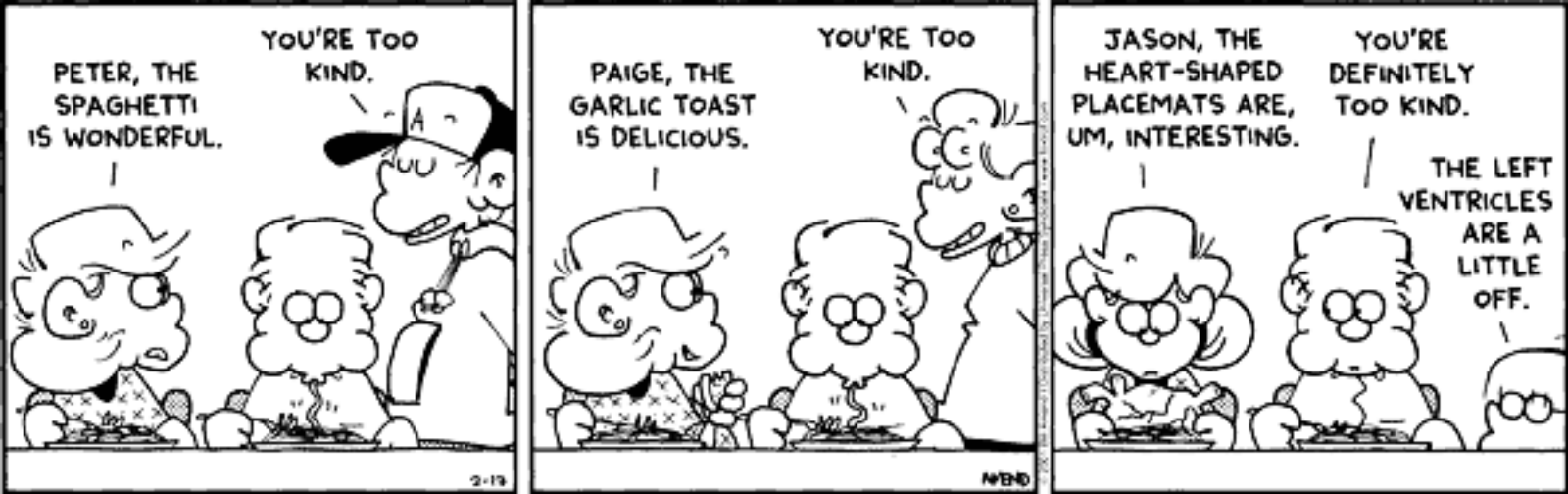

THE CHILDREN TELL ME THEY WANT TO COOK US A ROMANTIC VALENTINE'S DINNER.
I THINK THAT'S SO SWEET.
SHOOT. THIS THROWS A WRENCH INTO MY SECRET PLAN TO TAKE YOU TO A FOUR-STAR RESTAURANT AND SPARE NO EXPENSE...
2-12
THEY ALSO TELL ME IT WAS YOUR IDEA.
THIS IS WHY I ONLY PAID HALF UP FRONT, KIDS!

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN THE SPAGHETTI IS DONE?
I THINK IF IT STICKS TO THE CEILING.
WHAP!
OK, NOW WHAT?
I MEANT THROW ONE NOODLE.

I'LL CHOP CARROTS FOR THE SALAD.
CHOP! CHOP! CHOP! CHOP! CHOP! CHOP! CHOP! CHOP!
AAAA! I CUT OFF MY FINGER! CALL 9-1-1!
I REALIZE IT'D BE MORE CONVINCING WITH KETCHUP, BUT I'M SAVING THAT FOR WHEN I GRATE THE CHEESE.
HOW COME I ALWAYS HAVE TO GO SET THE TABLE?!


I PUT CANDLES ON THE DINING ROOM TABLE.
THE CANDLES ARE RIGHT HERE.
I USED THE YELLOW ONES FROM THE GARAGE.
THE CITRONELLA CANDLES? THOSE ARE FOR REPELLING INSECTS, YOU FOOL.
HAVE YOU TAKEN A WHIFF OF PETER'S SPAGHETTI SAUCE?
OK, GOOD POINT.

MOM AND DAD SAY THEY'RE HUNGRY ENOUGH TO EAT A HORSE.
OK, OK. HERE'S THE SPAGHETTI.
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T PUTTING MUSHROOMS IN THE SAUCE.
I DIDN'T. THEY JUST KINDA GREW ON THEIR OWN.
MAYBE WE OUGHT TO FIND A HORSE.
CALM DOWN. THERE'S A CHANCE I'M KIDDING.


PETER, THE SPAGHETTI IS WONDERFUL.
YOU'RE TOO KIND.
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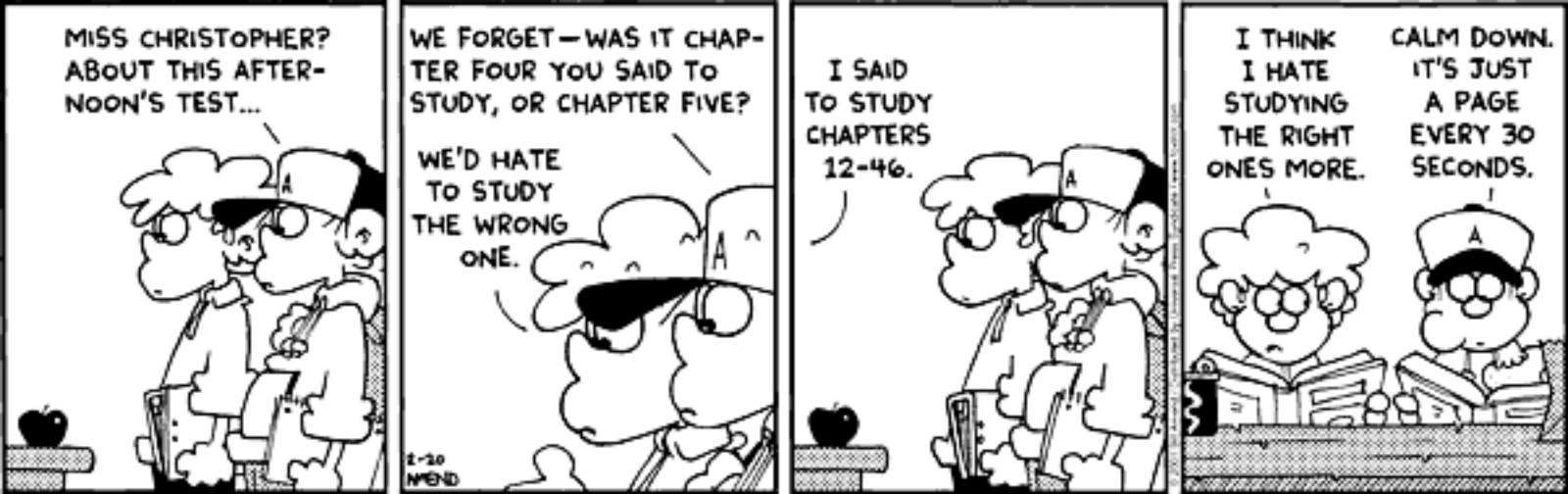
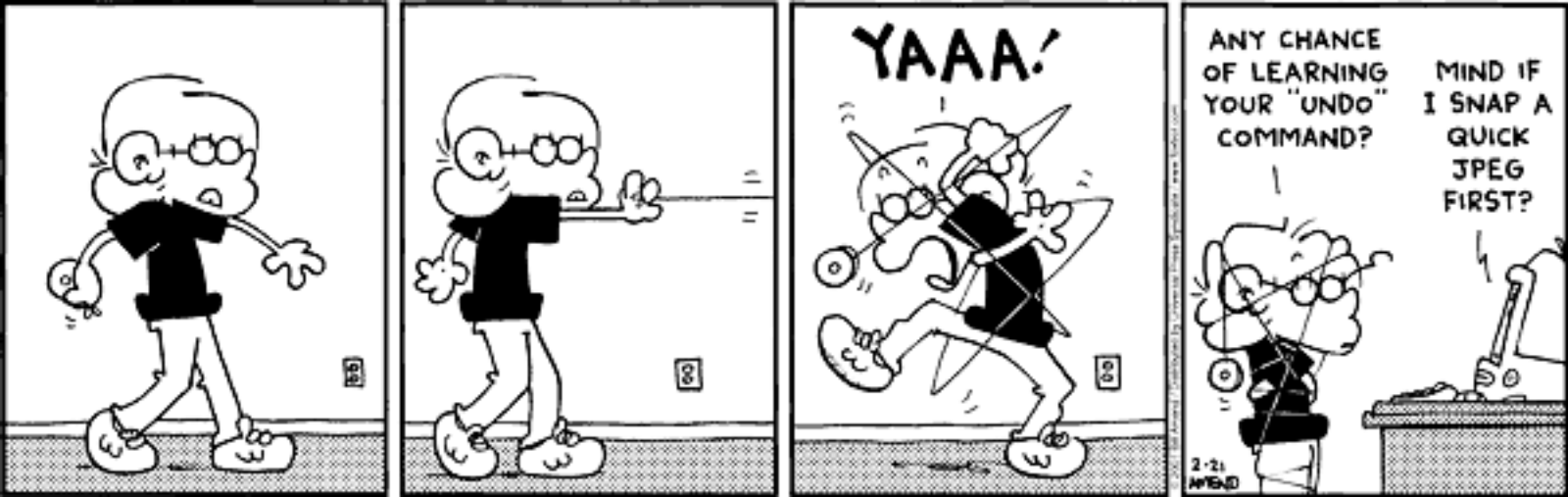
PAIGE, THE GARLIC TOAST IS DELICIOUS.
YOU'RE TOO KIND.
N'END
JASON, THE HEART-SHAPED PLACEMATS ARE, UM, INTERESTING.
YOU'RE DEFINITELY TOO KIND.
THE LEFT VENTRICLES ARE A LITTLE OFF.

FoxTrot
by Bill Amend
I SEE YOU'VE GIVEN "CROUCHING BROTHER, HIDDEN IGUANA" A FOUR-STAR REVIEW.
I SWEAR, IF HE THROWS THAT LIZARD INTO MY HAIR ONE MORE TIME...
GUY'S LIFE
COMICS

THE SNOW IS MELTING! THE SNOW IS MELTING!
WARM WEATHER MUST BE COMING! FINALLY! FINALLY! FINALLY! FINALLY!
YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL WHO PRAYS THE HARDEST IN CHURCH.
HEY!


MISS CHRISTOPHER? ABOUT THIS AFTERNOON'S TEST...
WE FORGET—WAS IT CHAPTER FOUR YOU SAID TO STUDY, OR CHAPTER FIVE?
WE'D HATE TO STUDY THE WRONG ONE.
I SAID TO STUDY CHAPTERS 12-46.
I THINK I HATE STUDYING THE RIGHT ONES MORE.
CALM DOWN. IT'S JUST A PAGE EVERY 30 SECONDS.


YAAA!
ANY CHANCE OF LEARNING YOUR "UNDO" COMMAND?
MIND IF I SNAP A QUICK JPEG FIRST?
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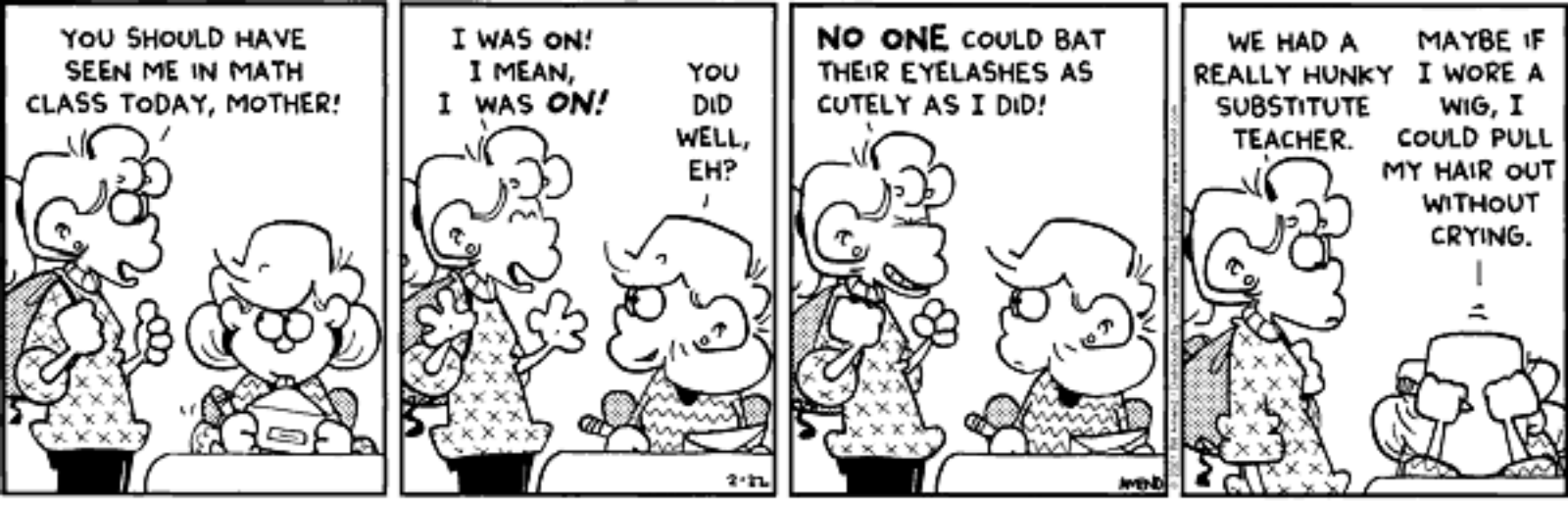
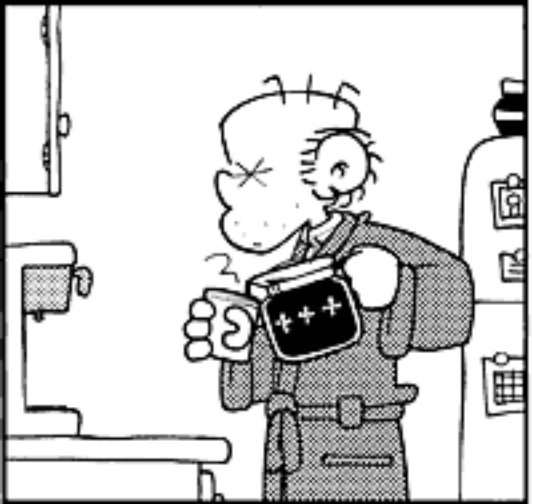
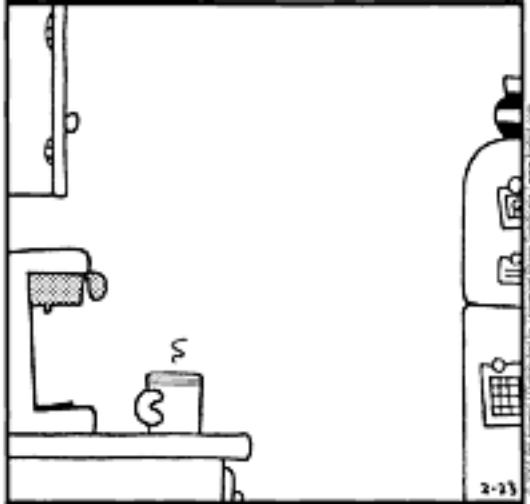

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN ME IN MATH CLASS TODAY, MOTHER!
I WAS ON! I MEAN, I WAS ON!
YOU DID WELL, EH?
NO ONE COULD BAT THEIR EYELASHES AS CUTELY AS I DID!
WE HAD A REALLY HUNKY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER.
MAYBE IF I WORE A WIG, I COULD PULL MY HAIR OUT WITHOUT CRYING.

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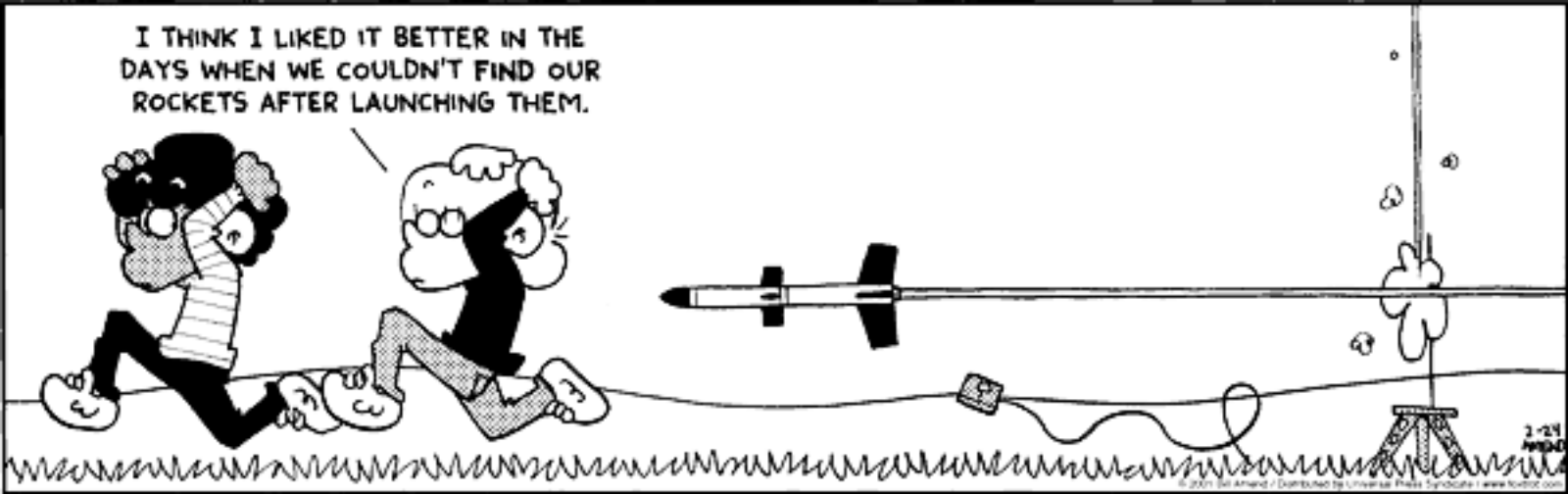
I SAVED YOU A CUP.
YOU REALLY ARE TRYING TO CUT BACK.



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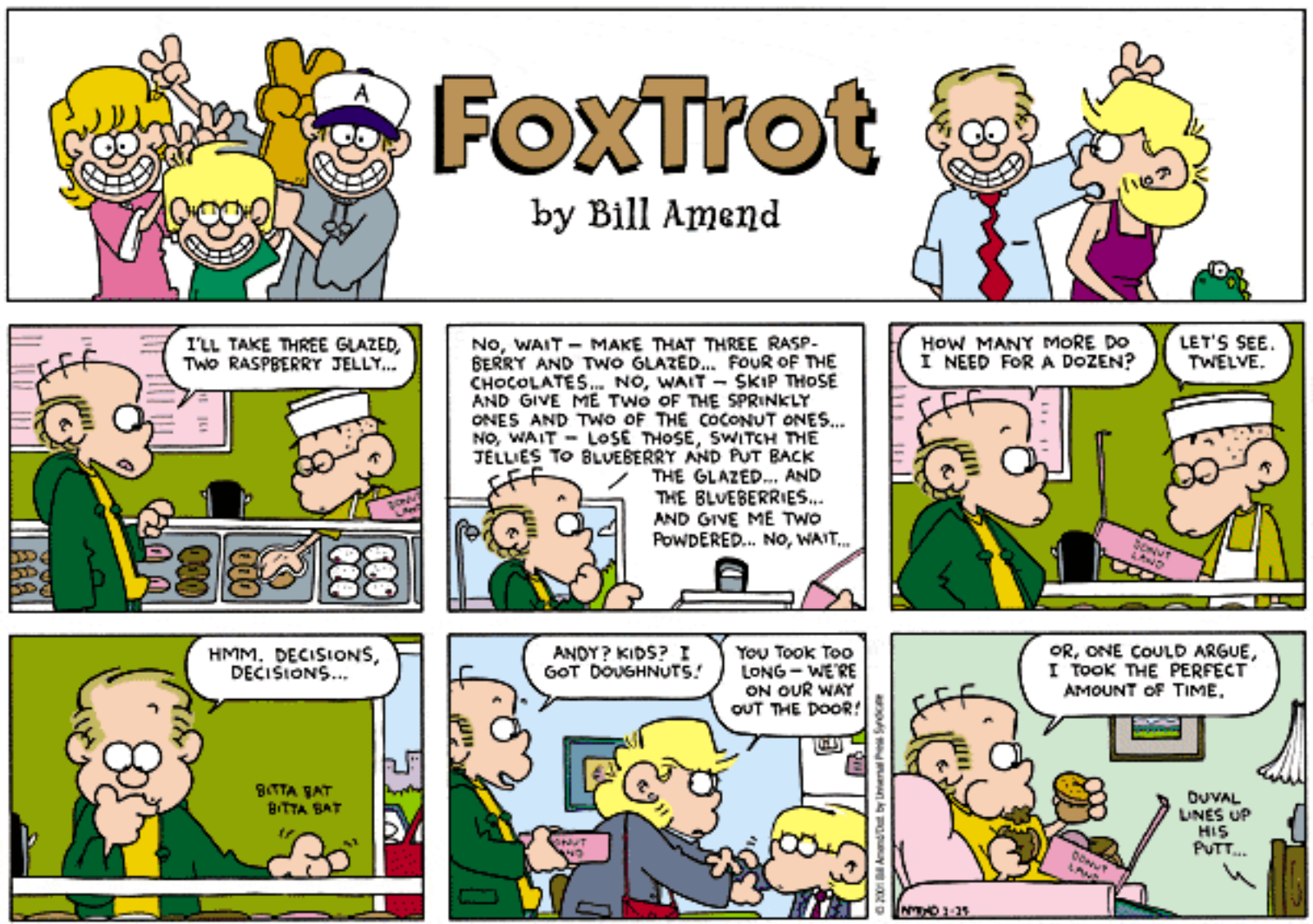
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I'LL TAKE THREE GLAZED, TWO RASPBERRY JELLY...
NO, WAIT – MAKE THAT THREE RASPBERRY AND TWO GLAZED... FOUR OF THE CHOCOLATES... NO, WAIT – SKIP THOSE AND GIVE ME TWO OF THE SPRINKLY ONES AND TWO OF THE COCONUT ONES... NO, WAIT – LOSE THOSE, SWITCH THE JELLIES TO BLUEBERRY AND PUT BACK THE GLAZED... AND THE BLUEBERRIES... AND GIVE ME TWO POWDERED... NO, WAIT...
HOW MANY MORE DO I NEED FOR A DOZEN?
LET'S SEE. TWELVE.
HMM. DECISIONS, DECISIONS...
BITTA BAT BITTA BAT
ANDY? KIDS? I GOT DOUGHNUTS!
YOU TOOK TOO LONG – WE'RE ON OUR WAY OUT THE DOOR!
OR, ONE COULD ARGUE, I TOOK THE PERFECT AMOUNT OF TIME.
DUVAL LINES UP HIS PUTT...
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A History of American Farming
By Peter Fox
...who had a very rough time getting out of bed this morning and didn't eat breakfast and who pinched his left thumb in his gym locker and left his favorite pencil in the library and whose day got even worse when...
I'M ASSUMING THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A SYMPATHY GRADE.
YOUR TITLE PAGE IS LONGER THAN YOUR ESSAY.
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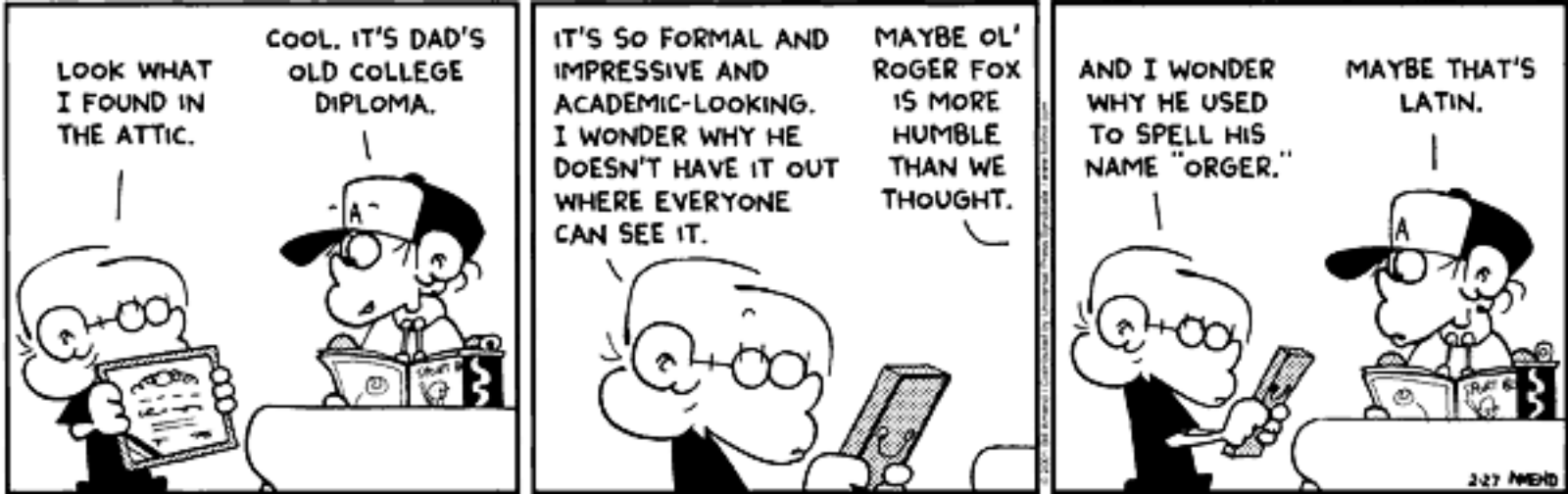
LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN THE ATTIC.
COOL. IT'S DAD'S OLD COLLEGE DIPLOMA.
IT'S SO FORMAL AND IMPRESSIVE AND ACADEMIC-LOOKING. I WONDER WHY HE DOESN'T HAVE IT OUT WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE IT.
MAYBE OL' ROGER FOX IS MORE HUMBLE THAN WE THOUGHT.
AND I WONDER WHY HE USED TO SPELL HIS NAME "ORGER."
MAYBE THAT'S LATIN.
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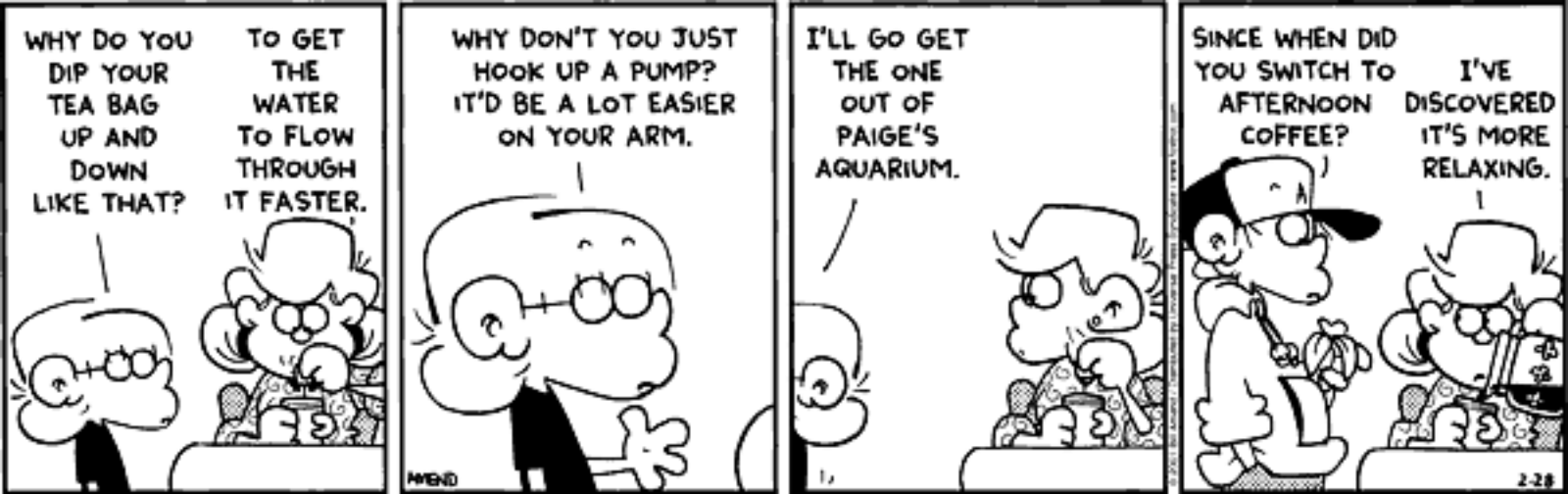
WHY DO YOU DIP YOUR TEA BAG UP AND DOWN LIKE THAT?
TO GET THE WATER TO FLOW THROUGH IT FASTER.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST HOOK UP A PUMP? IT'D BE A LOT EASIER ON YOUR ARM.
MWEND
I'LL GO GET THE ONE OUT OF PAIGE'S AQUARIUM.
SINCE WHEN DID YOU SWITCH TO AFTERNOON COFFEE?
I'VE DISCOVERED IT'S MORE RELAXING.
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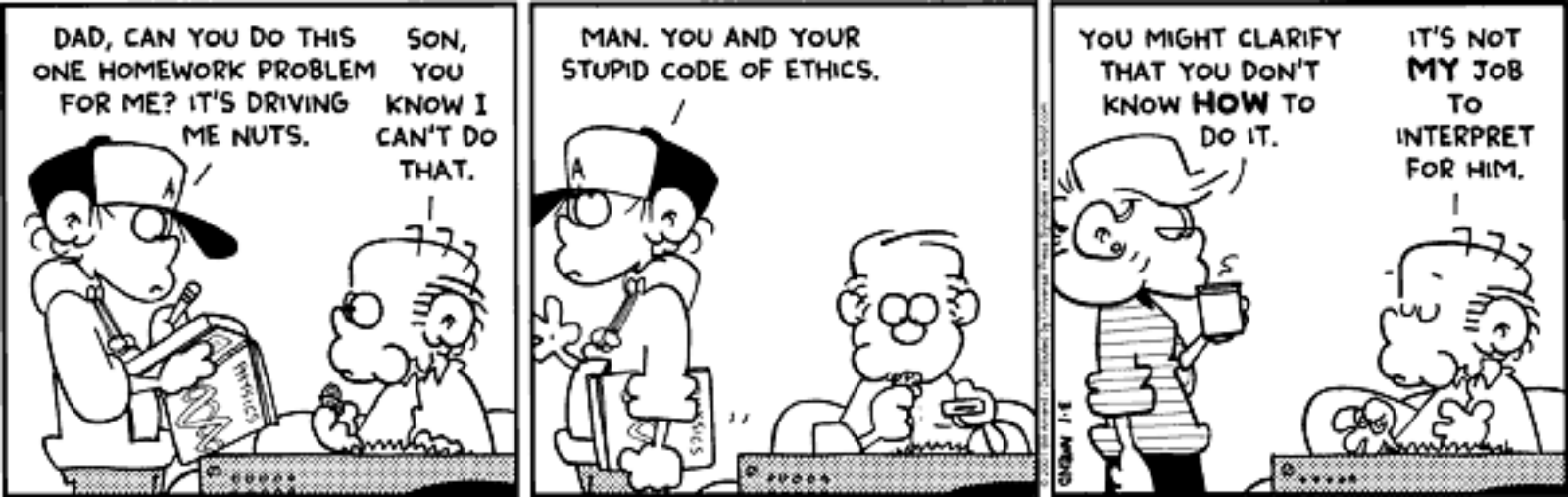
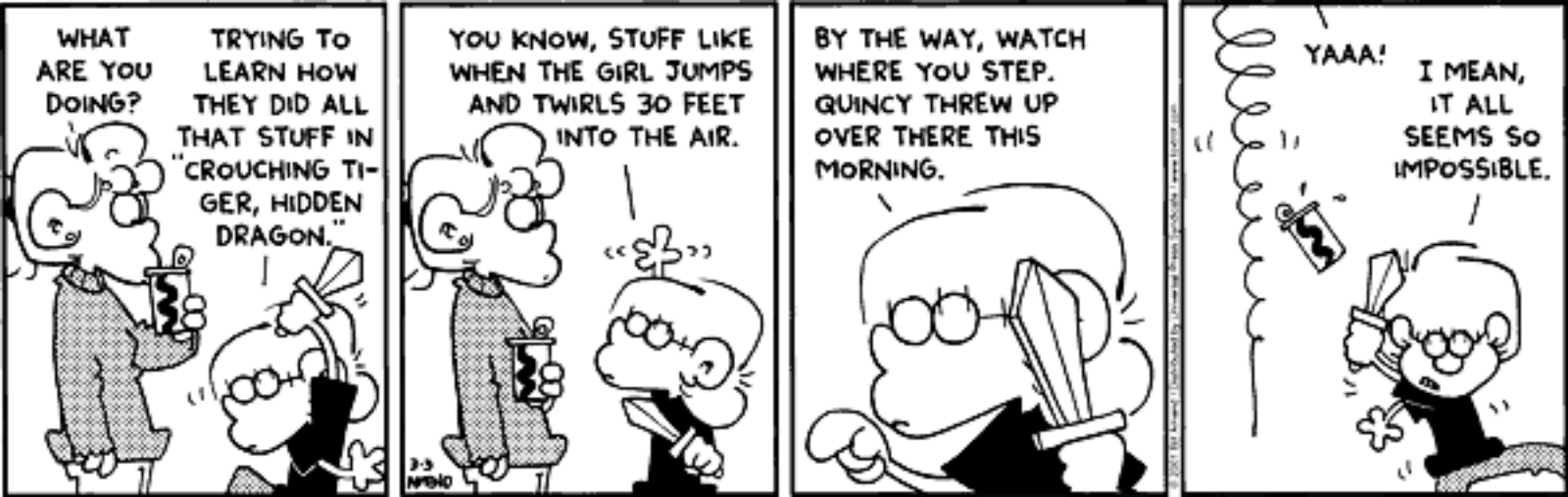

DAD, CAN YOU DO THIS ONE HOMEWORK PROBLEM FOR ME? IT'S DRIVING ME NUTS.
SON, YOU KNOW I CAN'T DO THAT.
MAN. YOU AND YOUR STUPID CODE OF ETHICS.
YOU MIGHT CLARIFY THAT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT.
IT'S NOT MY JOB TO INTERPRET FOR HIM.

THAT'LL BE $159.27.
WHAT?!
Metallica Sale!
YOU'VE GOT NINE CDs HERE, KID.
I KNOW, BUT I FIGURE WITH THE COURTS PUTTING THE SCREWS TO NAPSTER, YOU HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WIN BACK FORMER CUSTOMERS LIKE ME.
MRND 3-2
BY DOING WHAT?
LETTING ME HAVE THESE FOR FREE.
Dr. Dre Sale next week!
SOME PEOPLE HAVE NO BUSINESS SMARTS.


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TRYING TO LEARN HOW THEY DID ALL THAT STUFF IN "CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON."
YOU KNOW, STUFF LIKE WHEN THE GIRL JUMPS AND TWIRLS 30 FEET INTO THE AIR.
BY THE WAY, WATCH WHERE YOU STEP. QUINCY THREW UP OVER THERE THIS MORNING.
YAAA!
I MEAN, IT ALL SEEMS SO IMPOSSIBLE.

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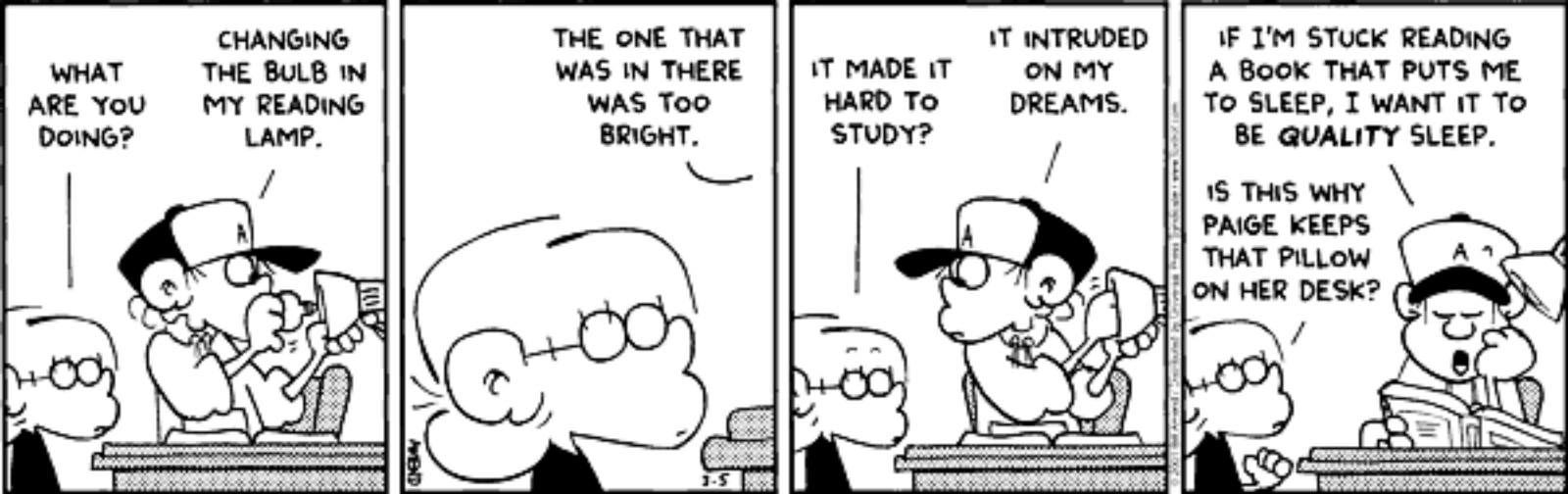
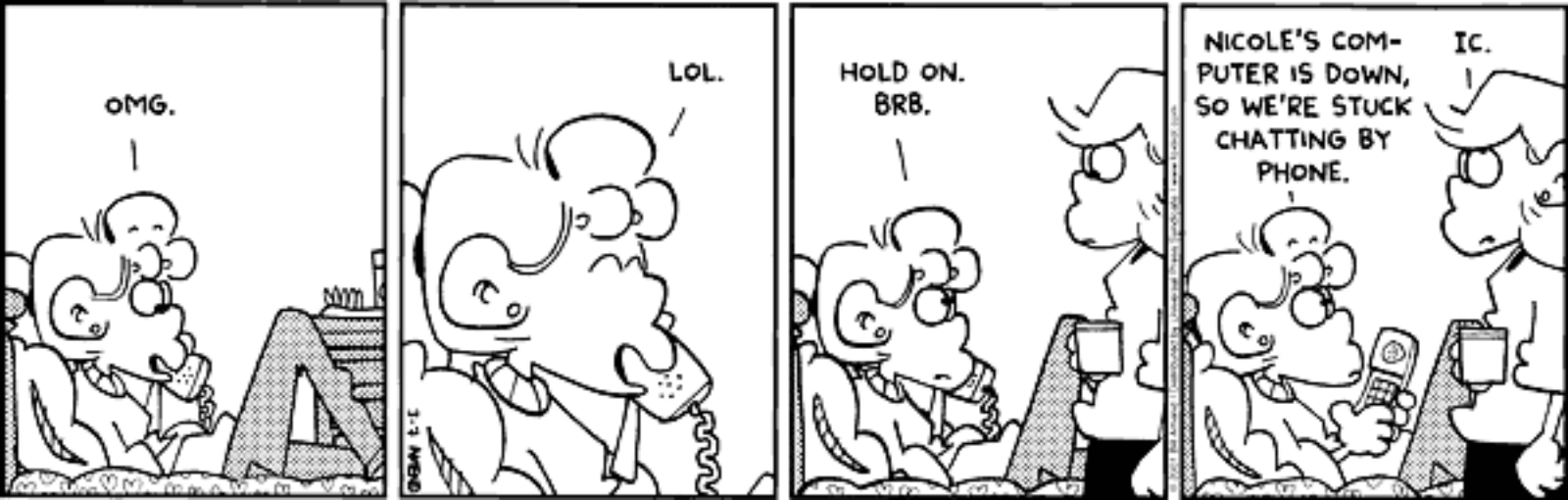

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CHANGING THE BULB IN MY READING LAMP.
THE ONE THAT WAS IN THERE WAS TOO BRIGHT.
IT MADE IT HARD TO STUDY?
IT INTRUDED ON MY DREAMS.
IF I'M STUCK READING A BOOK THAT PUTS ME TO SLEEP, I WANT IT TO BE QUALITY SLEEP.
IS THIS WHY PAIGE KEEPS THAT PILLOW ON HER DESK?

I SEE THAT ANOTHER DOT-COM IS ABOUT TO GO BELLY-UP.
OH? WHAT'S THE TIP-OFF?
A BAD BUSINESS PLAN? LOUSY MANAGEMENT? PIE-IN-THE-SKY FORECASTS?
YOUR FATHER JUST BOUGHT THEIR STOCK.
IS THIS WHY YOU GAVE ME ALL THOSE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS?


OMG.
LOL.
HOLD ON. BRB.
NICOLE'S COMPUTER IS DOWN, SO WE'RE STUCK CHATTING BY PHONE.
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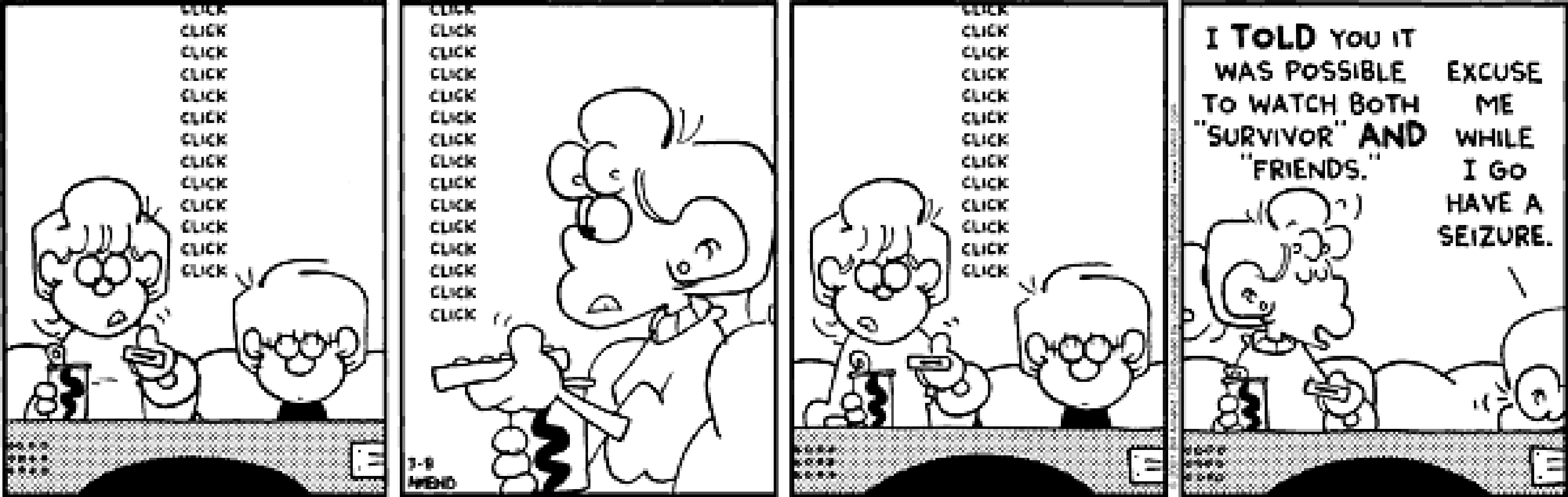
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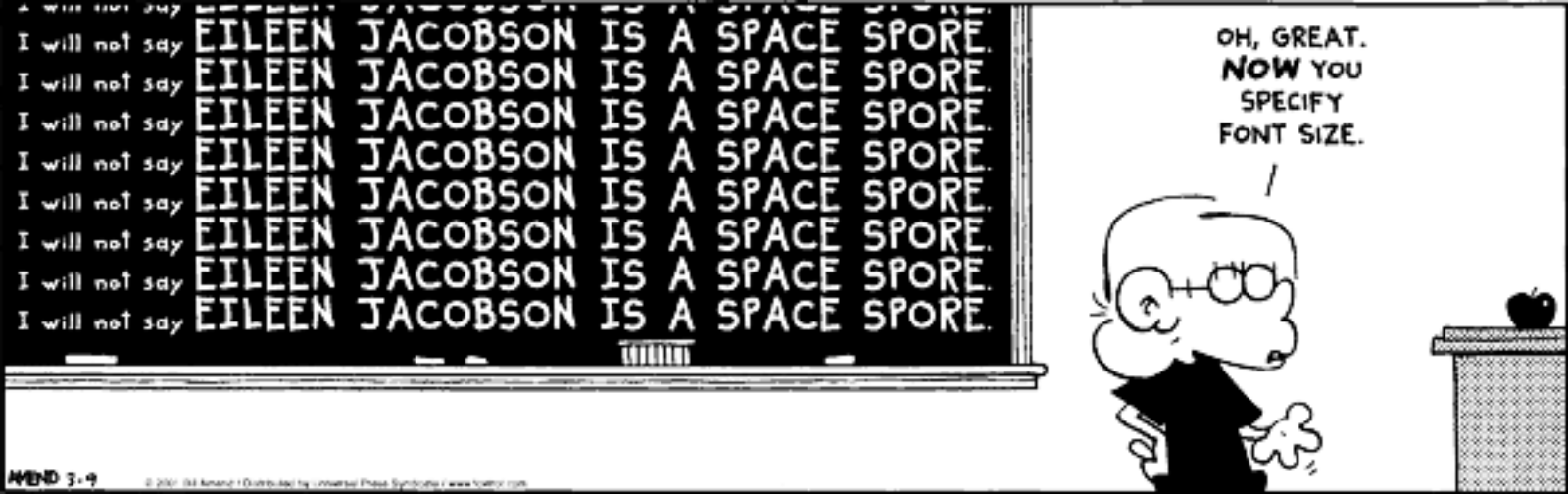
I TOLD YOU IT WAS POSSIBLE TO WATCH BOTH "SURVIVOR" AND "FRIENDS."
EXCUSE ME WHILE I GO HAVE A SEIZURE.


I will not say EILEEN JACOBSON IS A SPACE SPORE.
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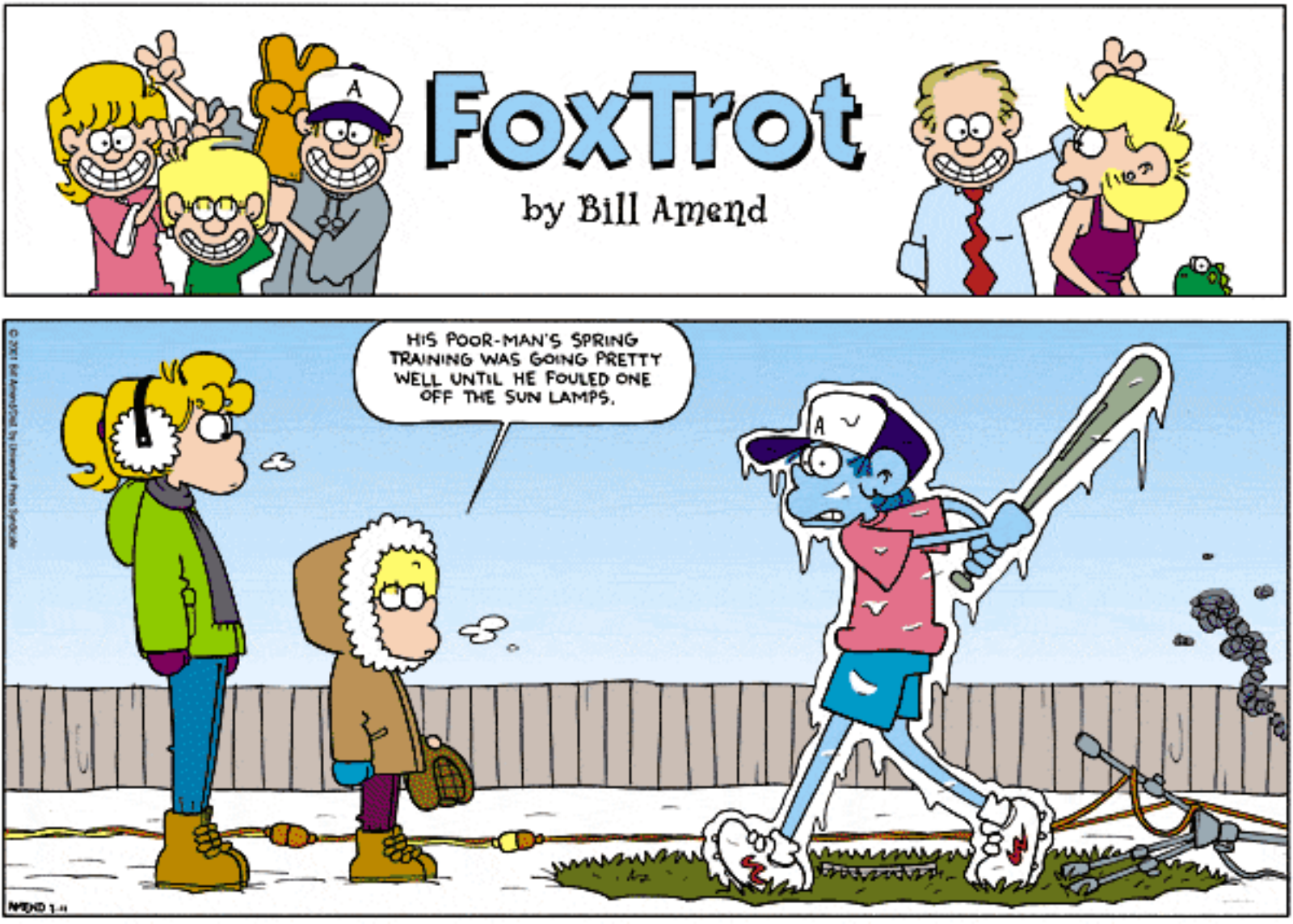
OH, GREAT. NOW YOU SPECIFY FONT SIZE.
AMEND 3-9

HEADS OR TAILS?
TAILS.
WOOHOO! LOOSE MONEY!
HEE (OUCH) HEE (OUCH) HEE!
HEAD. I WIN.
BEST OF THREE?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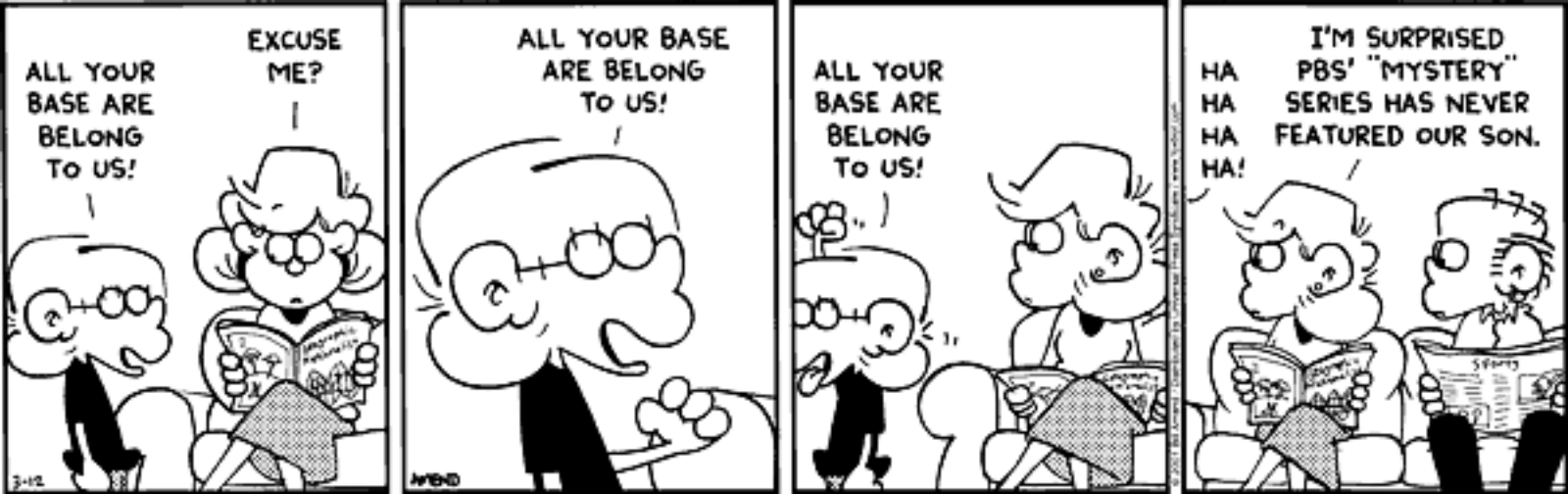
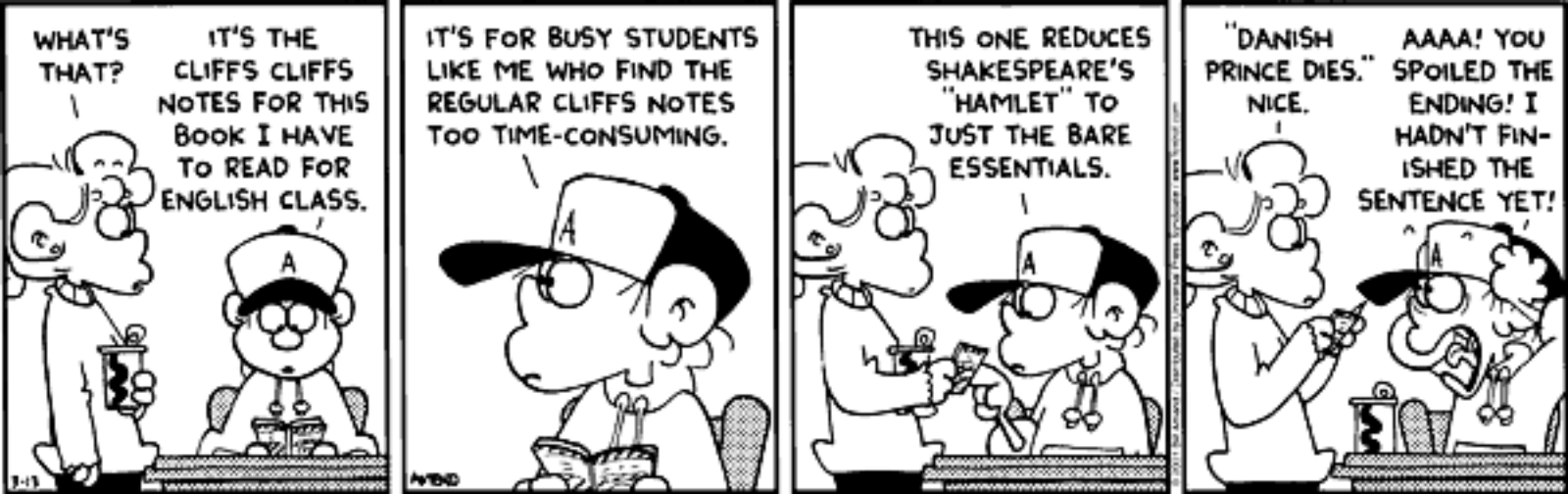
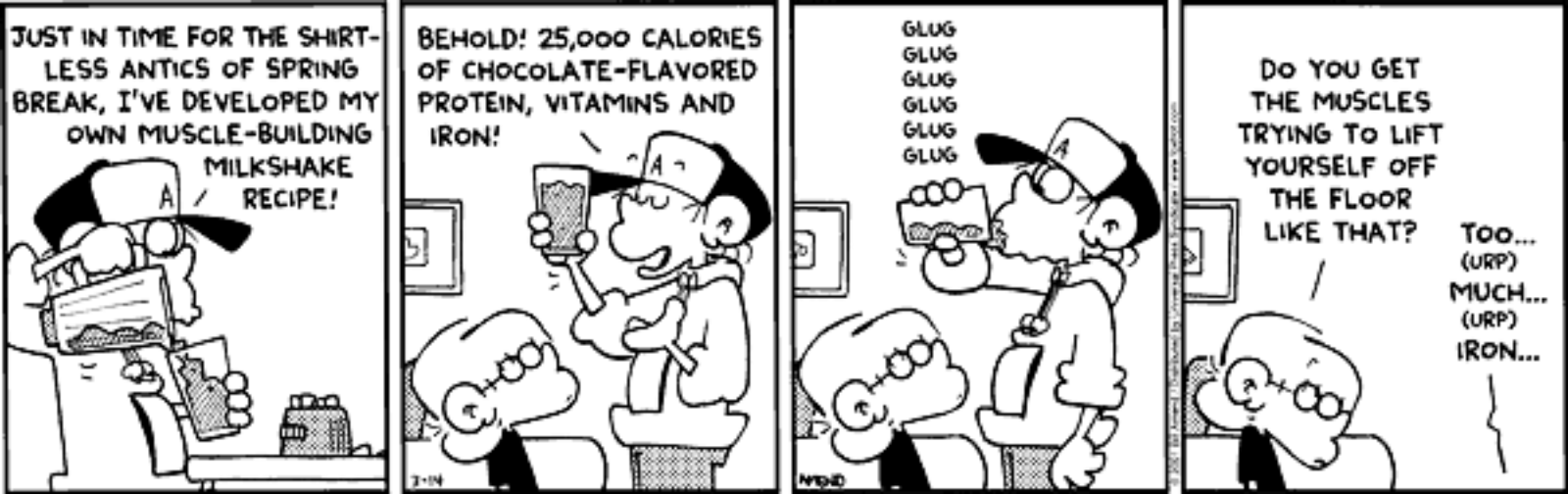
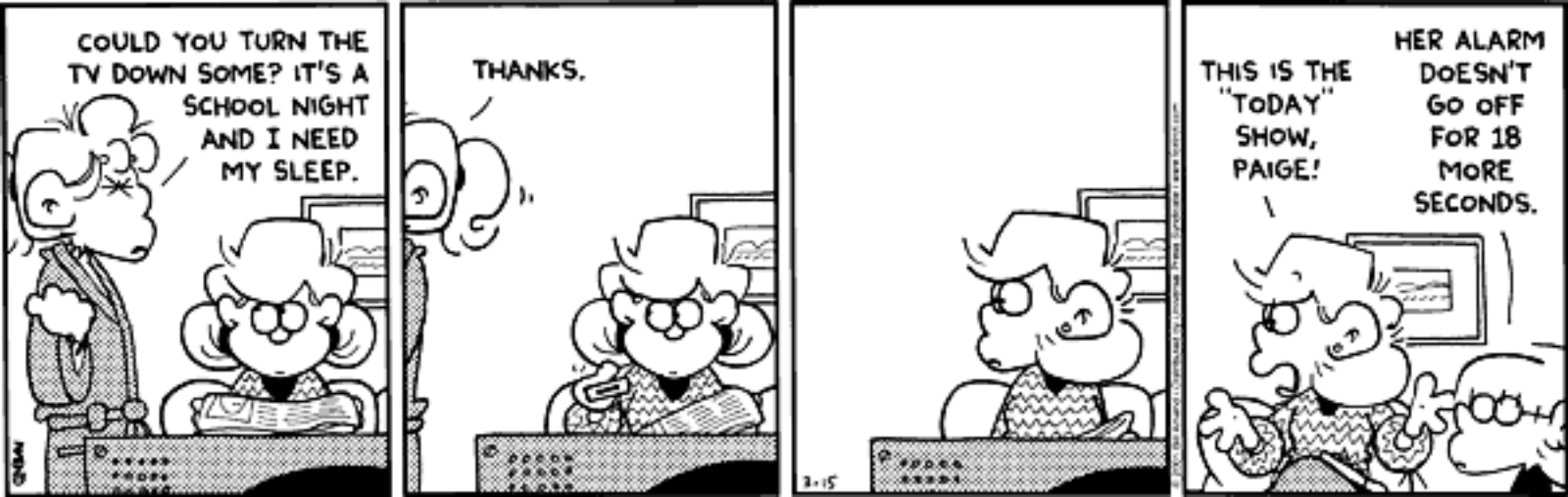
HIS POOR-MAN'S SPRING TRAINING WAS GOING PRETTY WELL UNTIL HE FOULED ONE OFF THE SUN LAMPS.


ALL YOUR BASE ARE BELONG TO US!
EXCUSE ME?
ALL YOUR BASE ARE BELONG TO US!
ALL YOUR BASE ARE BELONG TO US!
HA HA HA HA!
I'M SURPRISED PBS' "MYSTERY" SERIES HAS NEVER FEATURED OUR SON.


WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S THE CLIFFS CLIFFS NOTES FOR THIS BOOK I HAVE TO READ FOR ENGLISH CLASS.
IT'S FOR BUSY STUDENTS LIKE ME WHO FIND THE REGULAR CLIFFS NOTES TOO TIME-CONSUMING.
THIS ONE REDUCES SHAKESPEARE'S "HAMLET" TO JUST THE BARE ESSENTIALS.
"DANISH PRINCE DIES." NICE.
AAAA! YOU SPOILED THE ENDING! I HADN'T FINISHED THE SENTENCE YET!


JUST IN TIME FOR THE SHIRTLESS ANTICS OF SPRING BREAK, I'VE DEVELOPED MY OWN MUSCLE-BUILDING MILKSHAKE RECIPE!
BEHOLD! 25,000 CALORIES OF CHOCOLATE-FLAVORED PROTEIN, VITAMINS AND IRON!
GLUG GLUG GLUG GLUG GLUG GLUG
DO YOU GET THE MUSCLES TRYING TO LIFT YOURSELF OFF THE FLOOR LIKE THAT?
TOO... (URP) MUCH... (URP) IRON...


COULD YOU TURN THE TV DOWN SOME? IT'S A SCHOOL NIGHT AND I NEED MY SLEEP.
THANKS.
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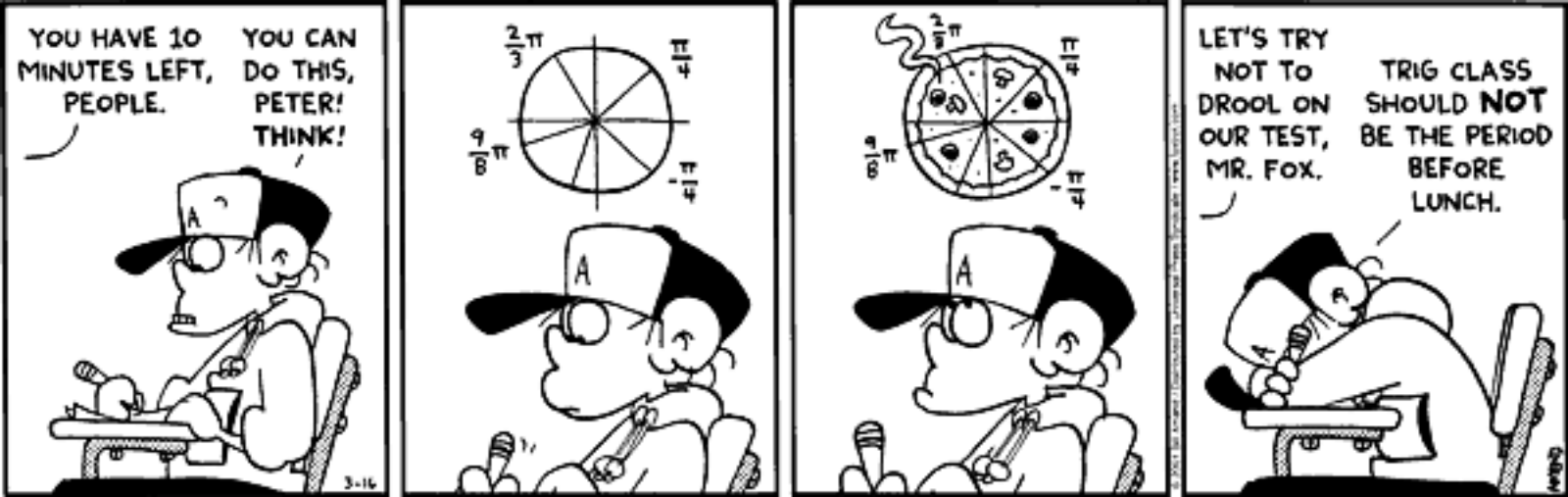
THIS IS THE "TODAY" SHOW, PAIGE!
HER ALARM DOESN'T GO OFF FOR 18 MORE SECONDS.


YOU HAVE 10 MINUTES LEFT, PEOPLE.
YOU CAN DO THIS, PETER! THINK!
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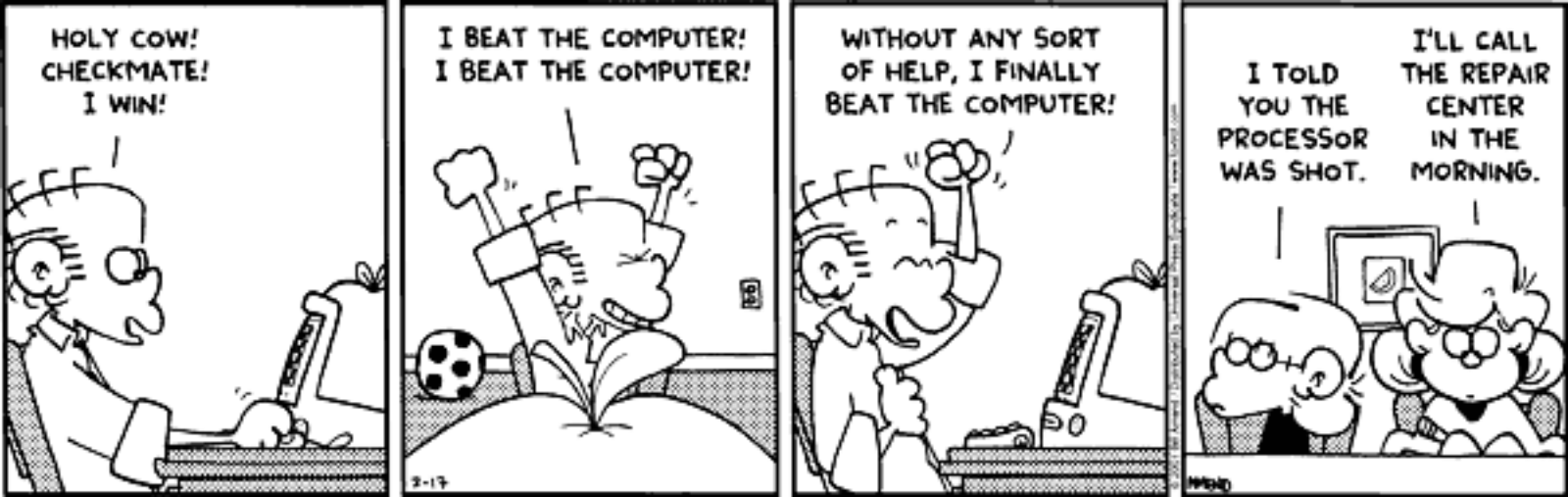
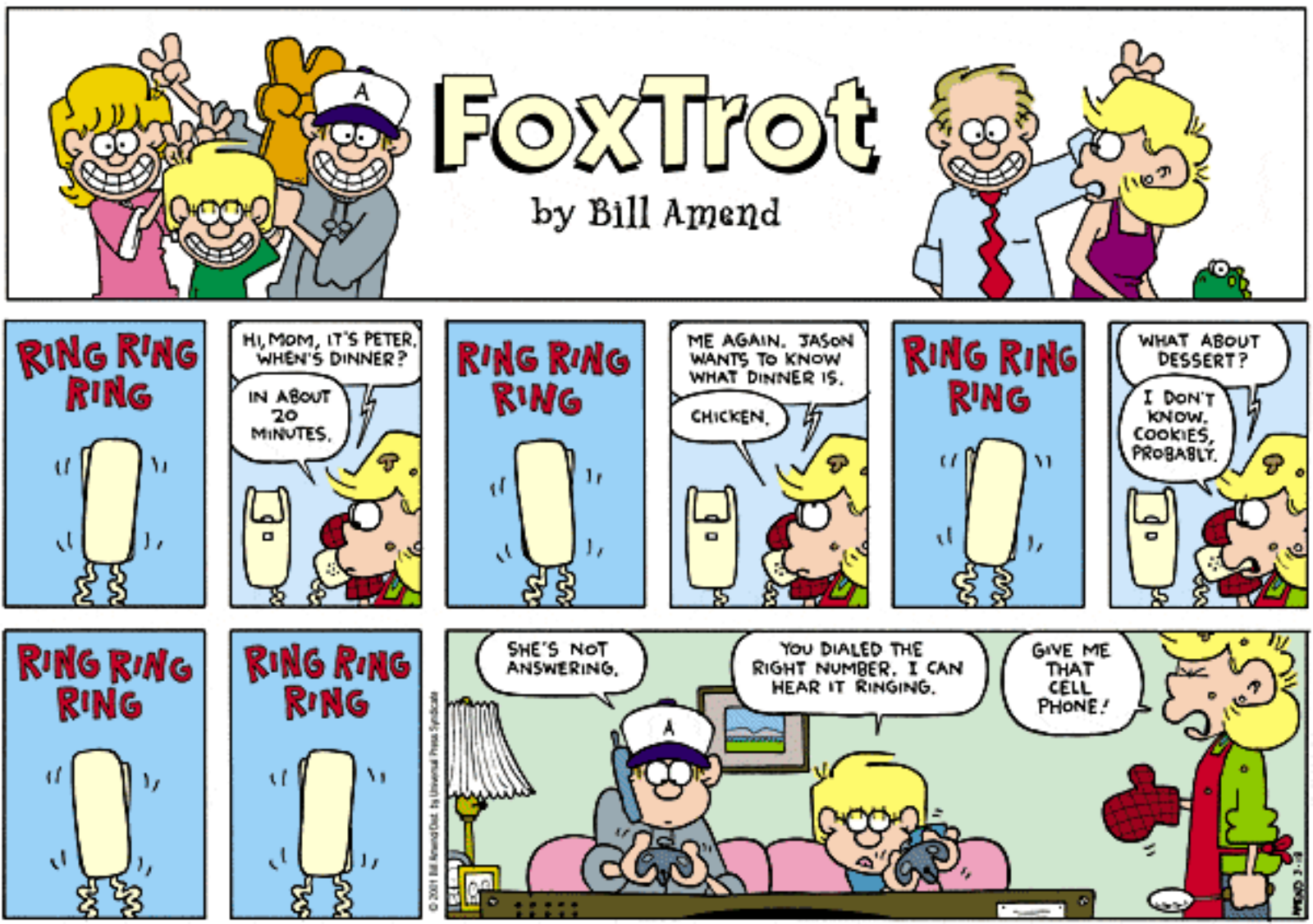
$\frac{9}{8}\pi$
$-\frac{\pi}{4}$
LET'S TRY NOT TO DROOL ON OUR TEST, MR. FOX.
TRIG CLASS SHOULD NOT BE THE PERIOD BEFORE LUNCH.


HOLY COW! CHECKMATE! I WIN!
I BEAT THE COMPUTER! I BEAT THE COMPUTER!
2-17
WITHOUT ANY SORT OF HELP, I FINALLY BEAT THE COMPUTER!
I TOLD YOU THE PROCESSOR WAS SHOT.
I'LL CALL THE REPAIR CENTER IN THE MORNING.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RING RING RING
HI, MOM, IT'S PETER. WHEN'S DINNER?
IN ABOUT 20 MINUTES.
RING RING RING
ME AGAIN. JASON WANTS TO KNOW WHAT DINNER IS.
CHICKEN.
RING RING RING
WHAT ABOUT DESSERT?
I DON'T KNOW. COOKIES, PROBABLY.
RING RING RING
RING RING RING
SHE'S NOT ANSWERING.
YOU DIALED THE RIGHT NUMBER. I CAN HEAR IT RINGING.
GIVE ME THAT CELL PHONE!
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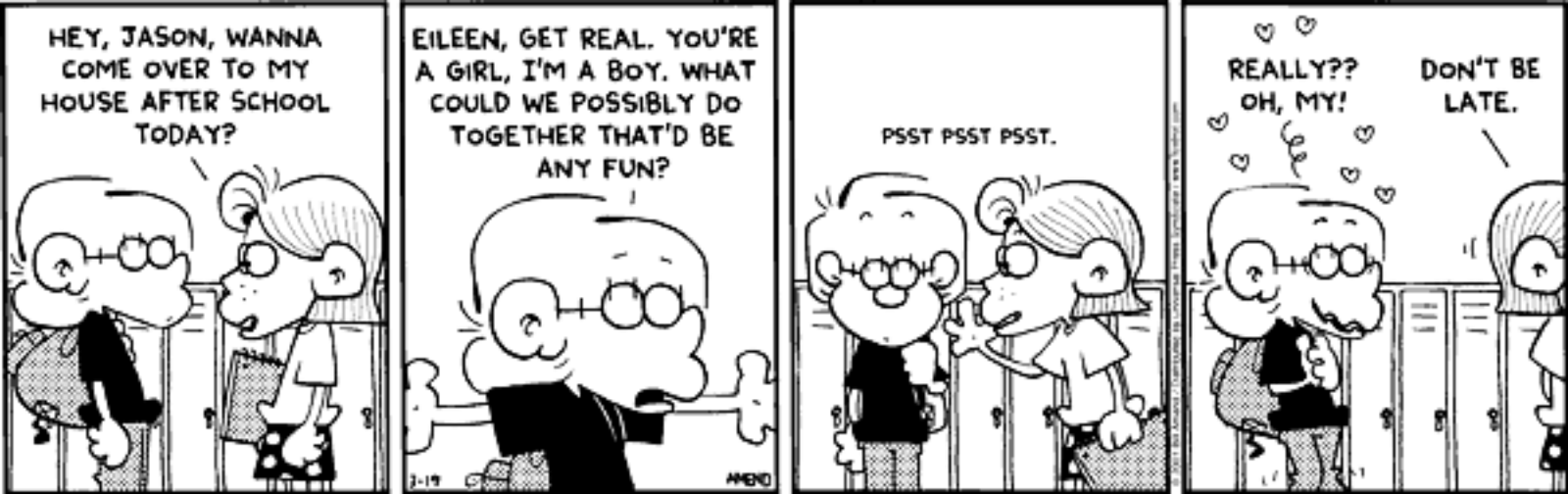
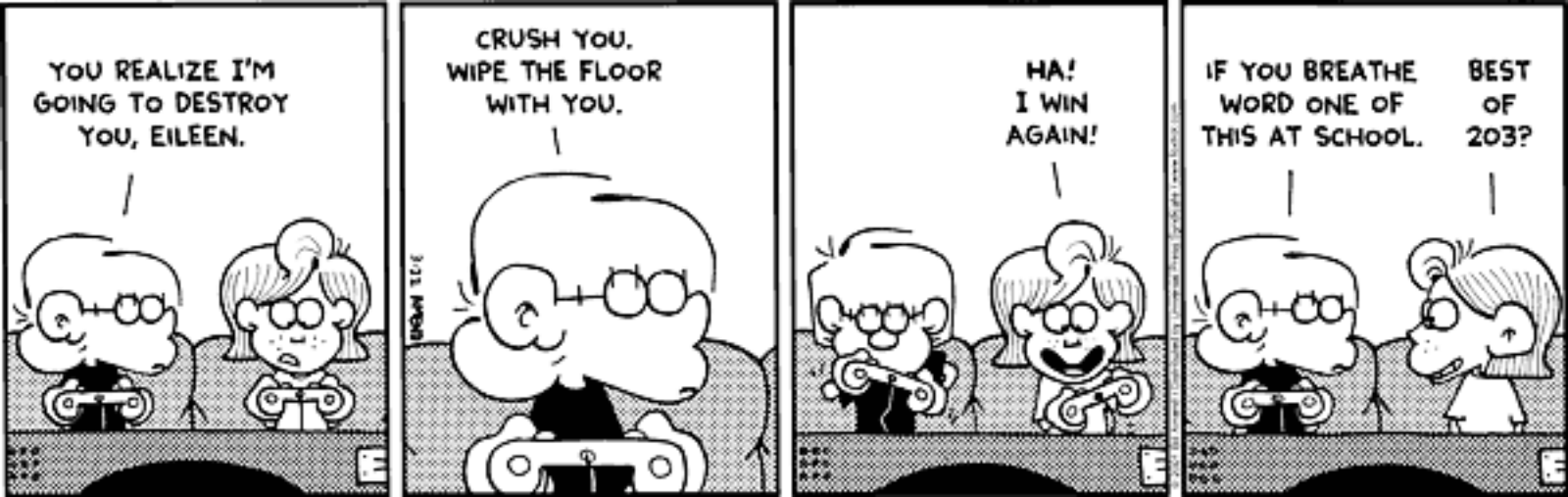
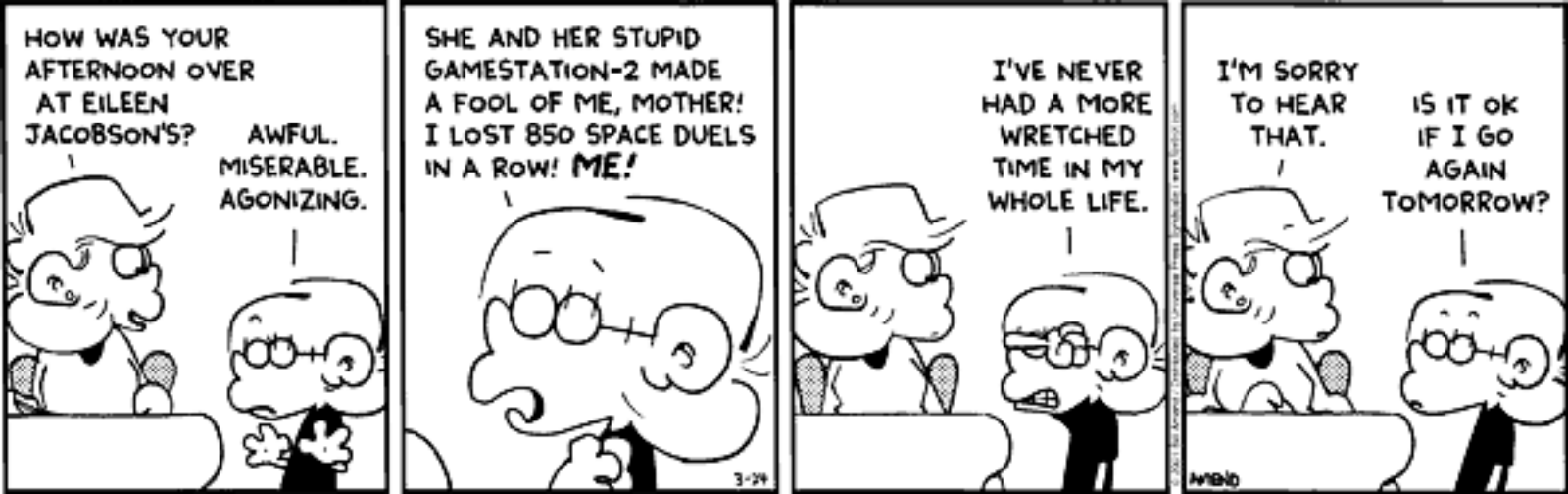

HEY, JASON, WANNA COME OVER TO MY HOUSE AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?
EILEEN, GET REAL. YOU'RE A GIRL, I'M A BOY. WHAT COULD WE POSSIBLY DO TOGETHER THAT'D BE ANY FUN?
PSST PSST PSST.
REALLY?? OH, MY!
DON'T BE LATE.

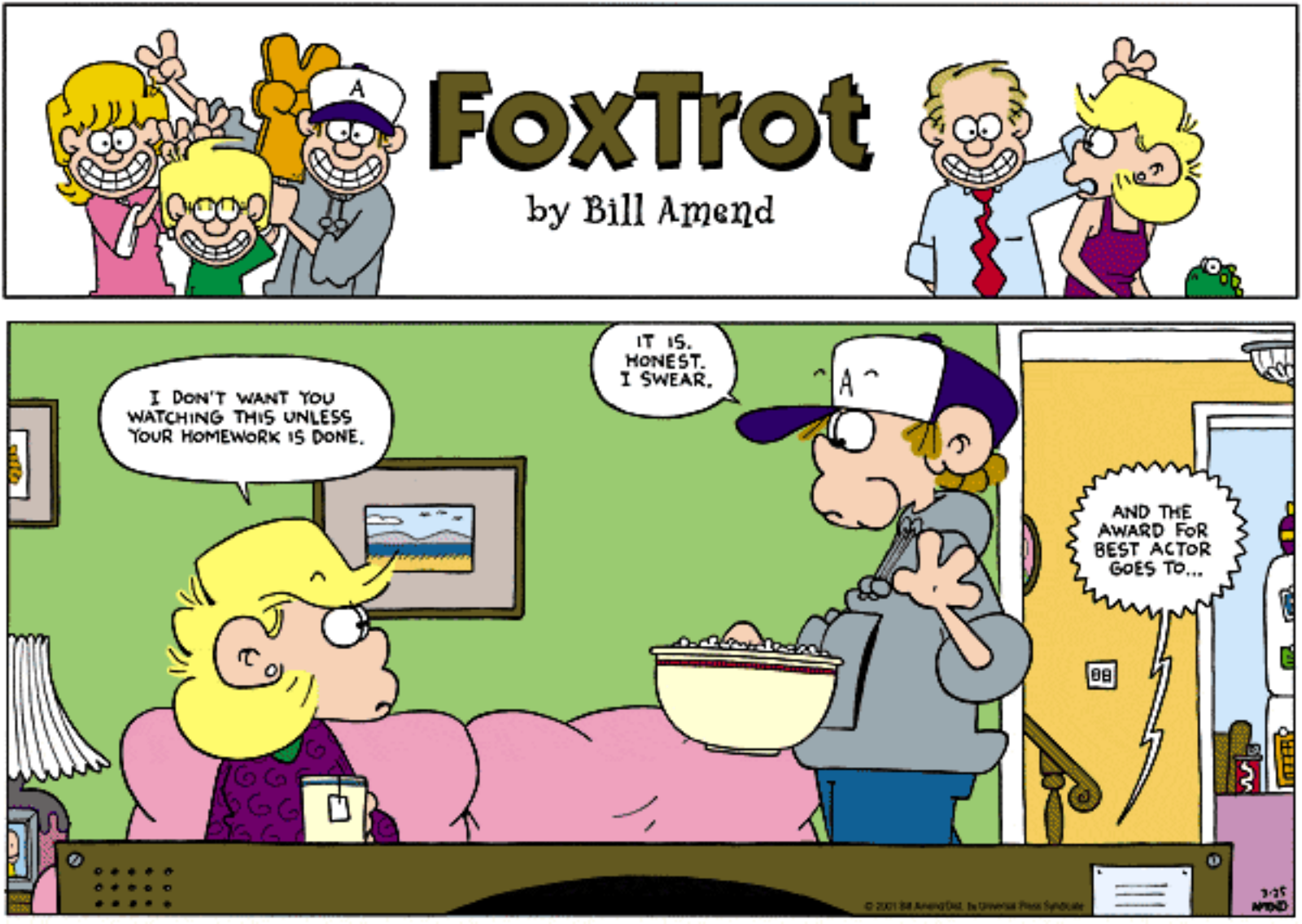
WHERE'S JASON?
HE'S SPENDING THE AFTERNOON OVER AT A CLASSMATE'S HOUSE.
YOU MEAN SOMEONE BESIDES MARCUS?
WOW. WHO KNEW THE LITTLE GEEK HAD OTHER FRIENDS?
ACTUALLY, HE SPECIFICALLY AVOIDED USING THAT WORD.
DON'T SAY MY NAME. JUST LET ME IN QUICKLY.
IS THAT A VOICE SCRAMBLER YOU'RE USING?

WE BOTH KNOW WHY I'M HERE, EILEEN.
I'M A YOUNG MAN, WITH A YOUNG MAN'S URGES AND DESIRES, AND YOU'VE GOT WHAT I NEED.
SO LET'S DISPENSE WITH THE CHIT-CHAT AND GO STRAIGHT TO THE SOFA.
AT LAST! A GAMESTATION-2 CONTROLLER IS IN MY GRASP!
READY TO GET IT ON, COWBOY?


YOU REALIZE I'M GOING TO DESTROY YOU, EILEEN.
CRUSH YOU. WIPE THE FLOOR WITH YOU.
HA! I WIN AGAIN!
IF YOU BREATHE WORD ONE OF THIS AT SCHOOL.
BEST OF 203?

JASON, THE GAMESTATION-2's GRAPHICS LOOK A LOT BETTER IF YOUR EYES ARE OPEN.
I CAN'T WATCH YOU BEAT ME AGAIN.


HOW WAS YOUR AFTERNOON OVER AT EILEEN JACOBSON'S?
AWFUL. MISERABLE. AGONIZING.
SHE AND HER STUPID GAMESTATION-2 MADE A FOOL OF ME, MOTHER! I LOST 850 SPACE DUELS IN A ROW! ME!
3-29
I'VE NEVER HAD A MORE WRETCHED TIME IN MY WHOLE LIFE.
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
IS IT OK IF I GO AGAIN TOMORROW?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I DON'T WANT YOU WATCHING THIS UNLESS YOUR HOMEWORK IS DONE.
IT IS. HONEST. I SWEAR.
AND THE AWARD FOR BEST ACTOR GOES TO...
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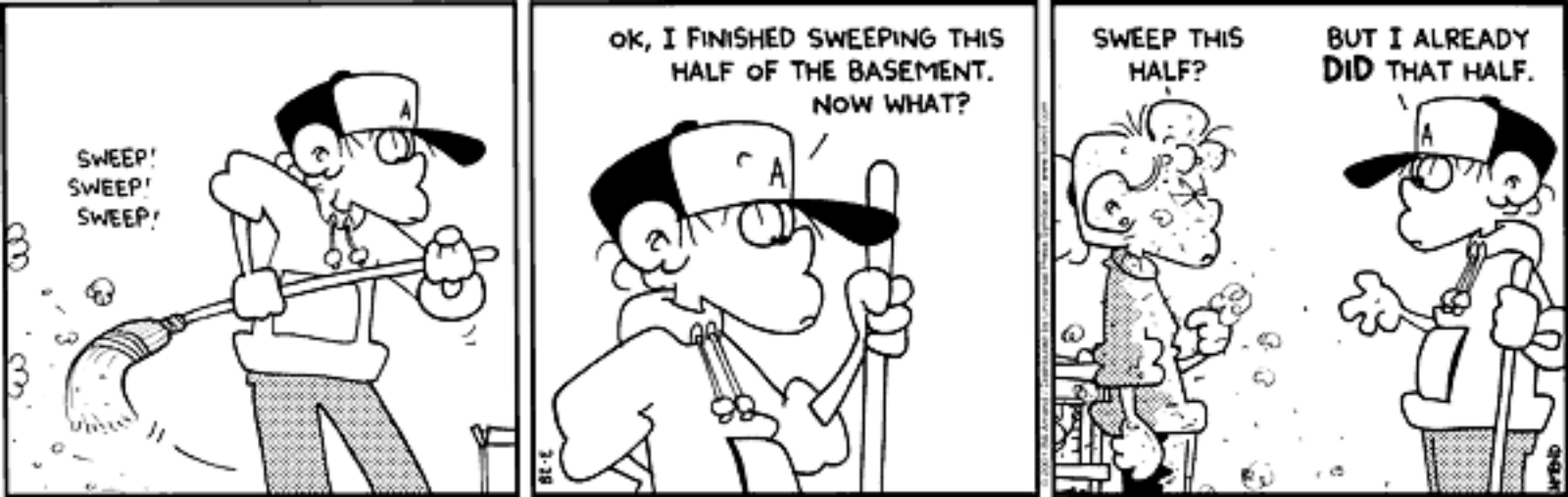
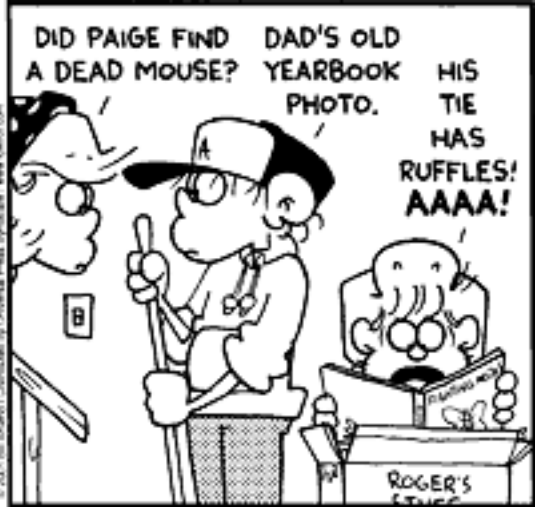
IT'S SPRING BREAK! IT'S SPRING BREAK!
LET THE WILD RUMPUS START!
3-26
HERE'S A BROOM AND SOME TRASH BAGS. YOU CAN HELP ME CLEAN THE BASEMENT.
MTV MAKES THIS VACATION SEEM A LOT MORE ATTRACTIVE.
HOW LONG UNTIL SCHOOL STARTS BACK UP?

IT'S SPRING BREAK, MOM! I SHOULD BE CAVORTING WITH BIKINI BABES! MTV SAYS SO!
I DEMAND THE FANTASY I BOUGHT INTO!
MOM SAYS TO SQUINT YOUR EYES.
I THINK I'LL CLAMP THEM SHUT, THANKS.
MPENO 3-27


SWEEP! SWEEP! SWEEP!
OK, I FINISHED SWEEPING THIS HALF OF THE BASEMENT. NOW WHAT?
SWEEP THIS HALF?
BUT I ALREADY DID THAT HALF.

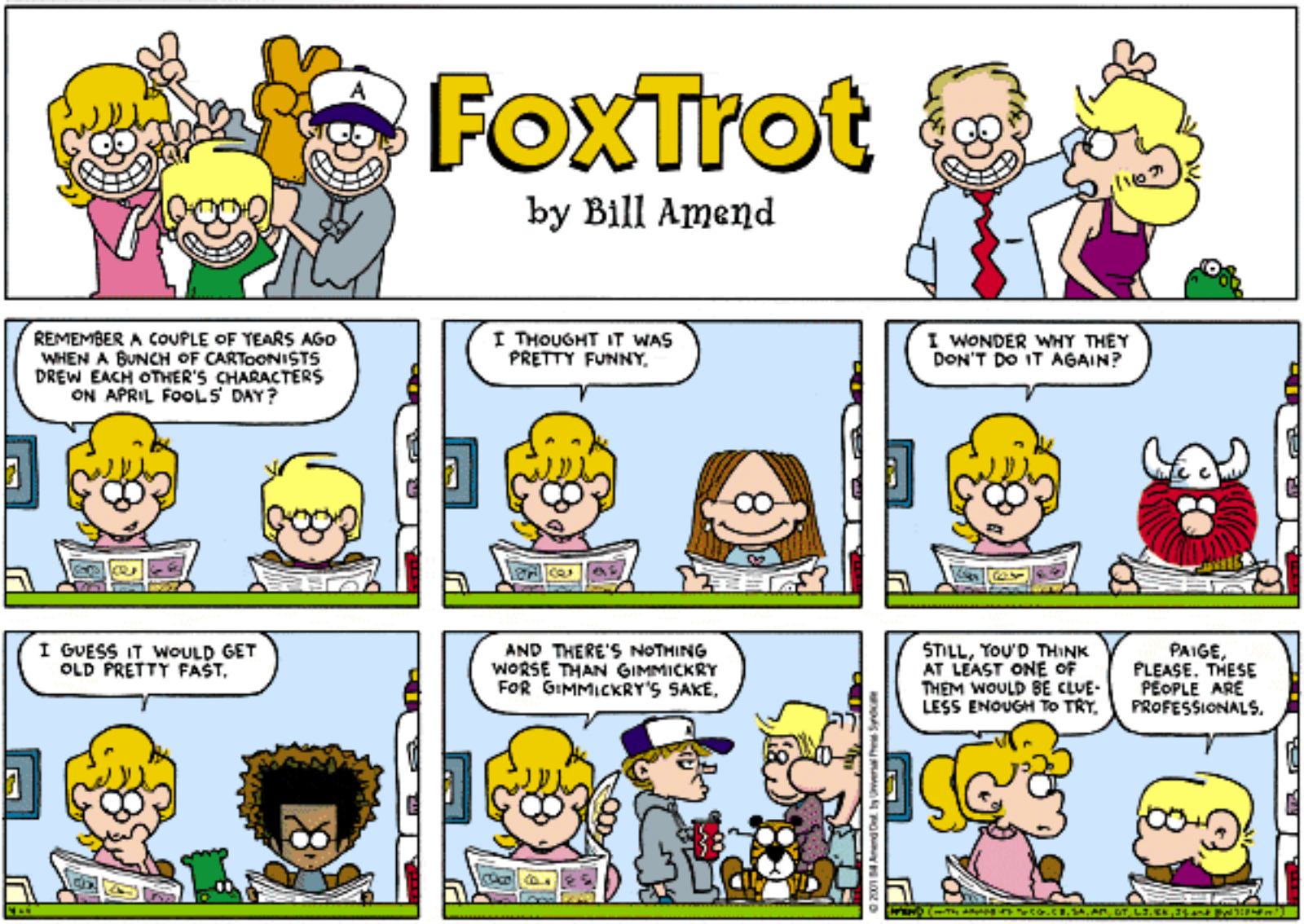
AAAA! YUCK! GROSS!
AMEND

THIS IS WHY I DON'T LIKE CLEANING THE BASEMENT!
3-29


DID PAIGE FIND A DEAD MOUSE?
DAD'S OLD YEARBOOK PHOTO.
HIS TIE HAS RUFFLES! AAAA!
ROGER'S

I HAVE A GOOD IDEA. I'LL POINT OUT THE LOADS OF GARBAGE AND YOU CAN CARRY THEM OUT TO THE CURB.
WHY DO I HAVE TO CARRY THEM?!
BECAUSE ALL THE GIRLS AT SCHOOL SAY YOU HAVE REALLY BIG MUSCLES.
HERE'S LOAD OF GARBAGE NUMBER TWO.
WHAT WAS THE FIRST?

KIDS! I'M STUNNED! I'VE NEVER SEEN THE BASEMENT SO SPOTLESS!
WHO KNEW YOU COULD DO SUCH A GREAT JOB?!
THANK YOU... THANK YOU...
REMIND ME TO PUT YOU TO WORK CLEANING THE GARAGE THIS SUMMER.
WAIT! WAIT! WE MISSED A SPOT!
SEV-ERAL!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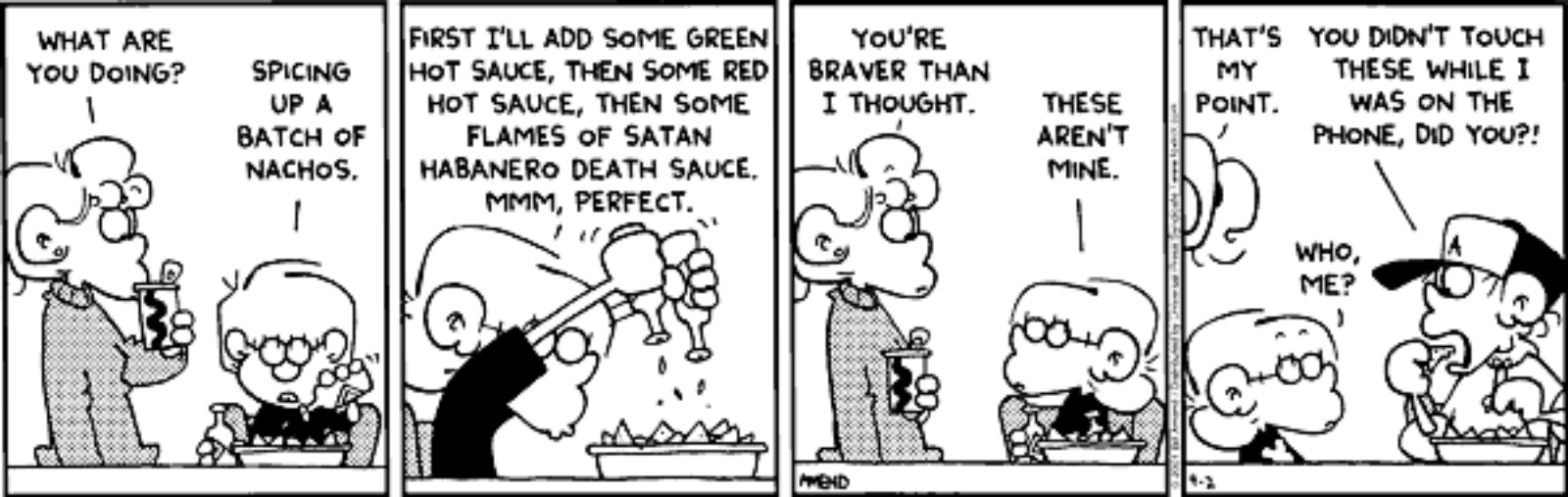
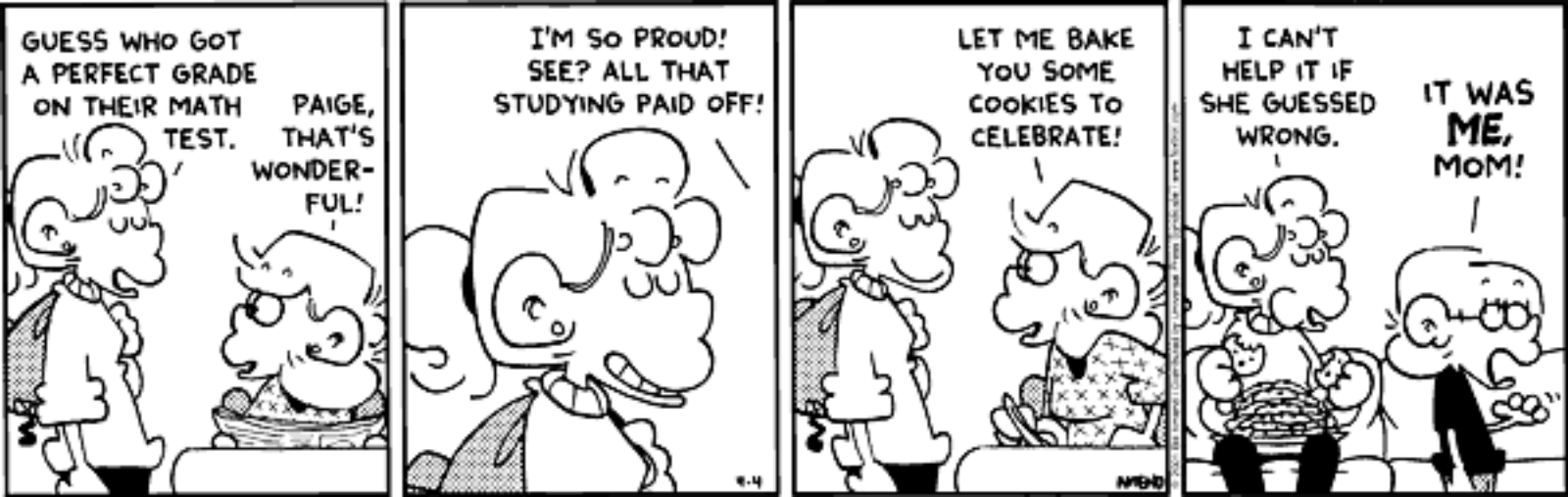
REMEMBER A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WHEN A BUNCH OF CARTOONISTS DREW EACH OTHER'S CHARACTERS ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY?
I THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY FUNNY.
I WONDER WHY THEY DON'T DO IT AGAIN?
I GUESS IT WOULD GET OLD PRETTY FAST.
AND THERE'S NOTHING WORSE THAN GIMMICKRY FOR GIMMICKRY'S SAKE.
STILL, YOU'D THINK AT LEAST ONE OF THEM WOULD BE CLUELESS ENOUGH TO TRY.
PAIGE, PLEASE. THESE PEOPLE ARE PROFESSIONALS.


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SPICING UP A BATCH OF NACHOS.
FIRST I'LL ADD SOME GREEN HOT SAUCE, THEN SOME RED HOT SAUCE, THEN SOME FLAMES OF SATAN HABANERO DEATH SAUCE. MMM, PERFECT.
YOU'RE BRAVER THAN I THOUGHT.
THESE AREN'T MINE.
THAT'S MY POINT.
YOU DIDN'T TOUCH THESE WHILE I WAS ON THE PHONE, DID YOU?!
WHO, ME?

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY.
4-3
COME AGAIN SOME OTHER DAY.
SPECIFICALLY, NEXT THURSDAY SO WE WON'T HAVE THAT TWO-MILE RUN IN P.E. CLASS.
TOO LATE. I ALREADY BOOKED IT FOR MY FIELD TRIP FRIDAY.
AMEND


GUESS WHO GOT A PERFECT GRADE ON THEIR MATH TEST.
PAIGE, THAT'S WONDER-FUL!
I'M SO PROUD! SEE? ALL THAT STUDYING PAID OFF!
LET ME BAKE YOU SOME COOKIES TO CELEBRATE!
I CAN'T HELP IT IF SHE GUESSED WRONG.
IT WAS ME, MOM!

OUR INVESTMENTS ARE NOT GOING STRAIGHT UP, DEAR.
HUMOR ME. PLEASE.
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4-5
AMEND

YOU'RE STILL AWAKE??
MOM SAID I COULD READ IN BED.
JASON, IT'S PRACTICALLY MIDNIGHT! EVERYONE ELSE IS ASLEEP!
CAN'T YOU DO THAT EARLIER?
THIS IS THE ONLY TIME PAIGE DOESN'T NOTICE HER DIARY IS MISSING.

EEW! YUCK!
JASON, THESE GAMES JUST KEEP GETTING MORE AND MORE HORRIFIC!
4-7 AMEND
THE CARNAGE IS VIRTUALLY NONSTOP!
DAD REALLY SHOULD LEARN TO DELETE HIS OLD CHESS MATCH FILES.
OR AT LEAST GIVE THEM WARNING LABELS.

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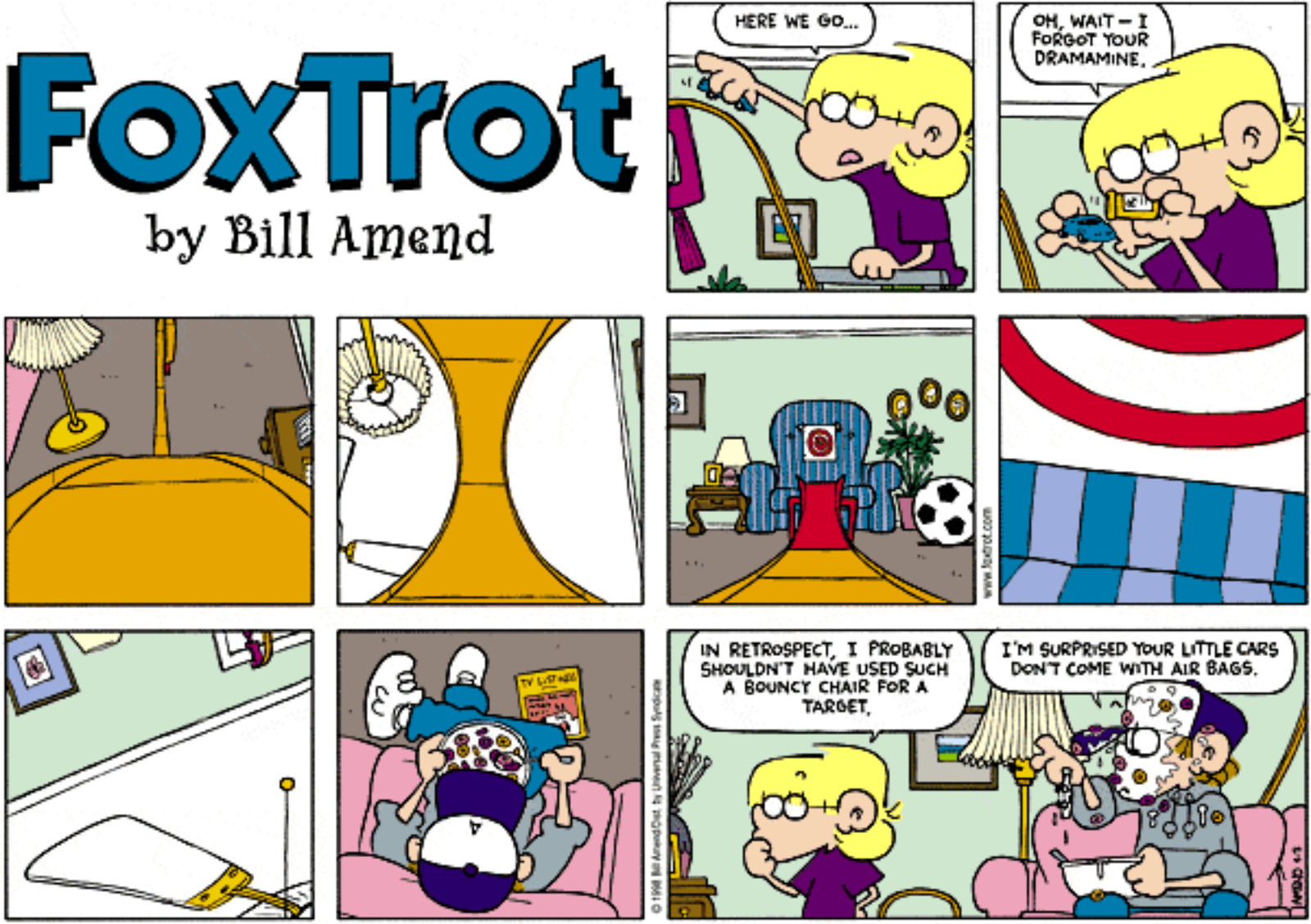

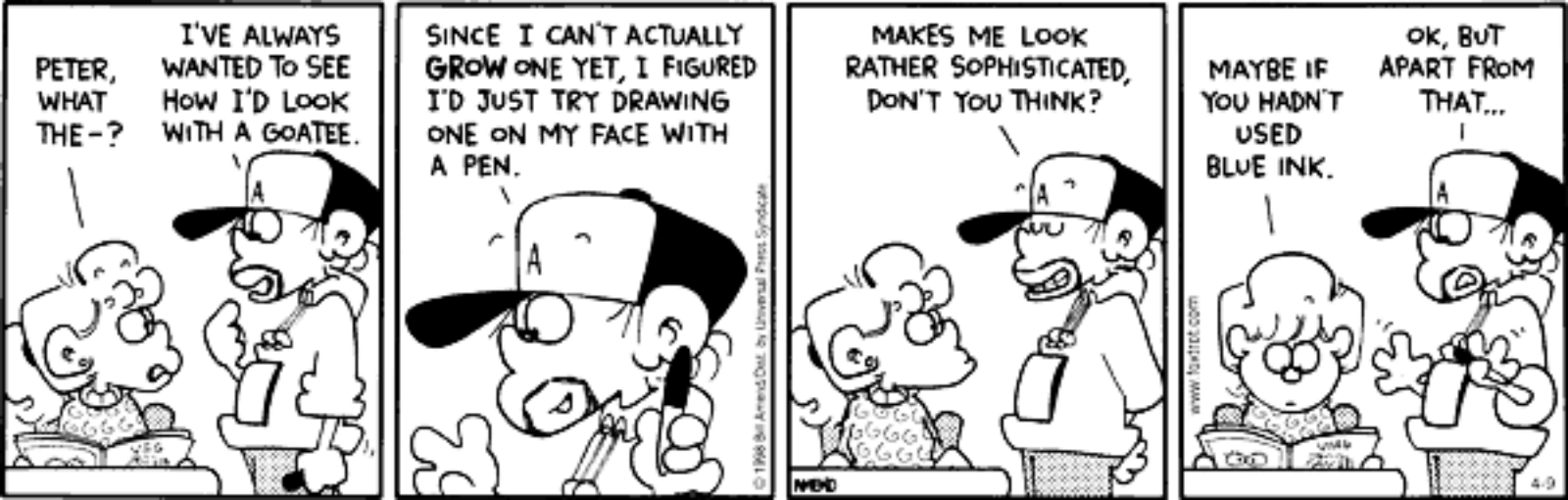
PETER, WHAT THE-?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE HOW I'D LOOK WITH A GOATEE.
SINCE I CAN'T ACTUALLY GROW ONE YET, I FIGURED I'D JUST TRY DRAWING ONE ON MY FACE WITH A PEN.
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MAKES ME LOOK RATHER SOPHISTICATED, DON'T YOU THINK?
MAYBE IF YOU HADN'T USED BLUE INK.
OK, BUT APART FROM THAT...
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4-9

YOU DREW THAT GOATEE ON YOUR FACE WITH A BLUE LAUNDRY MARKER?!
WELL, YEAH.
WE HAVE SCHOOL TOMORROW. I'M NOT GOING TO USE SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T WASH OFF EASILY.
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PETER, LAUNDRY MARKERS ARE LIKE TOTALLY PERMANENT! WHERE ON EARTH WOULD YOU GET THE IDEA THAT THIS INK WASHES OFF??
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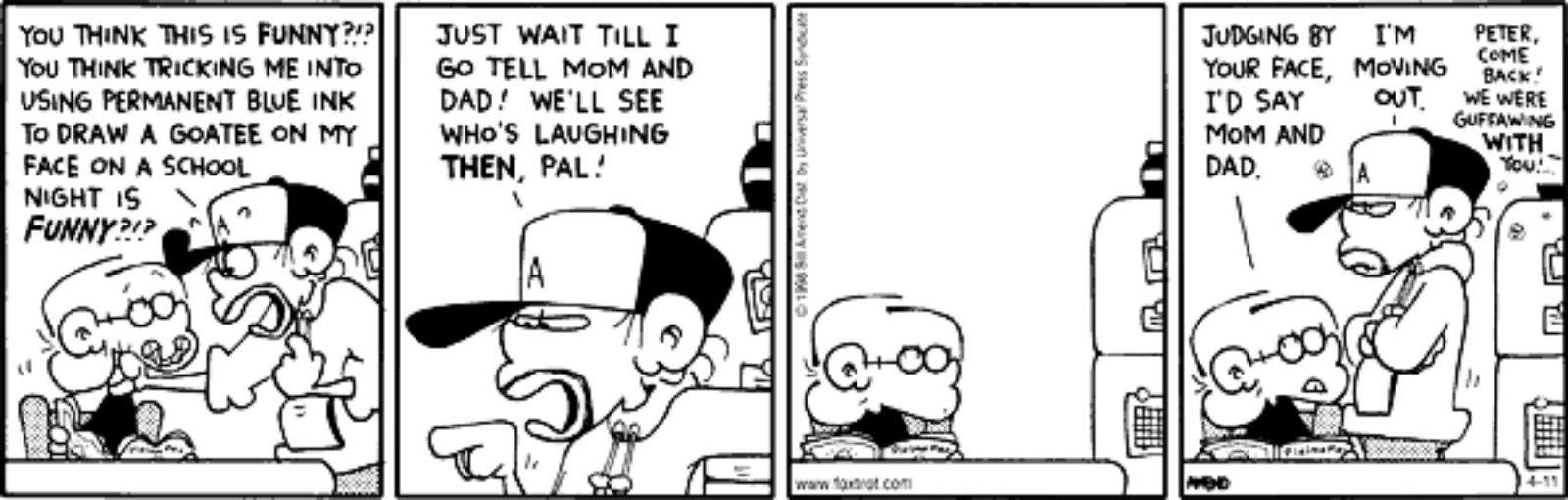
BOY, DO I RECOGNIZE THAT LOOK.
JA-SONNN!...
4-10


YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY?!? YOU THINK TRICKING ME INTO USING PERMANENT BLUE INK TO DRAW A GOATEE ON MY FACE ON A SCHOOL NIGHT IS FUNNY?!?
JUST WAIT TILL I GO TELL MOM AND DAD! WE'LL SEE WHO'S LAUGHING THEN, PAL!
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JUDGING BY YOUR FACE, I'D SAY MOM AND DAD.
I'M MOVING OUT.
PETER, COME BACK! WE WERE GUFFAWING WITH YOU!
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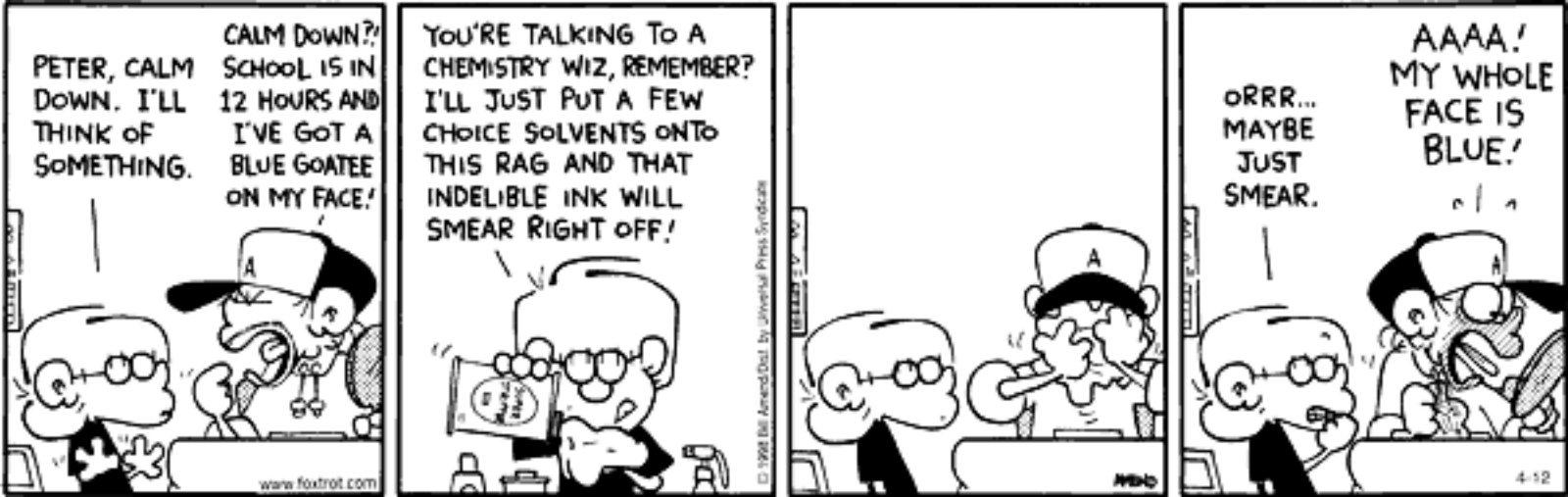
PETER, CALM DOWN. I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.
CALM DOWN?! SCHOOL IS IN 12 HOURS AND I'VE GOT A BLUE GOATEE ON MY FACE!
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YOU'RE TALKING TO A CHEMISTRY WIZ, REMEMBER? I'LL JUST PUT A FEW CHOICE SOLVENTS ONTO THIS RAG AND THAT INDELIBLE INK WILL SMEAR RIGHT OFF!
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ORRR... MAYBE JUST SMEAR.
AAAA! MY WHOLE FACE IS BLUE!
4-12

I BORROWED SOME OF MOM'S MAKEUP. I'LL HAVE THAT BLUE INK HIDDEN IN NO TIME.
WAIT A SECOND! I DON'T WANT YOU DOING THIS!
THE ONLY MAKEUP JOBS YOU KNOW HOW TO DO ARE MONSTER FACES FOR HALLOWEEN. WHERE'S PAIGE?... SHE KNOWS HOW TO PUT THIS STUFF ON PROPERLY.
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NO COMMENTS. JUST DO IT.
NOW, THEN, DRACULA OR FRANKENSTEIN?
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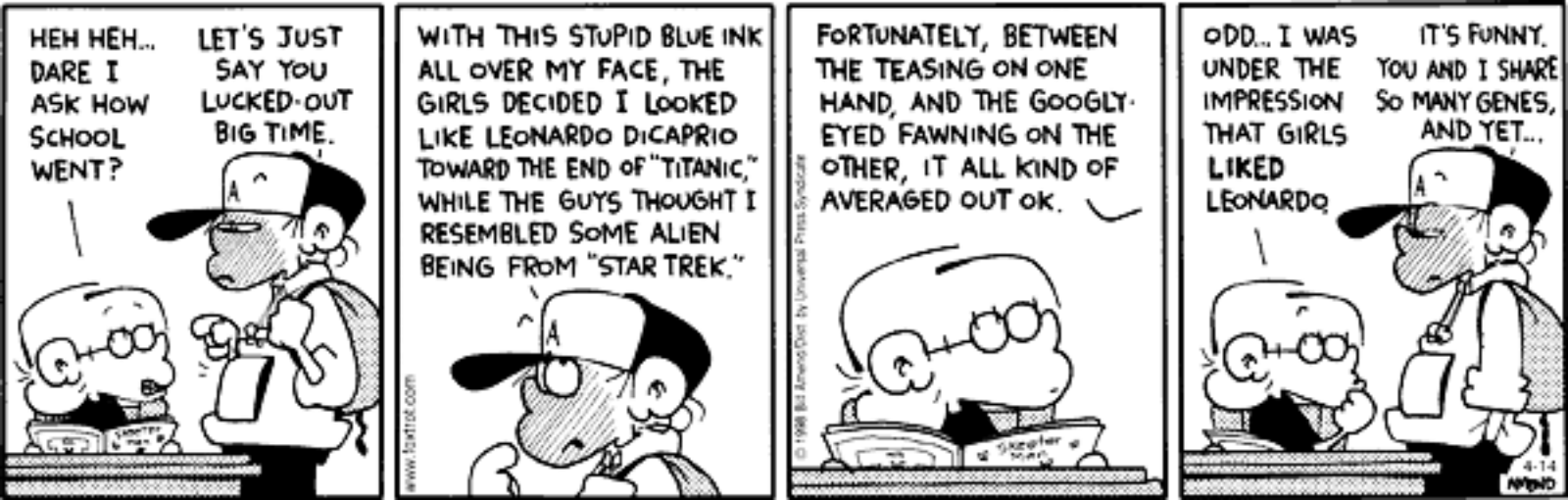
HEH HEH... DARE I ASK HOW SCHOOL WENT?
LET'S JUST SAY YOU LUCKED-OUT BIG TIME.
WITH THIS STUPID BLUE INK ALL OVER MY FACE, THE GIRLS DECIDED I LOOKED LIKE LEONARDO DICAPRIO TOWARD THE END OF "TITANIC," WHILE THE GUYS THOUGHT I RESEMBLED SOME ALIEN BEING FROM "STAR TREK."
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FORTUNATELY, BETWEEN THE TEASING ON ONE HAND, AND THE GOOGLY-EYED FAWNING ON THE OTHER, IT ALL KIND OF AVERAGED OUT OK.
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ODD... I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT GIRLS LIKED LEONARDO.
IT'S FUNNY. YOU AND I SHARE SO MANY GENES, AND YET...
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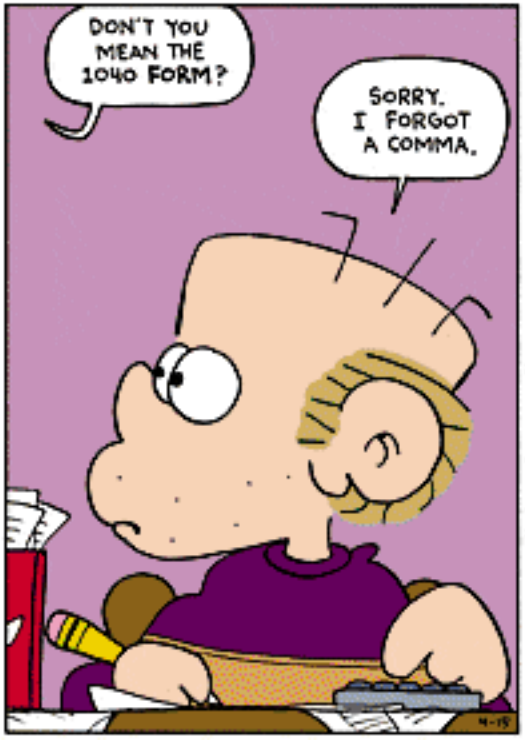
AMEND



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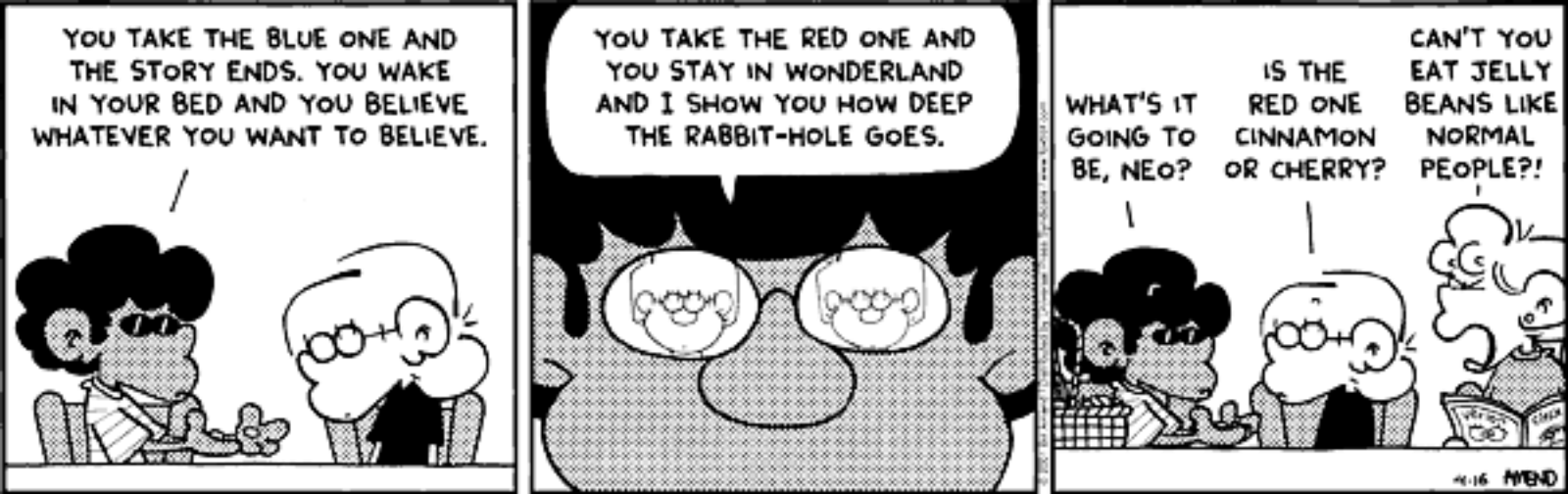
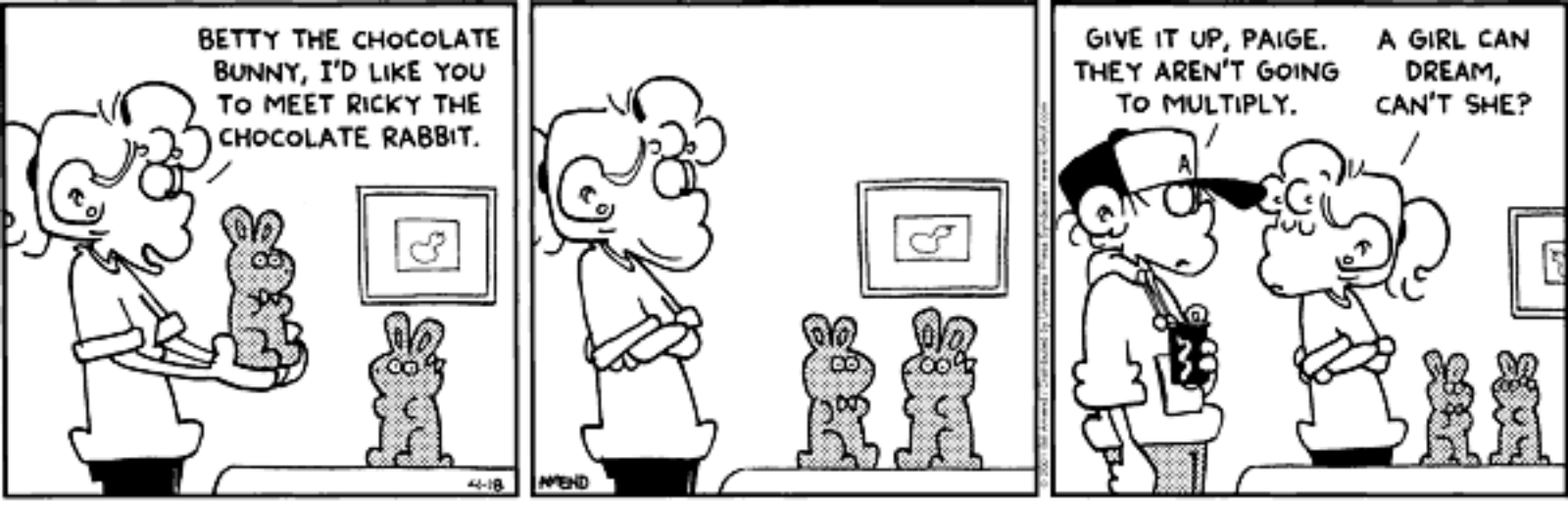
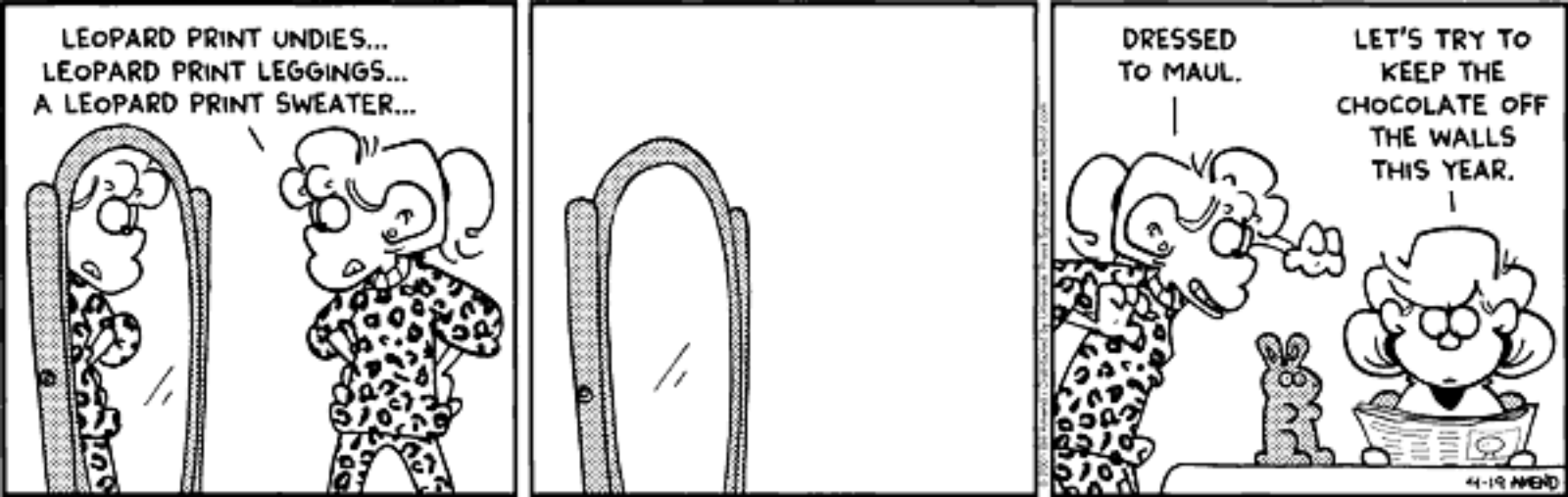
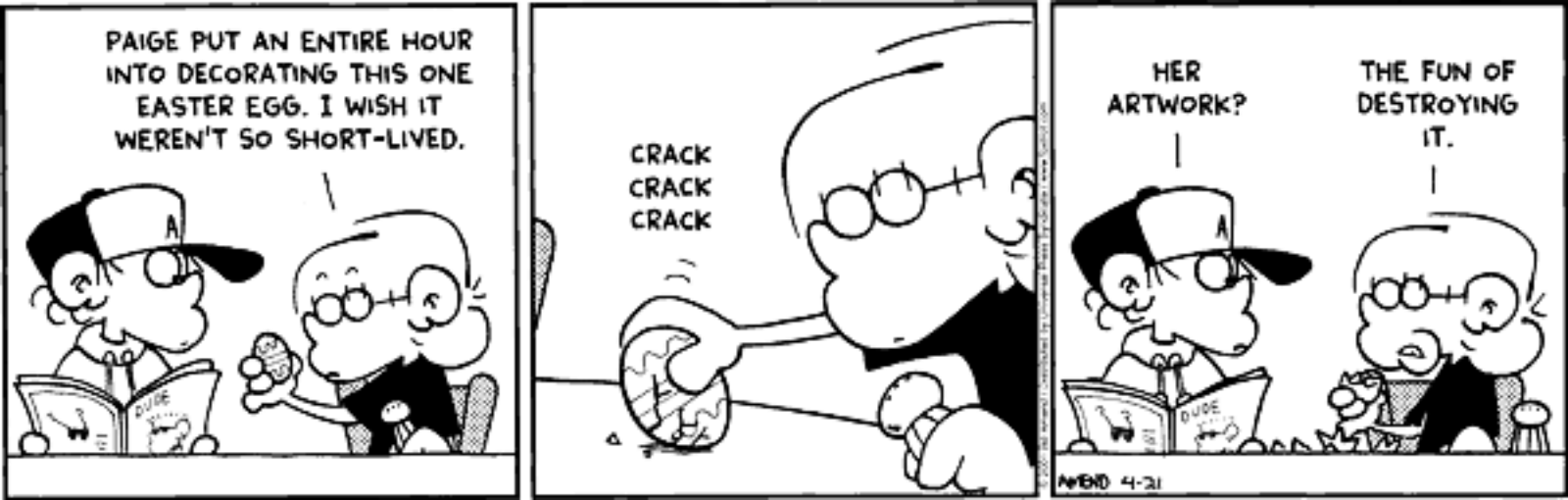

YOU TAKE THE BLUE ONE AND THE STORY ENDS. YOU WAKE IN YOUR BED AND YOU BELIEVE WHATEVER YOU WANT TO BELIEVE.
YOU TAKE THE RED ONE AND YOU STAY IN WONDERLAND AND I SHOW YOU HOW DEEP THE RABBIT-HOLE GOES.
WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE, NEO?
IS THE RED ONE CINNAMON OR CHERRY?
CAN'T YOU EAT JELLY BEANS LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE?!
4-16 MYERS

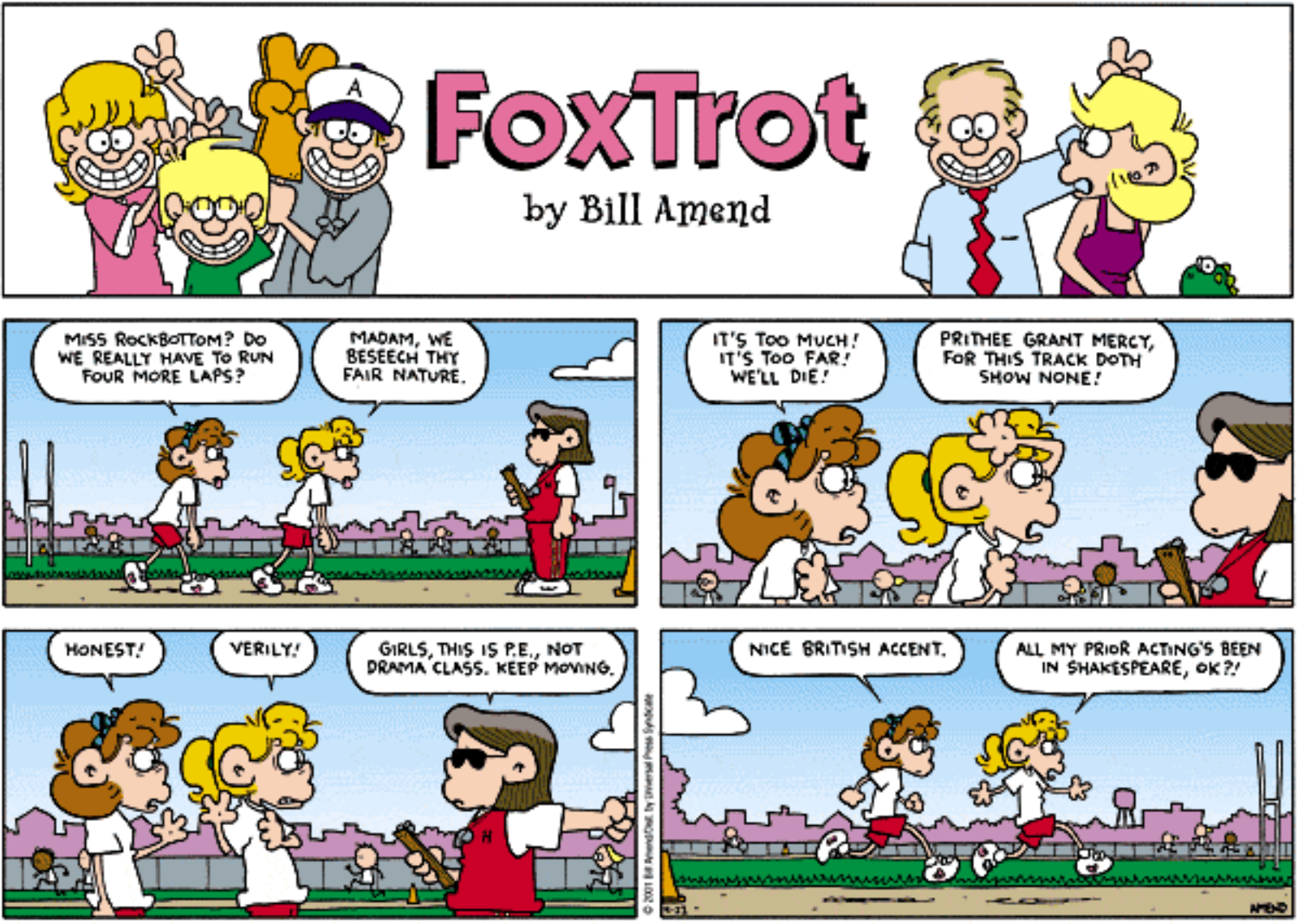
MOM, IS IT OK IF I—
JASON??
SORRY. MY MOLECULES KEEP SHIFTING OUT OF PHASE.
I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT ALL OF YOUR EASTER CANDY AT ONCE.
4-17 NEND


BETTY THE CHOCOLATE BUNNY, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET RICKY THE CHOCOLATE RABBIT.
4-18
NºEND
GIVE IT UP, PAIGE. THEY AREN'T GOING TO MULTIPLY.
A GIRL CAN DREAM, CAN'T SHE?


LEOPARD PRINT UNDIES...
LEOPARD PRINT LEGGINGS...
A LEOPARD PRINT SWEATER...
DRESSED TO MAUL.
LET'S TRY TO KEEP THE CHOCOLATE OFF THE WALLS THIS YEAR.
4-19 AMEND

MY MOM SAYS THAT WHEN SHE WAS A GIRL, HER FAMILY HAD CONTESTS TO SEE WHOSE EASTER EGG'S SHELL WOULD BREAK FIRST.
GO!
WHAM!
WHAM!
THAT WAS A TIE. I'LL GO GET TWO MORE.
AND SHE CALLS OUR VIDEO GAMES GROSS.
4-20 NEND


PAIGE PUT AN ENTIRE HOUR INTO DECORATING THIS ONE EASTER EGG. I WISH IT WEREN'T SO SHORT-LIVED.
CRACK CRACK CRACK
HER ARTWORK?
THE FUN OF DESTROYING IT.
NEND 4-21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MISS ROCKBOTTOM? DO WE REALLY HAVE TO RUN FOUR MORE LAPS?
MADAM, WE BESEECH THY FAIR NATURE.
IT'S TOO MUCH! IT'S TOO FAR! WE'LL DIE!
PRITHEE GRANT MERCY, FOR THIS TRACK DOTH SHOW NONE!
HONEST!
VERILY!
GIRLS, THIS IS P.E., NOT DRAMA CLASS. KEEP MOVING.
NICE BRITISH ACCENT.
ALL MY PRIOR ACTING'S BEEN IN SHAKESPEARE, OK?!
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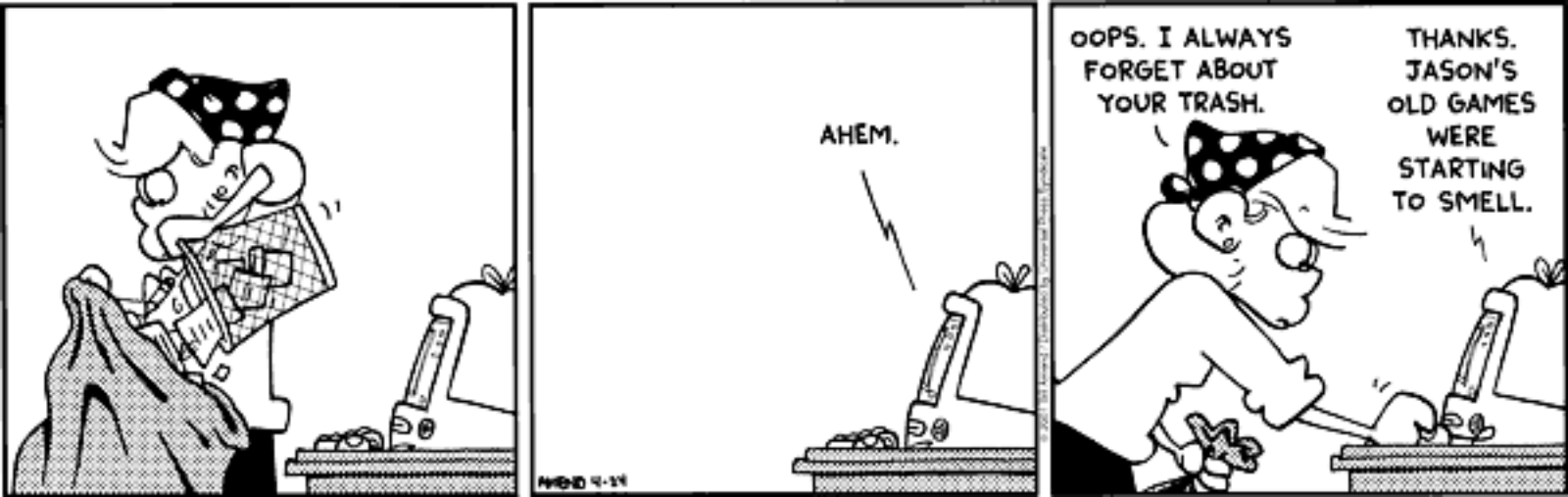
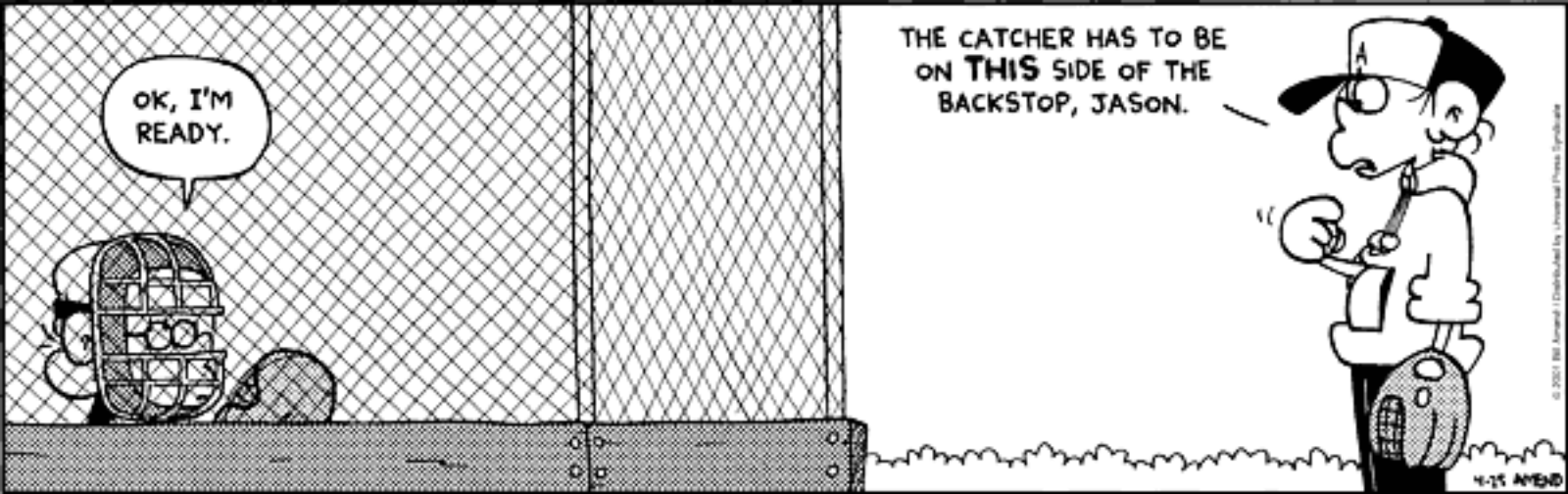
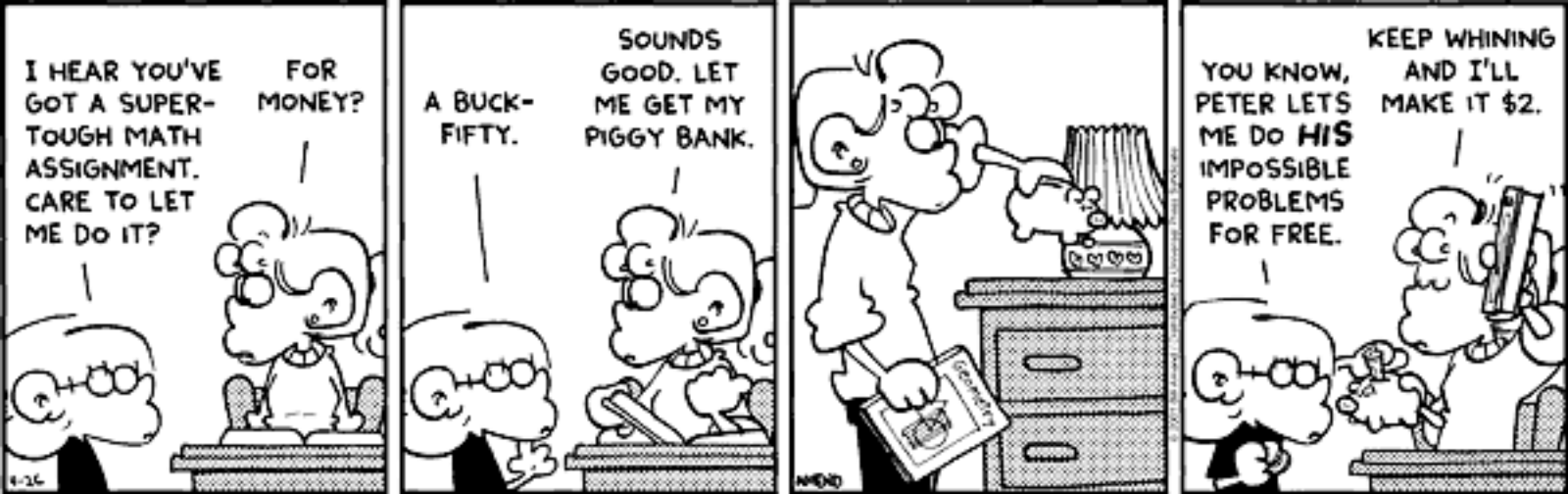
A TWO-MILE WALK THROUGH KNEE-DEEP PUDDLES...
SWAMP-LIKE MUD...
WORMS ALL OVER THE SIDEWALK...
CAN I PICK A DAY TO MISS THE SCHOOL BUS, OR WHAT?!
I HEAR WE MIGHT GET HAIL TOMOR-ROW.


AHEM.
OOPS. I ALWAYS FORGET ABOUT YOUR TRASH.
THANKS. JASON'S OLD GAMES WERE STARTING TO SMELL.


OK, I'M READY.
THE CATCHER HAS TO BE ON THIS SIDE OF THE BACKSTOP, JASON.
4-25 AMEND


I HEAR YOU'VE GOT A SUPER-TOUGH MATH ASSIGNMENT. CARE TO LET ME DO IT?
FOR MONEY?
A BUCK-FIFTY.
SOUNDS GOOD. LET ME GET MY PIGGY BANK.
YOU KNOW, PETER LETS ME DO HIS IMPOSSIBLE PROBLEMS FOR FREE.
KEEP WHINING AND I'LL MAKE IT $2.

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WE FIND ADULT SUPERVISION STIFLES OUR NATURAL CREATIVITY.
HOW HIGH OVER THE AIR FORCE BASE DID YOU WANT TO SEND THESE?
CALVIN
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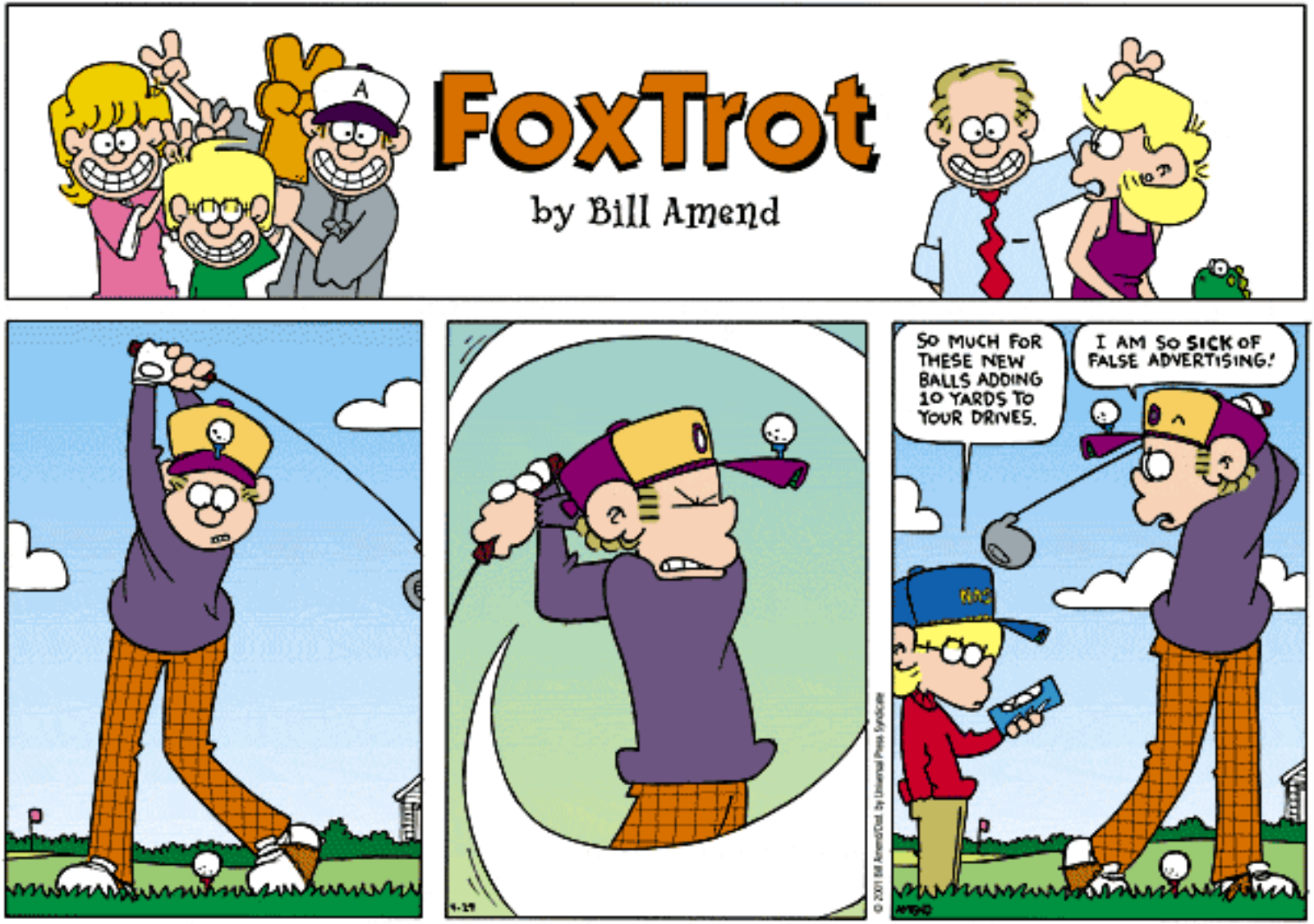
AMEND 4-27

I HATE TO WASTE PERFECTLY GOOD MOUTH CAPACITY.
I SEE. UNFORTUNATELY.
4-28
AMEND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SO MUCH FOR THESE NEW BALLS ADDING 10 YARDS TO YOUR DRIVES.
I AM SO SICK OF FALSE ADVERTISING!
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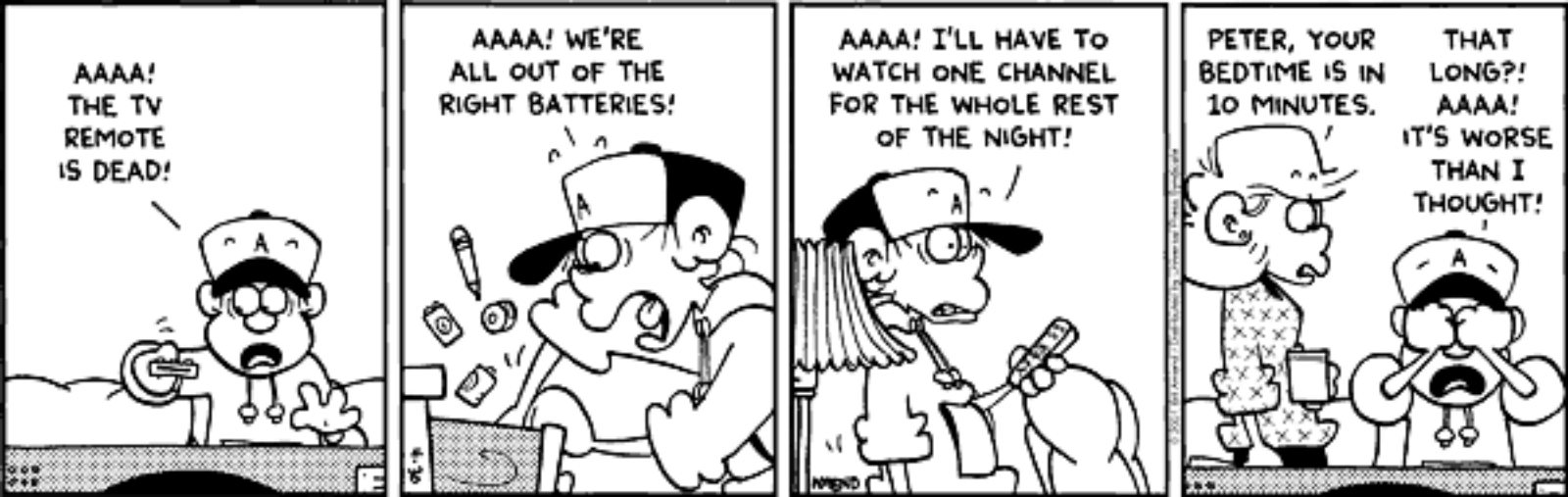
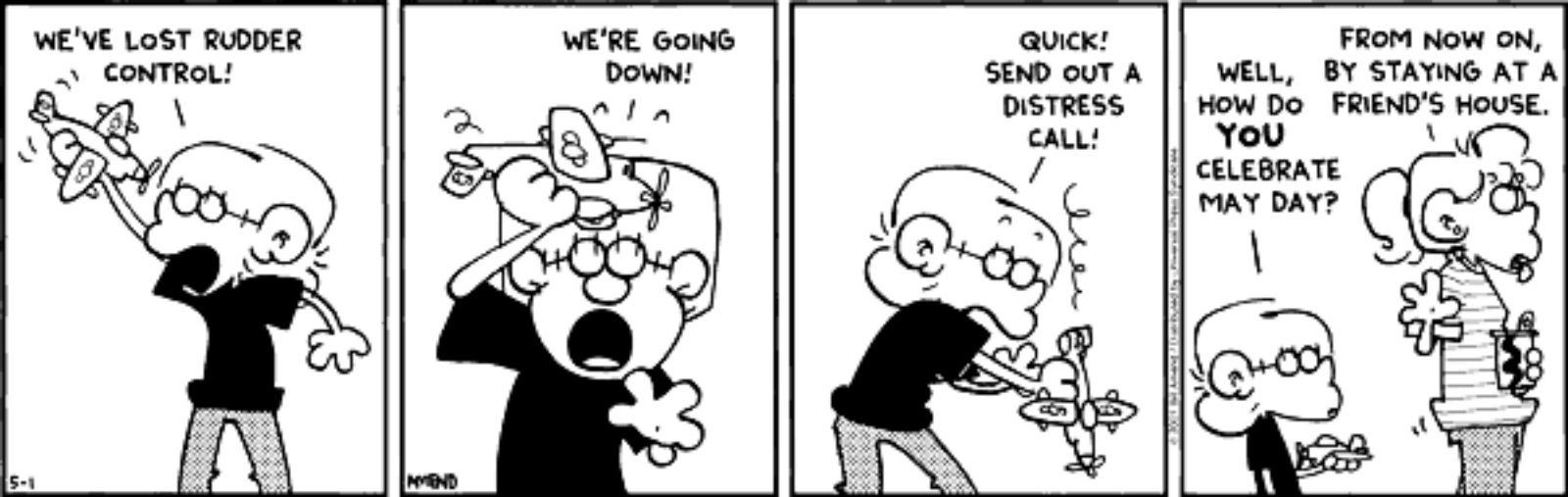
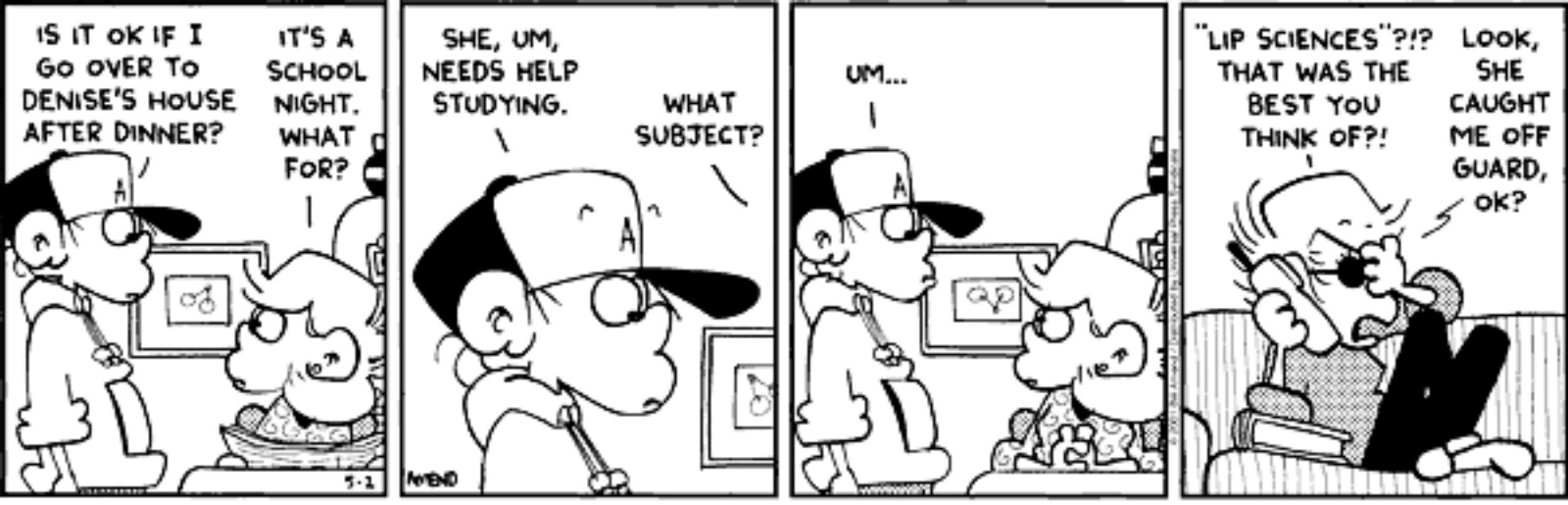
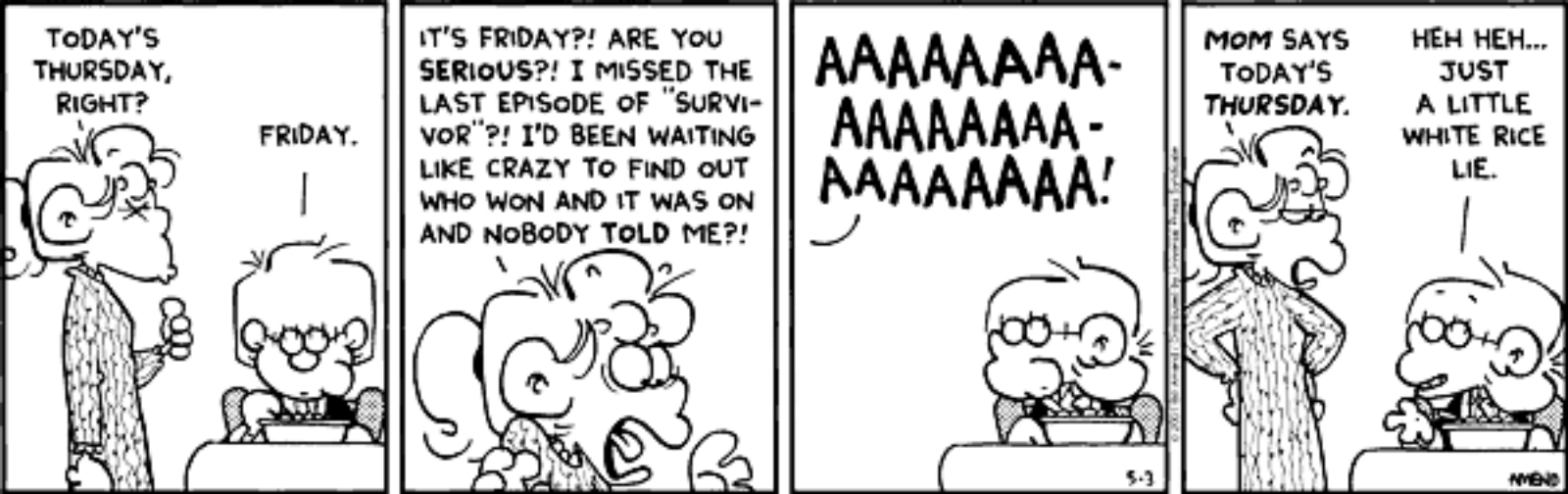

AAAA! THE TV REMOTE IS DEAD!
AAAA! WE'RE ALL OUT OF THE RIGHT BATTERIES!
AAAA! I'LL HAVE TO WATCH ONE CHANNEL FOR THE WHOLE REST OF THE NIGHT!
PETER, YOUR BEDTIME IS IN 10 MINUTES.
THAT LONG?! AAAA! IT'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!


WE'VE LOST RUDDER CONTROL!
5-1
WE'RE GOING DOWN!
MYEND
QUICK! SEND OUT A DISTRESS CALL!
WELL, HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE MAY DAY?
FROM NOW ON, BY STAYING AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE.


IS IT OK IF I GO OVER TO DENISE'S HOUSE AFTER DINNER?
IT'S A SCHOOL NIGHT. WHAT FOR?
SHE, UM, NEEDS HELP STUDYING.
WHAT SUBJECT?
UM...
"LIP SCIENCES"?!? THAT WAS THE BEST YOU THINK OF?!
LOOK, SHE CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD, OK?


TODAY'S THURSDAY, RIGHT?
FRIDAY.
IT'S FRIDAY?! ARE YOU SERIOUS?! I MISSED THE LAST EPISODE OF "SURVIVOR"?! I'D BEEN WAITING LIKE CRAZY TO FIND OUT WHO WON AND IT WAS ON AND NOBODY TOLD ME?!
AAAAAAAA-AAAAAAAA-AAAAAAAA!
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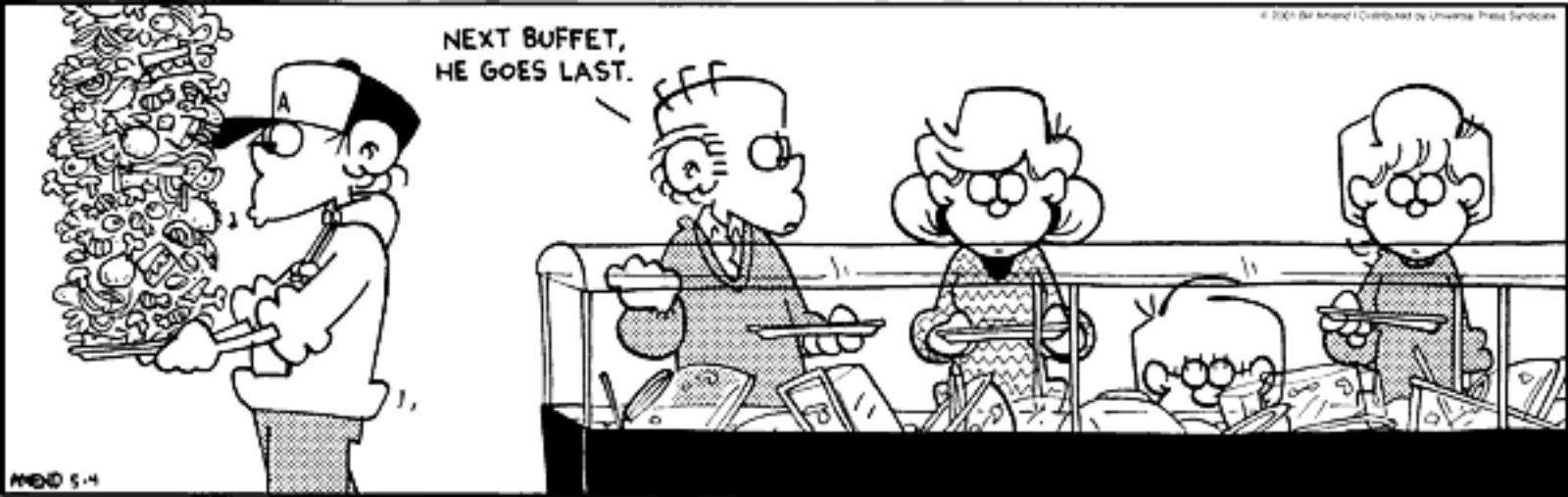
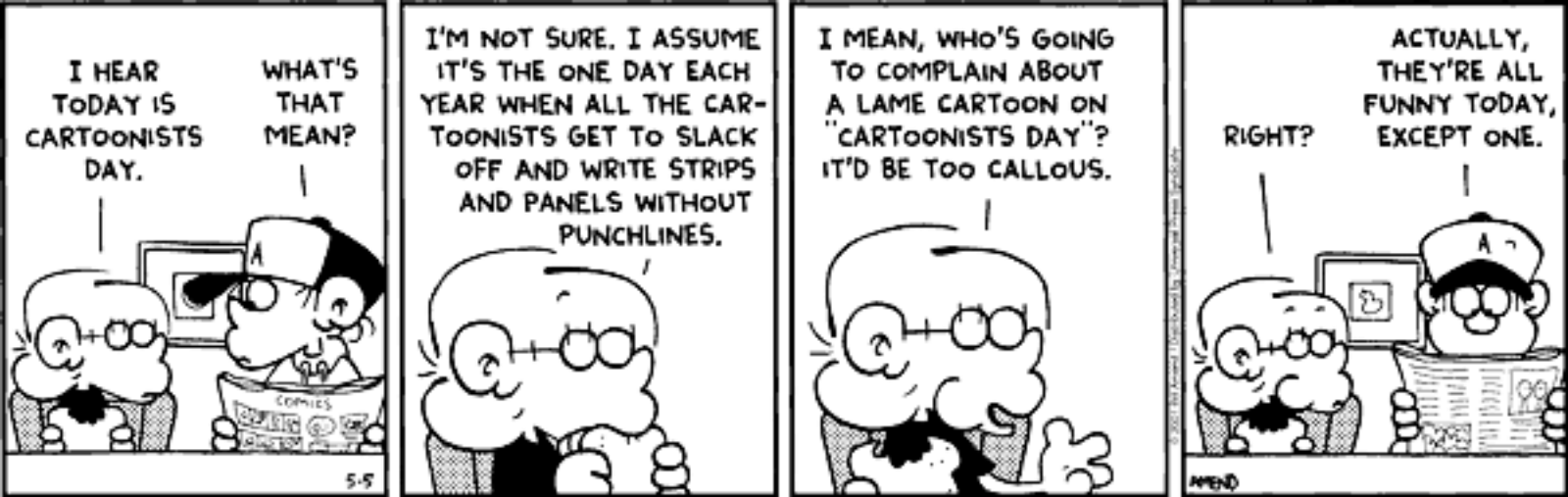
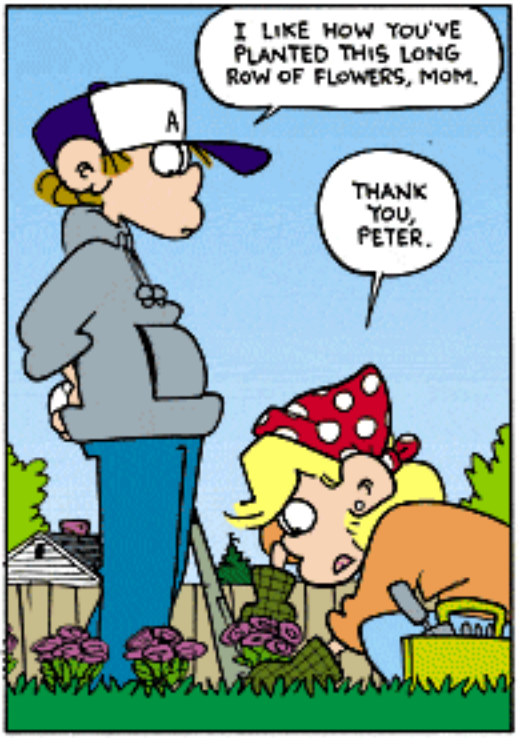
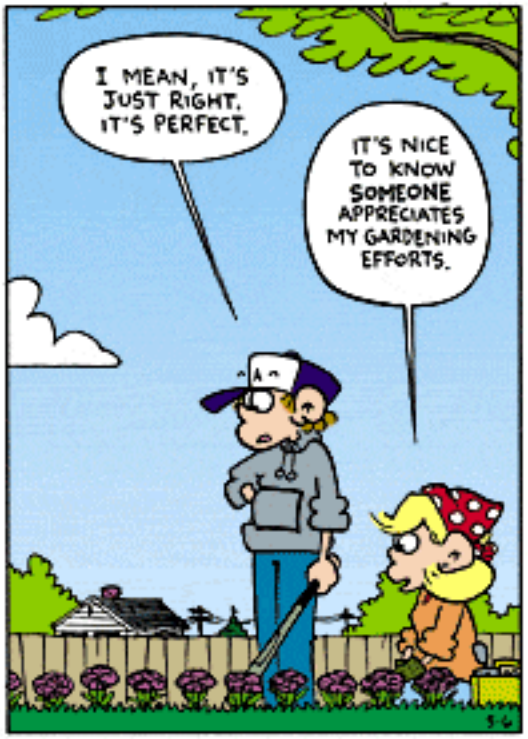
MOM SAYS TODAY'S THURSDAY.
HEH HEH... JUST A LITTLE WHITE RICE LIE.


NEXT BUFFET,
HE GOES LAST.


I HEAR TODAY IS CARTOONISTS DAY.
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
COMICS
5-5
I'M NOT SURE. I ASSUME IT'S THE ONE DAY EACH YEAR WHEN ALL THE CARTOONISTS GET TO SLACK OFF AND WRITE STRIPS AND PANELS WITHOUT PUNCHLINES.
I MEAN, WHO'S GOING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A LAME CARTOON ON "CARTOONISTS DAY"? IT'D BE TOO CALLOUS.
RIGHT?
ACTUALLY, THEY'RE ALL FUNNY TODAY, EXCEPT ONE.
AMEND





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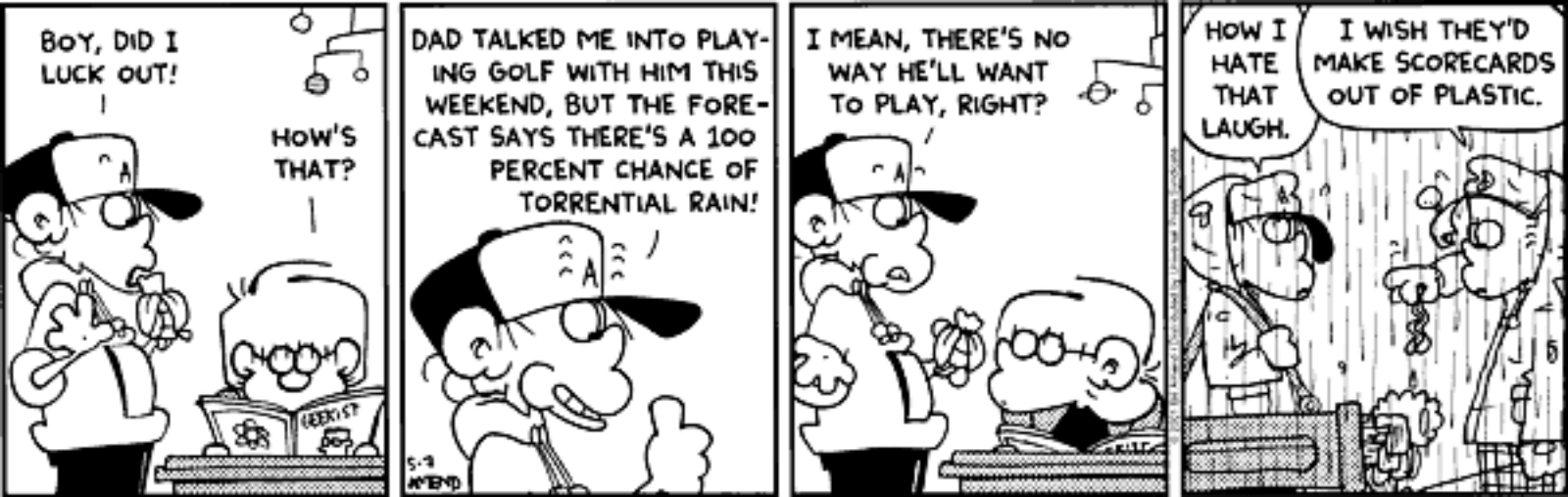
BOY, DID I LUCK OUT!
HOW'S THAT?
DAD TALKED ME INTO PLAYING GOLF WITH HIM THIS WEEKEND, BUT THE FORECAST SAYS THERE'S A 100 PERCENT CHANCE OF TORRENTIAL RAIN!
I MEAN, THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL WANT TO PLAY, RIGHT?
HOW I HATE THAT LAUGH.
I WISH THEY'D MAKE SCORECARDS OUT OF PLASTIC.

DAD, IT'S POURING RAIN!
NOBODY PLAYS GOLF IN WEATHER LIKE THIS! NOBODY!
I KNOW! ISN'T IT GREAT?! WE HAVE THE COURSE TO OURSELVES!
YOU REALLY DON'T WANT ME HOLDING CLUBS TODAY, DAD.

NICE SHOT, SON! RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OPEN FAIRWAY!
FIGURES IT'S ON THE DAY WHEN I'M TRYING TO PUT IT UNDER A TREE.

WOOHOO! A HOLE-IN-ONE!
ARGOND
HOW CAN YOU TELL? THE WHOLE GREEN'S UNDER 10 FEET OF WATER.
IF YOU'D LIKE TO SWIM DOWN AND DISPROVE ME, BE MY GUEST.
5-10
NOW I KNOW WHY YOU LIKE PLAYING IN THIS WEATHER.
AND TO THINK I USUALLY SHOOT A 12 ON THAT HOLE!

I THINK I NEED A TALLER TEE.
WHAT YOU NEED IS A PSYCHIATRIST!
HOLE 10

OH, COME ON, PETER. SOMEDAY YOU'LL LOOK BACK ON THIS AND LAUGH.
MAYBE NOT TODAY, MAYBE NOT TOMORROW, MAYBE NOT A WEEK FROM NOW, BUT SOMEDAY.
5-12
SORT OF LIKE WHEN MY CLOTHES WILL BE DRY.
ACTUALLY, THE CLOTHES MIGHT TAKE LONGER.
MEND

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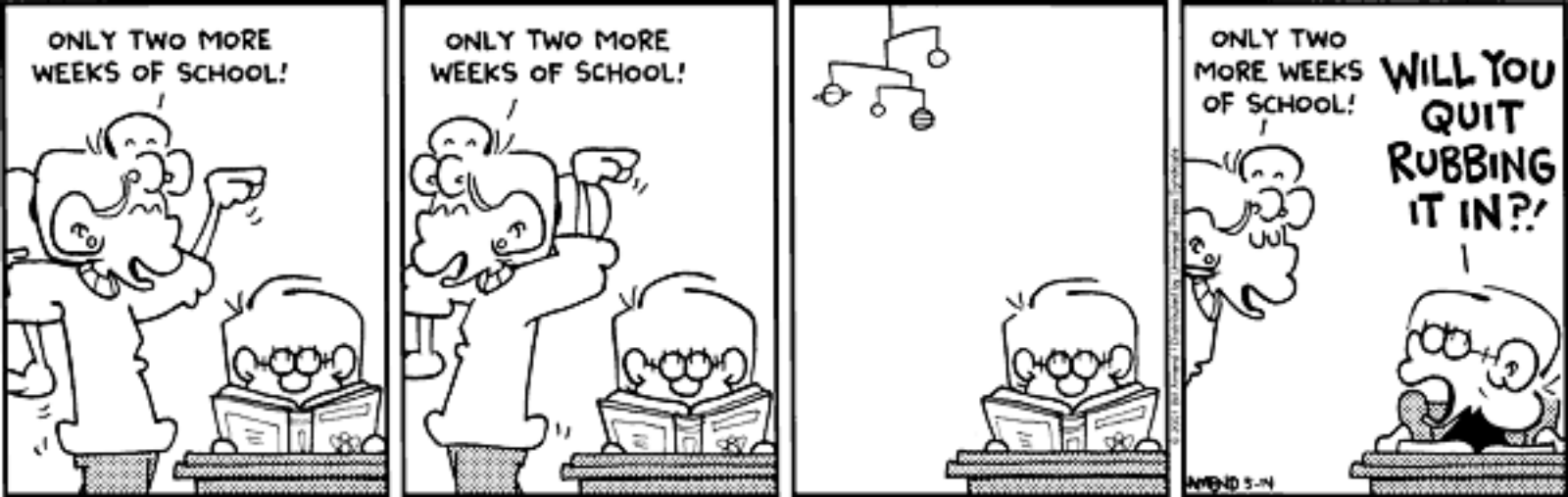
YOU SAID I'D BE HAVING BREAKFAST IN BED, NOT BEDLAM!
IT'S MOTHER'S DAY, MOM. YOU SHOULD BE UPSTAIRS RELAXING.
COOL! THE COFFEE'S ON FIRE!
WHICH IS THE EGGS AND WHICH IS THE BACON?
DON'T WORRY, DEAR – I'M SUPERVISING.
5-13
AMEND


ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS OF SCHOOL!
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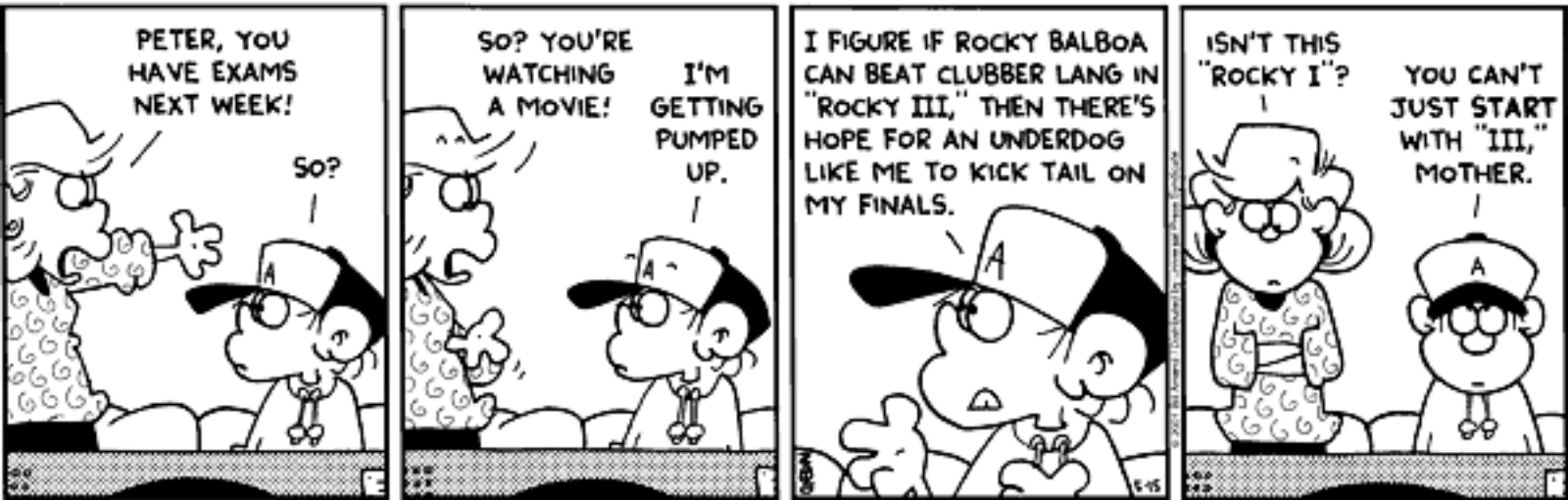
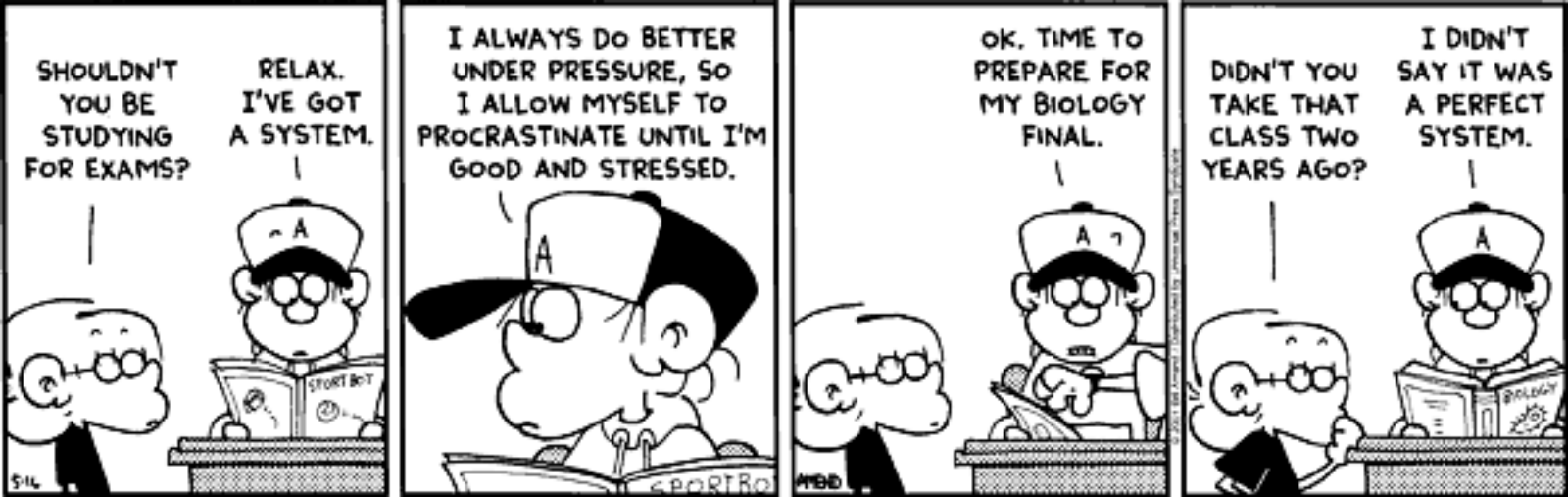
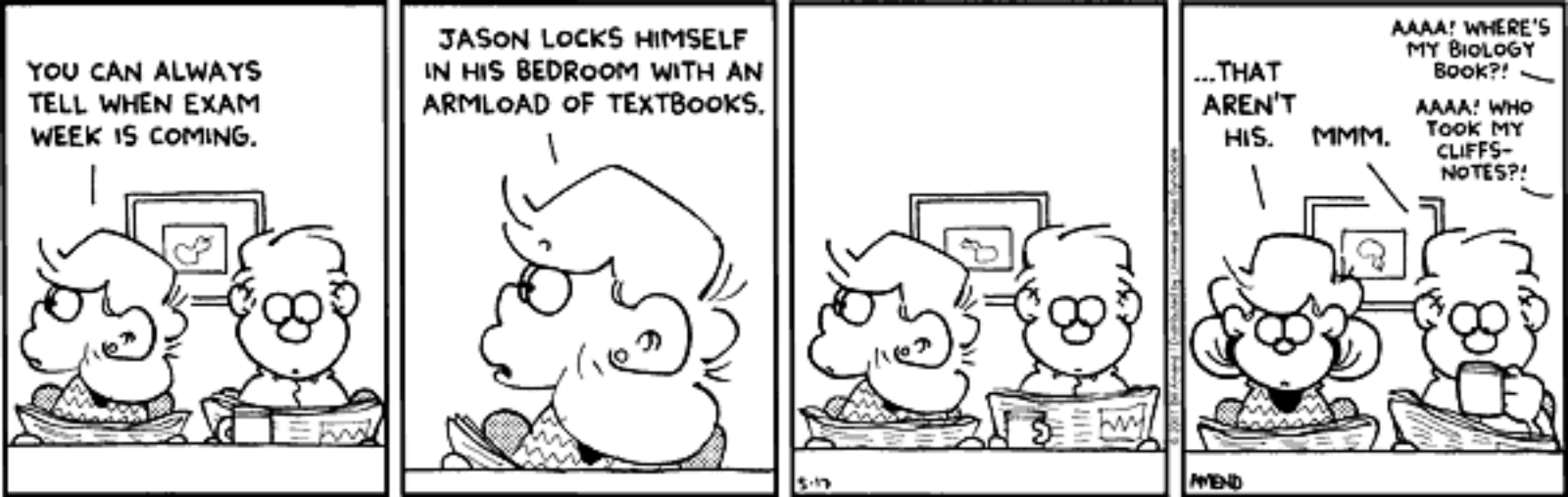
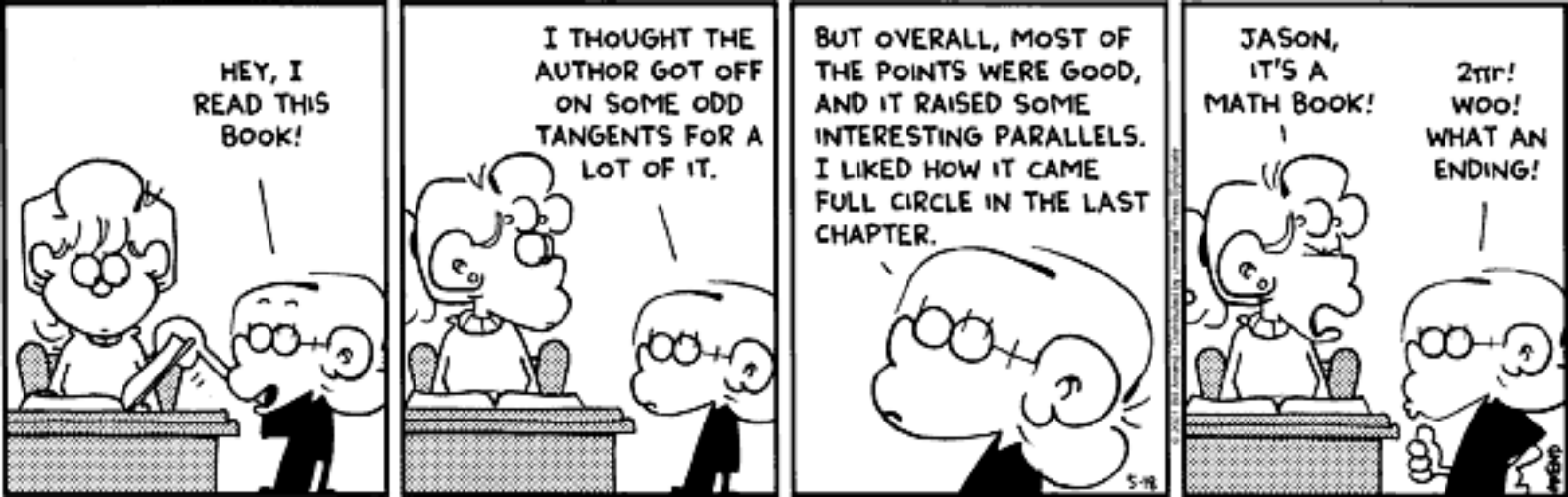
WILL YOU QUIT RUBBING IT IN?!

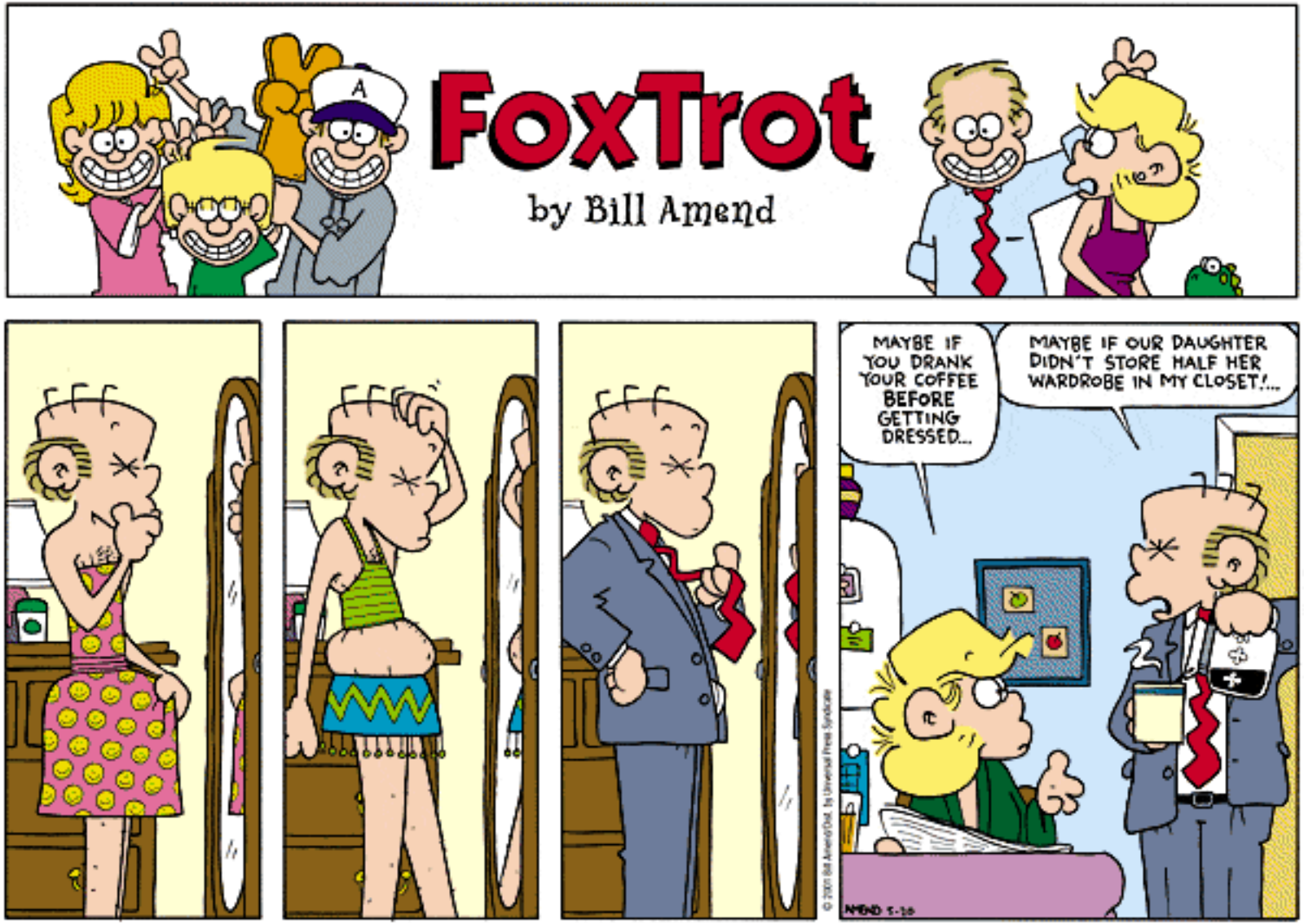

PETER, YOU HAVE EXAMS NEXT WEEK!
SO?
SO? YOU'RE WATCHING A MOVIE!
I'M GETTING PUMPED UP.
I FIGURE IF ROCKY BALBOA CAN BEAT CLUBBER LANG IN "ROCKY III," THEN THERE'S HOPE FOR AN UNDERDOG LIKE ME TO KICK TAIL ON MY FINALS.
ISN'T THIS "ROCKY I"?
YOU CAN'T JUST START WITH "III," MOTHER.


SHOULDN'T YOU BE STUDYING FOR EXAMS?
RELAX. I'VE GOT A SYSTEM.
I ALWAYS DO BETTER UNDER PRESSURE, SO I ALLOW MYSELF TO PROCRASTINATE UNTIL I'M GOOD AND STRESSED.
OK. TIME TO PREPARE FOR MY BIOLOGY FINAL.
DIDN'T YOU TAKE THAT CLASS TWO YEARS AGO?
I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS A PERFECT SYSTEM.


YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL WHEN EXAM WEEK IS COMING.
JASON LOCKS HIMSELF IN HIS BEDROOM WITH AN ARMLOAD OF TEXTBOOKS.
...THAT AREN'T HIS.
MMM.
AAAA! WHERE'S MY BIOLOGY BOOK?!
AAAA! WHO TOOK MY CLIFFS-NOTES?!
MEND


HEY, I READ THIS BOOK!
I THOUGHT THE AUTHOR GOT OFF ON SOME ODD TANGENTS FOR A LOT OF IT.
BUT OVERALL, MOST OF THE POINTS WERE GOOD, AND IT RAISED SOME INTERESTING PARALLELS. I LIKED HOW IT CAME FULL CIRCLE IN THE LAST CHAPTER.
JASON, IT'S A MATH BOOK!
2πr! WOO! WHAT AN ENDING!

HOW'S YOUR READING COMING ALONG, PETER?
PERCENTAGE-WISE, I'M INFINITELY BETTER OFF THAN I WAS AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
YOU'VE READ ONE PAGE INSTEAD OF ZERO. BIG WHOOP.
DON'T BLAME ME. I DIDN'T INVENT MATHEMATICS.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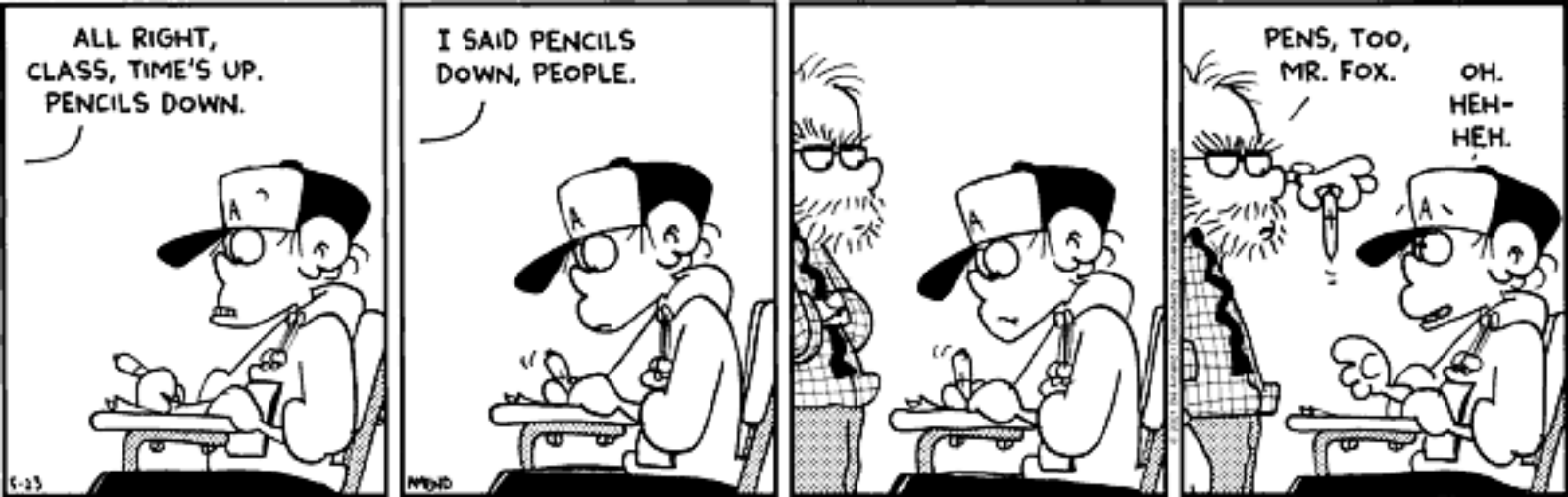
MAYBE IF YOU DRANK YOUR COFFEE BEFORE GETTING DRESSED...
MAYBE IF OUR DAUGHTER DIDN'T STORE HALF HER WARDROBE IN MY CLOSET!...
AMEND 5-20

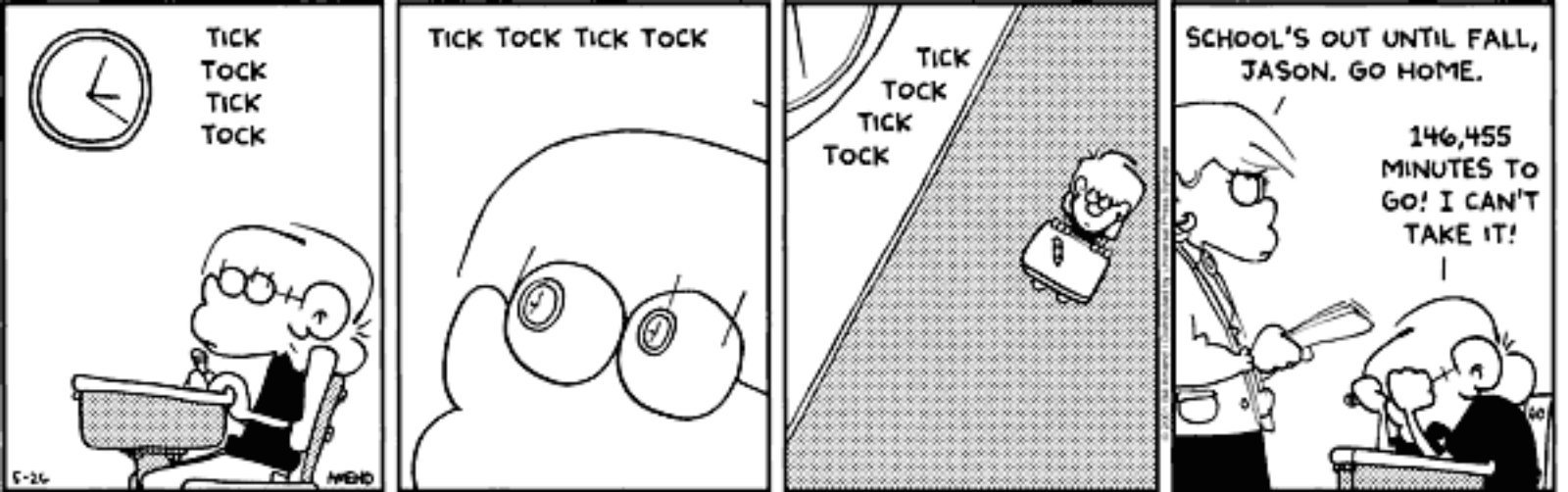
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR HISTORY FINAL, PETER.
LUCK? WHY WOULD YOU THINK I NEED LUCK?
DON'T YOU HAVE FAITH THAT I STUDIED?! THAT I'M PREPARED?! THAT I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT 18TH-CENTURY EUROPE BACKWARD AND FORWARD?!
WHY WOULDN'T YOU THINK THAT?!
BECAUSE THE CLASS IS TITLED "19TH-CENTURY EUROPE"?
OK, FINE. WISH ME LUCK IF YOU MUST.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE HAVE TO DISSECT AN EARTHWORM FOR OUR LAB FINAL.
COULD THIS POSSIBLY BE ANY GROSSER?
THE CAFETERIA IS SERVING NOODLE SALAD FOR LUNCH TODAY.
THANK YOU FOR THAT THOUGHT, NICOLE.
YOU DID ASK.
MEND 5-22


ALL RIGHT, CLASS, TIME'S UP. PENCILS DOWN.
I SAID PENCILS DOWN, PEOPLE.
PENS, TOO, MR. FOX.
OH. HEH-HEH.

THE BIG MATH TEST IS TOMORROW.
IT'S MY FAVORITE EVENT OF THE YEAR.
I THOUGHT YOUR MATH TEST WAS YESTERDAY.
IT WAS.
OH, YOU MEAN MY BIG MATH TEST.
DOOM! DOOM! DOOM!

QUESTION ONE: PIECE OF CAKE.
QUESTION TWO: PIECE OF CAKE.
QUESTION THREE: PIECE OF CAKE.
PAIGE, HAVE YOU PUT ON WEIGHT?
REMIND ME NOT TO STUDY SO MUCH NEXT YEAR.


TICK TOCK TICK TOCK
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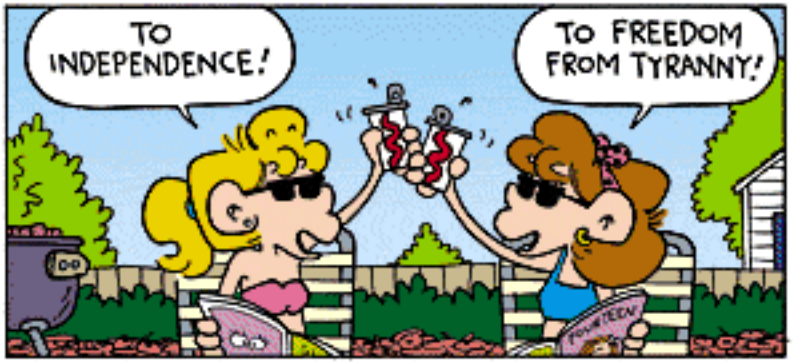
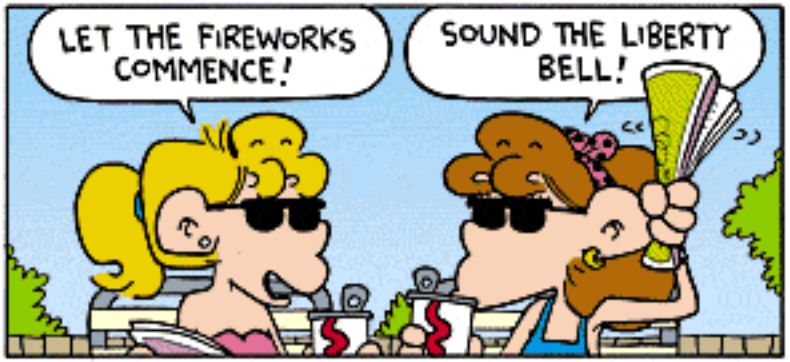
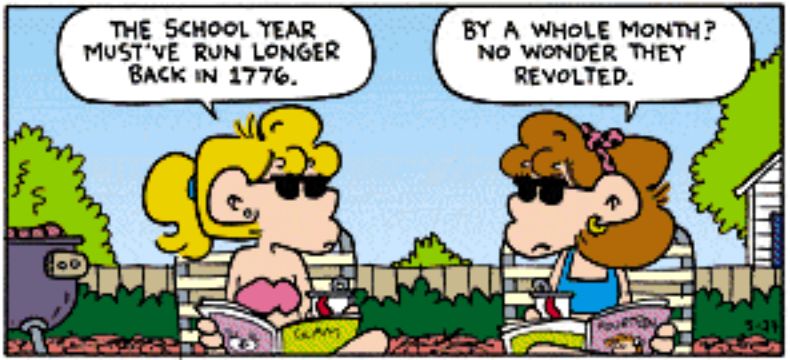
SCHOOL'S OUT UNTIL FALL, JASON. GO HOME.
146,455 MINUTES TO GO! I CAN'T TAKE IT!







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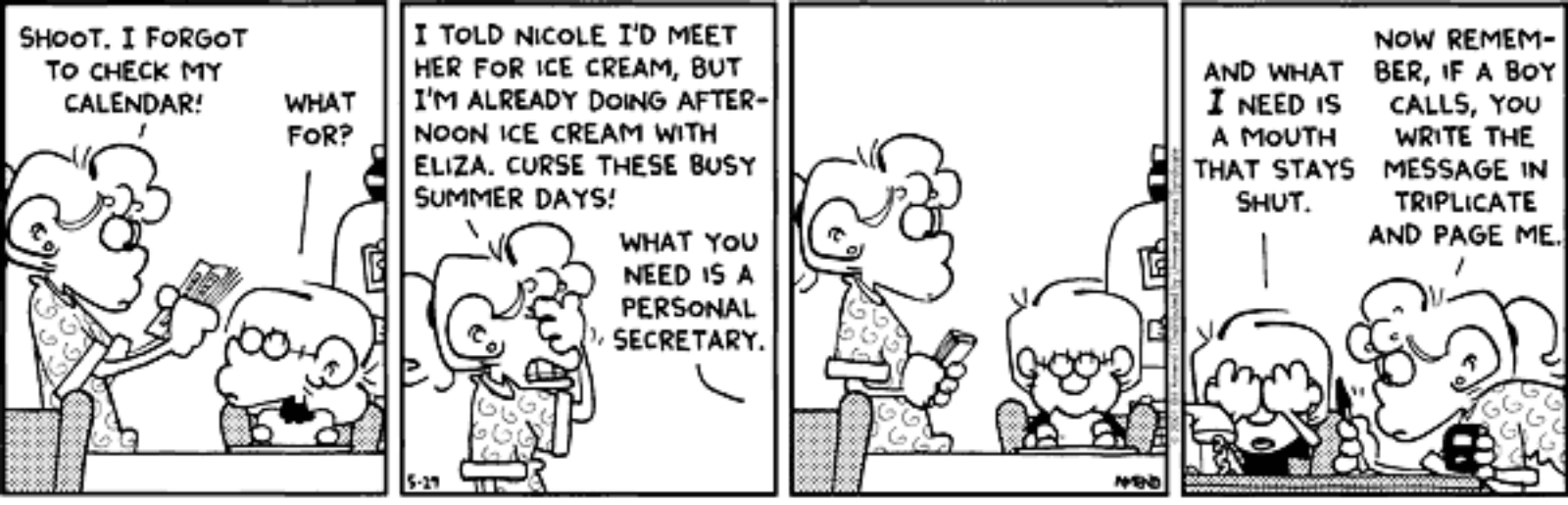
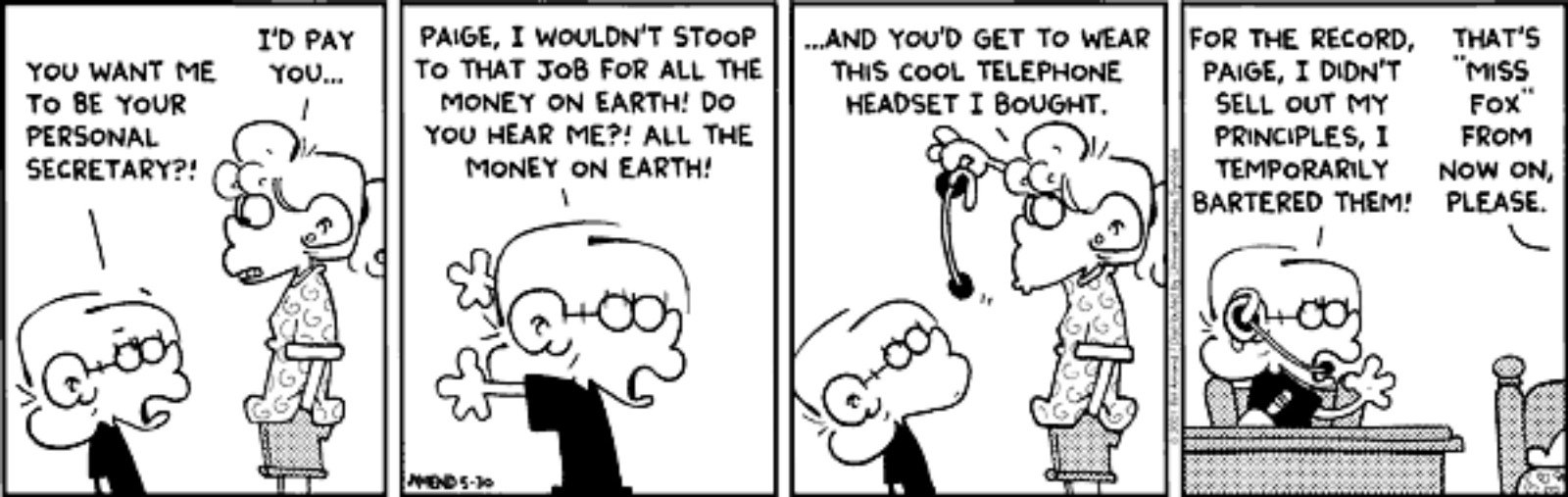
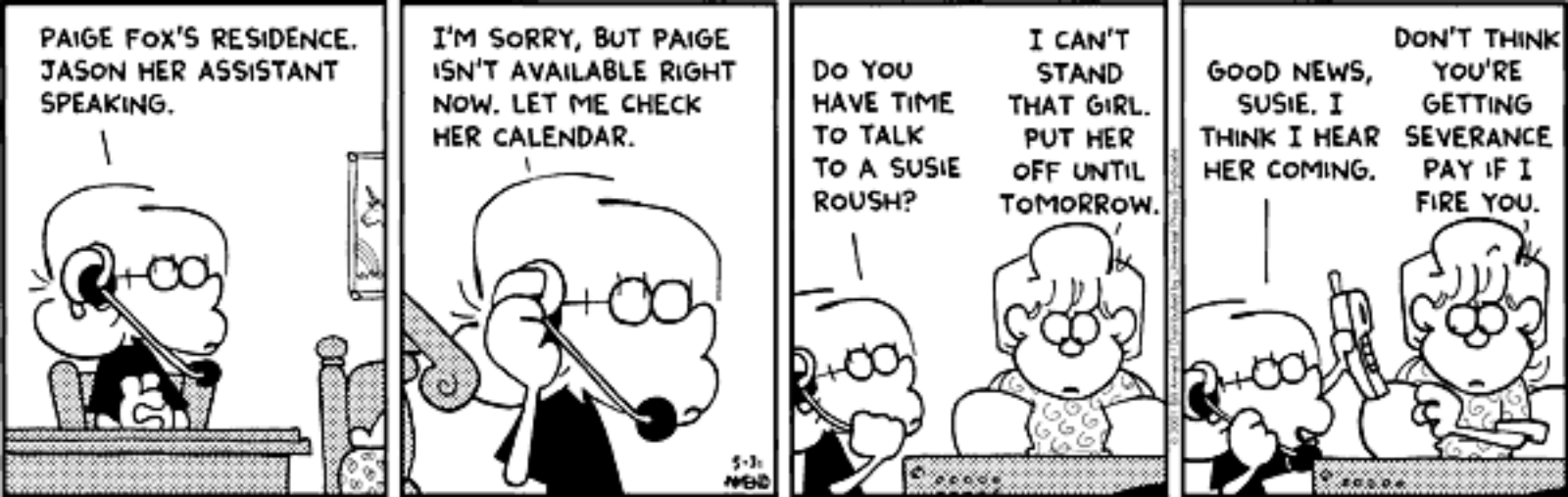
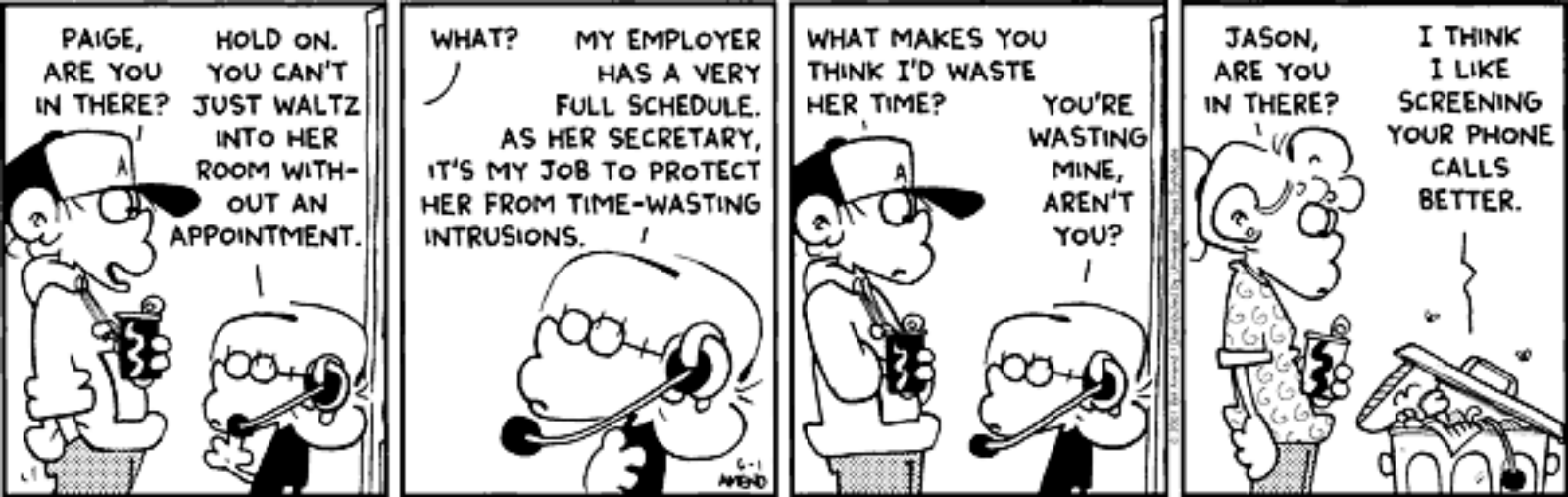
YOU'RE UP EARLY.
THE CLOCK IS RUNNING, MOTHER. I'VE GOT PLACES TO GO. PEOPLE TO SEE.
IT'S SUMMER VACATION.
EXACTLY. AND BEFORE WE KNOW IT, IT'LL BE OVER! I WANT TO SAVOR EVERY SECOND AND LET NO BLISSFUL MOMENT GO WASTED!
5-29
YOU CAN DISCERN BLISS AT 4:20 A.M.?
NOT YET, BUT I FIGURE WITH PRACTICE...

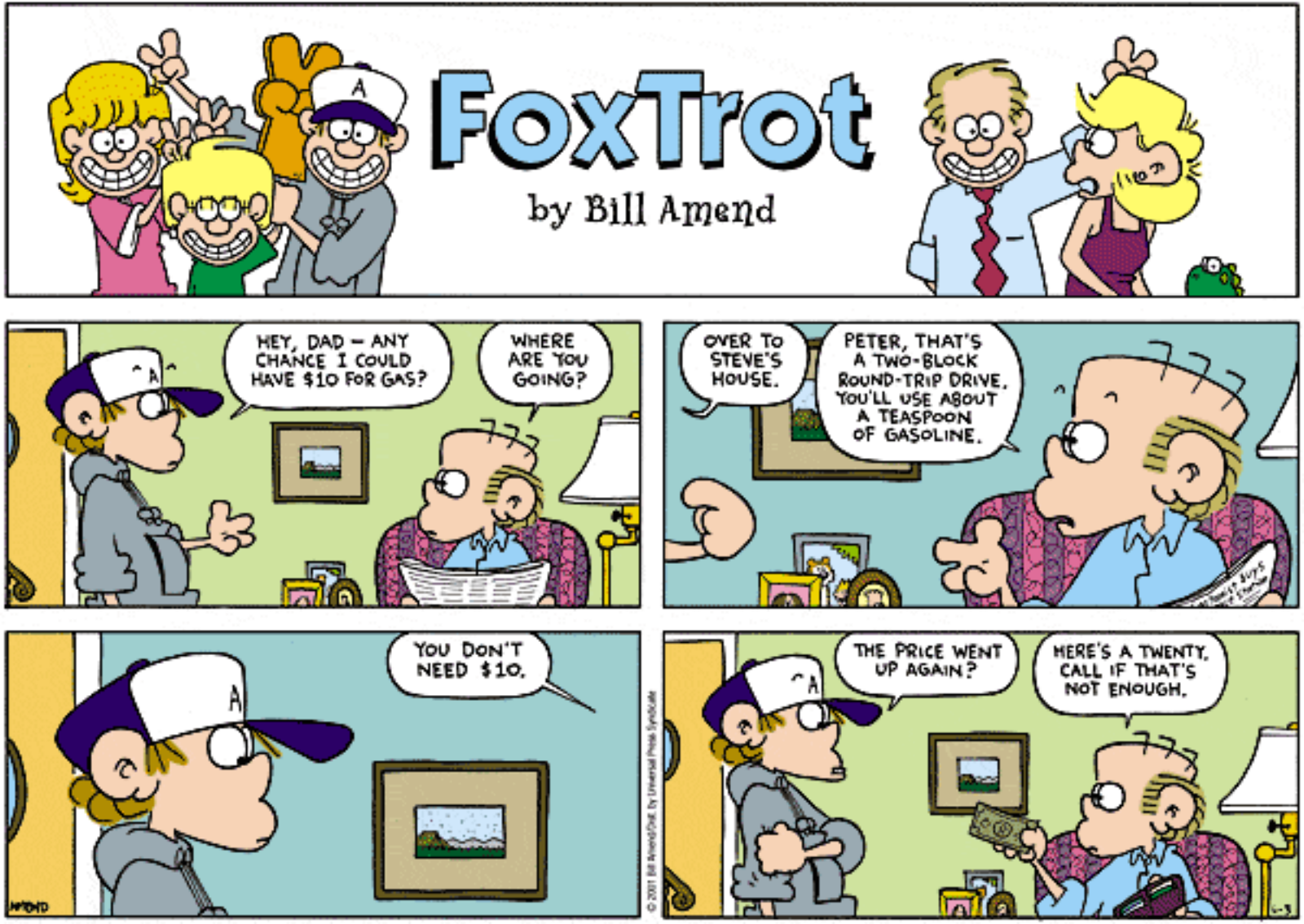

SHOOT. I FORGOT TO CHECK MY CALENDAR!
WHAT FOR?
I TOLD NICOLE I'D MEET HER FOR ICE CREAM, BUT I'M ALREADY DOING AFTERNOON ICE CREAM WITH ELIZA. CURSE THESE BUSY SUMMER DAYS!
WHAT YOU NEED IS A PERSONAL SECRETARY.
5-29
AND WHAT I NEED IS A MOUTH THAT STAYS SHUT.
NOW REMEMBER, IF A BOY CALLS, YOU WRITE THE MESSAGE IN TRIPLICATE AND PAGE ME.


YOU WANT ME TO BE YOUR PERSONAL SECRETARY?!
I'D PAY YOU...
PAIGE, I WOULDN'T STOOP TO THAT JOB FOR ALL THE MONEY ON EARTH! DO YOU HEAR ME?! ALL THE MONEY ON EARTH!
MEND 5-30
...AND YOU'D GET TO WEAR THIS COOL TELEPHONE HEADSET I BOUGHT.
FOR THE RECORD, PAIGE, I DIDN'T SELL OUT MY PRINCIPLES, I TEMPORARILY BARTERED THEM!
THAT'S "MISS FOX" FROM NOW ON, PLEASE.


PAIGE FOX'S RESIDENCE. JASON HER ASSISTANT SPEAKING.
I'M SORRY, BUT PAIGE ISN'T AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW. LET ME CHECK HER CALENDAR.
DO YOU HAVE TIME TO TALK TO A SUSIE ROUSH?
I CAN'T STAND THAT GIRL. PUT HER OFF UNTIL TOMORROW.
GOOD NEWS, SUSIE. I THINK I HEAR HER COMING.
DON'T THINK YOU'RE GETTING SEVERANCE PAY IF I FIRE YOU.


PAIGE, ARE YOU IN THERE?
HOLD ON. YOU CAN'T JUST WALTZ INTO HER ROOM WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT.
WHAT?
MY EMPLOYER HAS A VERY FULL SCHEDULE. AS HER SECRETARY, IT'S MY JOB TO PROTECT HER FROM TIME-WASTING INTRUSIONS.
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'D WASTE HER TIME?
YOU'RE WASTING MINE, AREN'T YOU?
JASON, ARE YOU IN THERE?
I THINK I LIKE SCREENING YOUR PHONE CALLS BETTER.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE WORKING FOR PAIGE.
I QUIT THIS MORNING.
ANY PARTICULAR REASON?
I GOT TIRED OF THE CONSTANT LECTURES AND CORRECTIONS AND "DO IT MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY" SPEECHES.
I HAD NO IDEA SHE WAS SO BOSSY.
NO, NO, THAT WAS ME.
YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING VIEW OF LABOR RELATIONS.
HEY, I'M NOT GOING TO BE JUST ANYBODY'S SUBORDINATE.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HEY, DAD – ANY CHANCE I COULD HAVE $10 FOR GAS?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
OVER TO STEVE'S HOUSE.
PETER, THAT'S A TWO-BLOCK ROUND-TRIP DRIVE. YOU'LL USE ABOUT A TEASPOON OF GASOLINE.
YOU DON'T NEED $10.
THE PRICE WENT UP AGAIN?
HERE'S A TWENTY. CALL IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.
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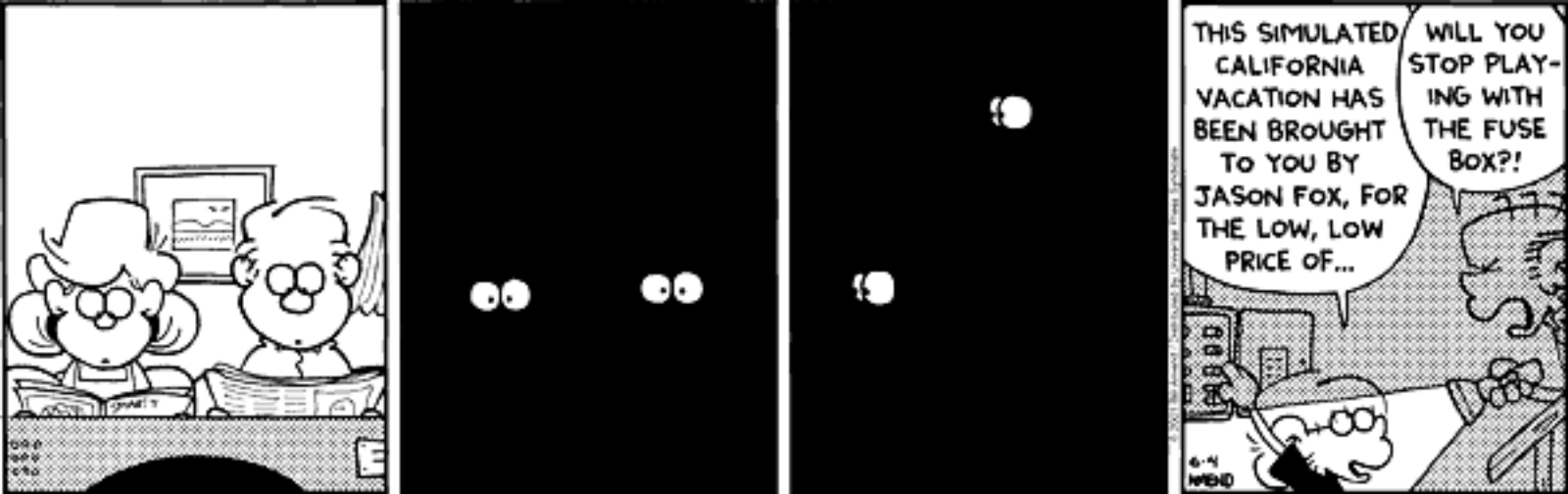
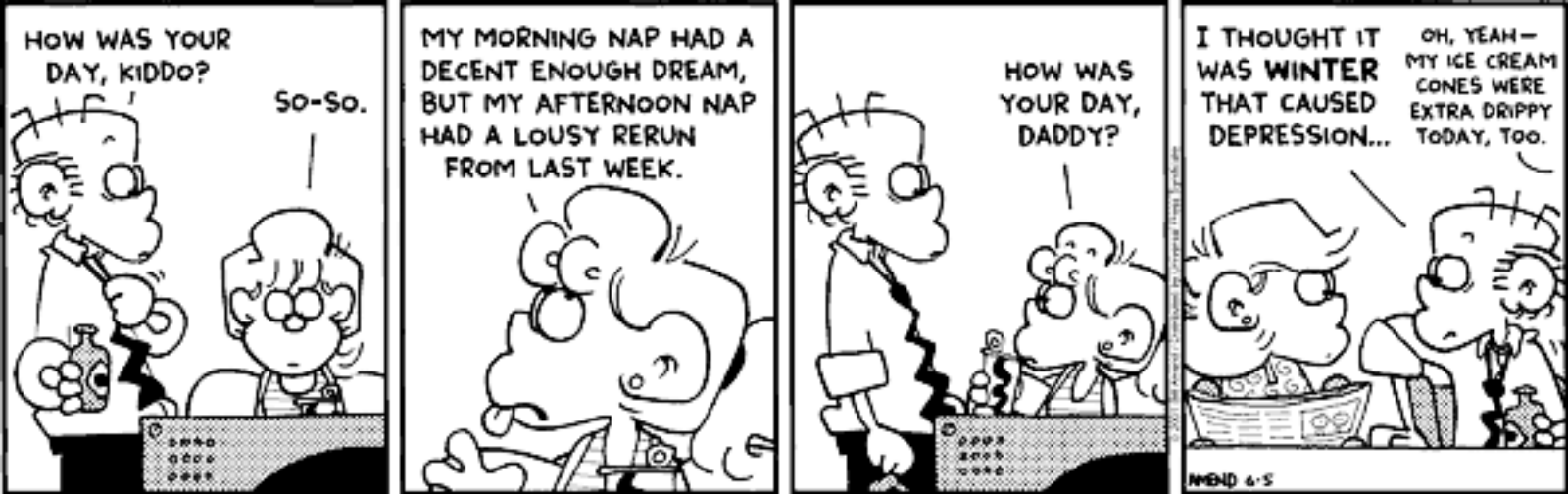
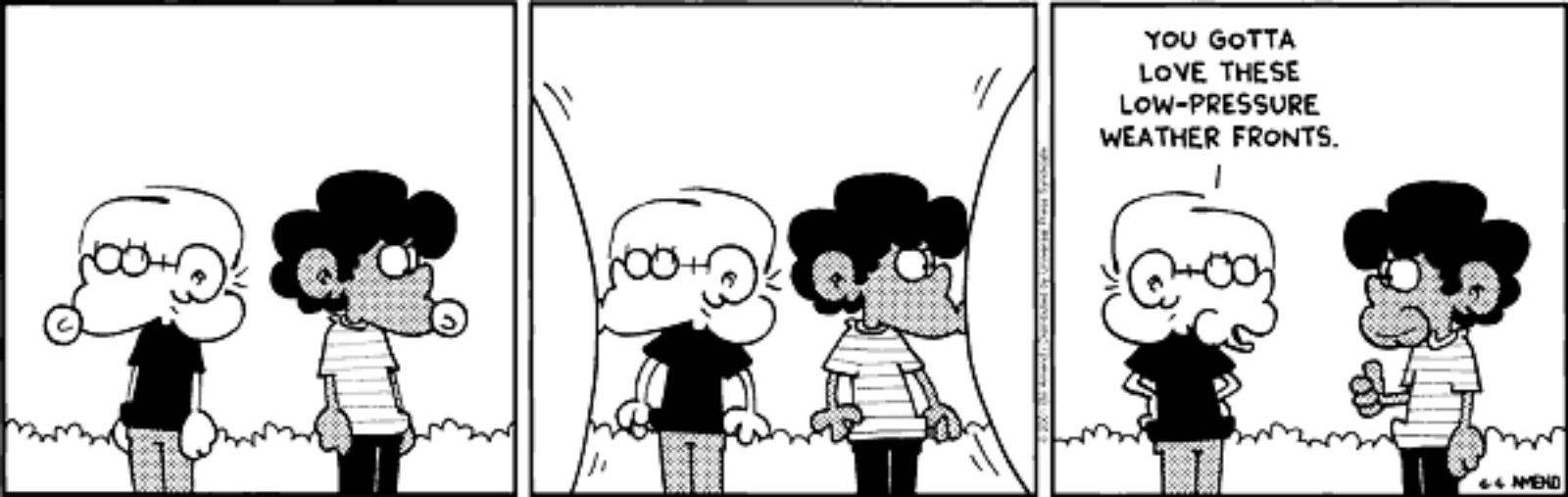
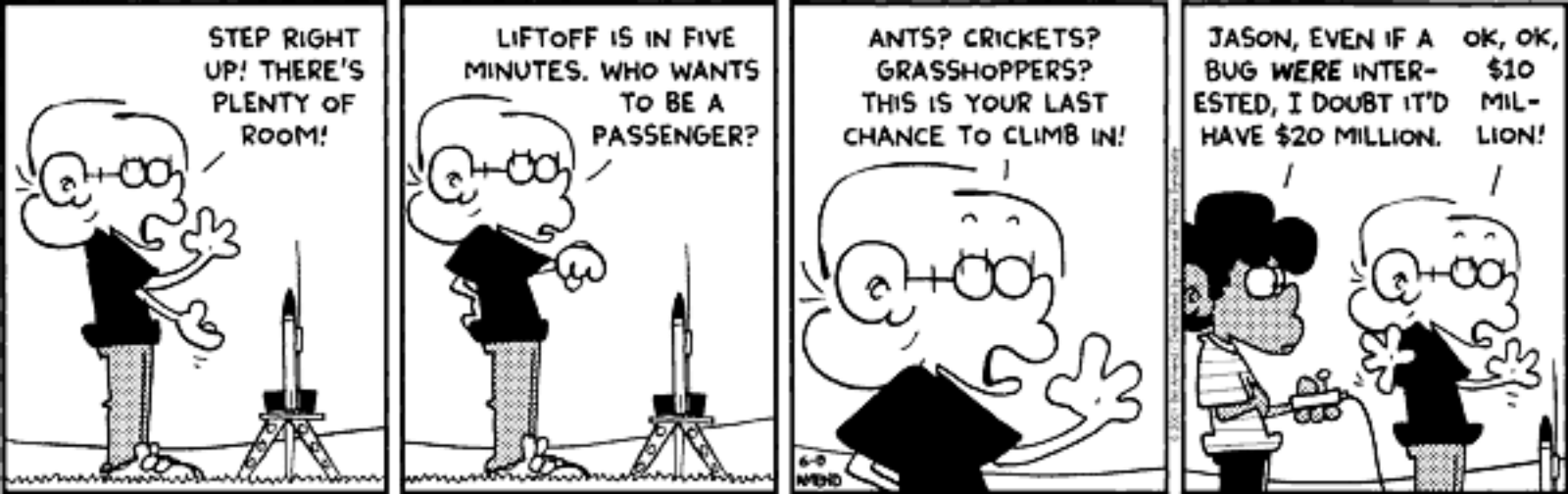
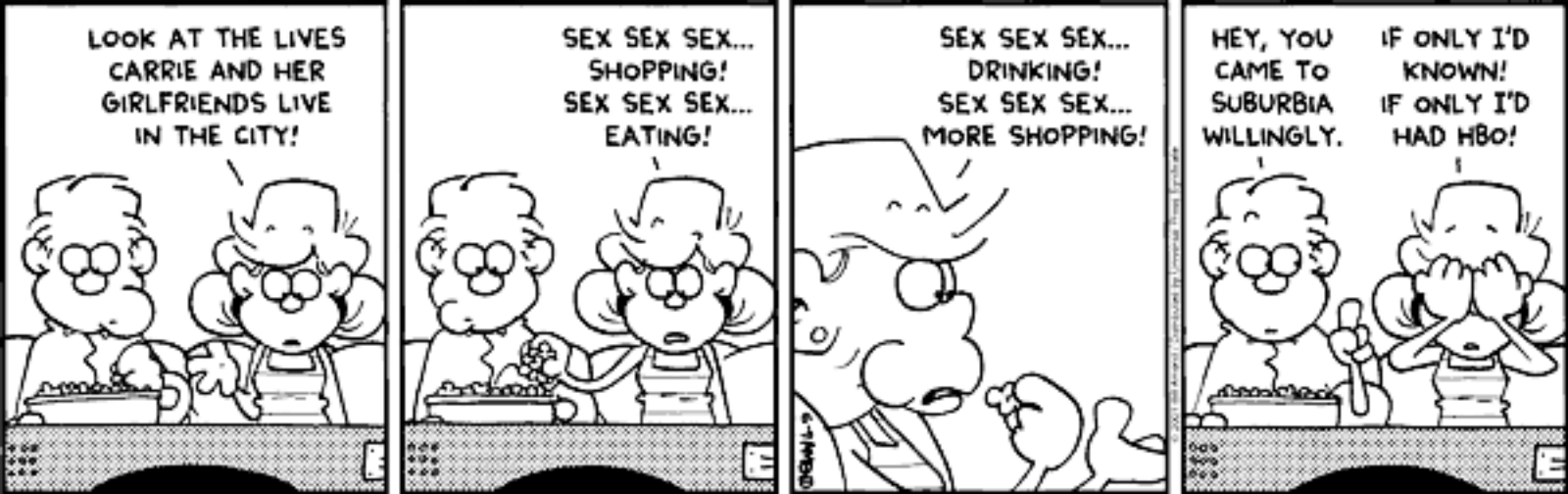

THIS SIMULATED CALIFORNIA VACATION HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO YOU BY JASON FOX, FOR THE LOW, LOW PRICE OF...
WILL YOU STOP PLAYING WITH THE FUSE BOX?!


HOW WAS YOUR DAY, KIDDO?
SO-SO.
MY MORNING NAP HAD A DECENT ENOUGH DREAM, BUT MY AFTERNOON NAP HAD A LOUSY RERUN FROM LAST WEEK.
HOW WAS YOUR DAY, DADDY?
I THOUGHT IT WAS WINTER THAT CAUSED DEPRESSION...
OH, YEAH— MY ICE CREAM CONES WERE EXTRA DRIPPY TODAY, TOO.
NMEND 6-5


YOU GOTTA LOVE THESE LOW-PRESSURE WEATHER FRONTS.
NMEND

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES.
MAYBE IF WE INCLUDED FREE LEMONADE...
Web site consulting
$100
$25 $10 $1 25¢ 5¢


STEP RIGHT UP! THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM!
LIFTOFF IS IN FIVE MINUTES. WHO WANTS TO BE A PASSENGER?
ANTS? CRICKETS? GRASSHOPPERS? THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO CLIMB IN!
JASON, EVEN IF A BUG WERE INTERESTED, I DOUBT IT'D HAVE $20 MILLION.
OK, OK, $10 MILLION!


LOOK AT THE LIVES CARRIE AND HER GIRLFRIENDS LIVE IN THE CITY!
SEX SEX SEX... SHOPPING! SEX SEX SEX... EATING!
SEX SEX SEX... DRINKING! SEX SEX SEX... MORE SHOPPING!
HEY, YOU CAME TO SUBURBIA WILLINGLY.
IF ONLY I'D KNOWN! IF ONLY I'D HAD HBO!

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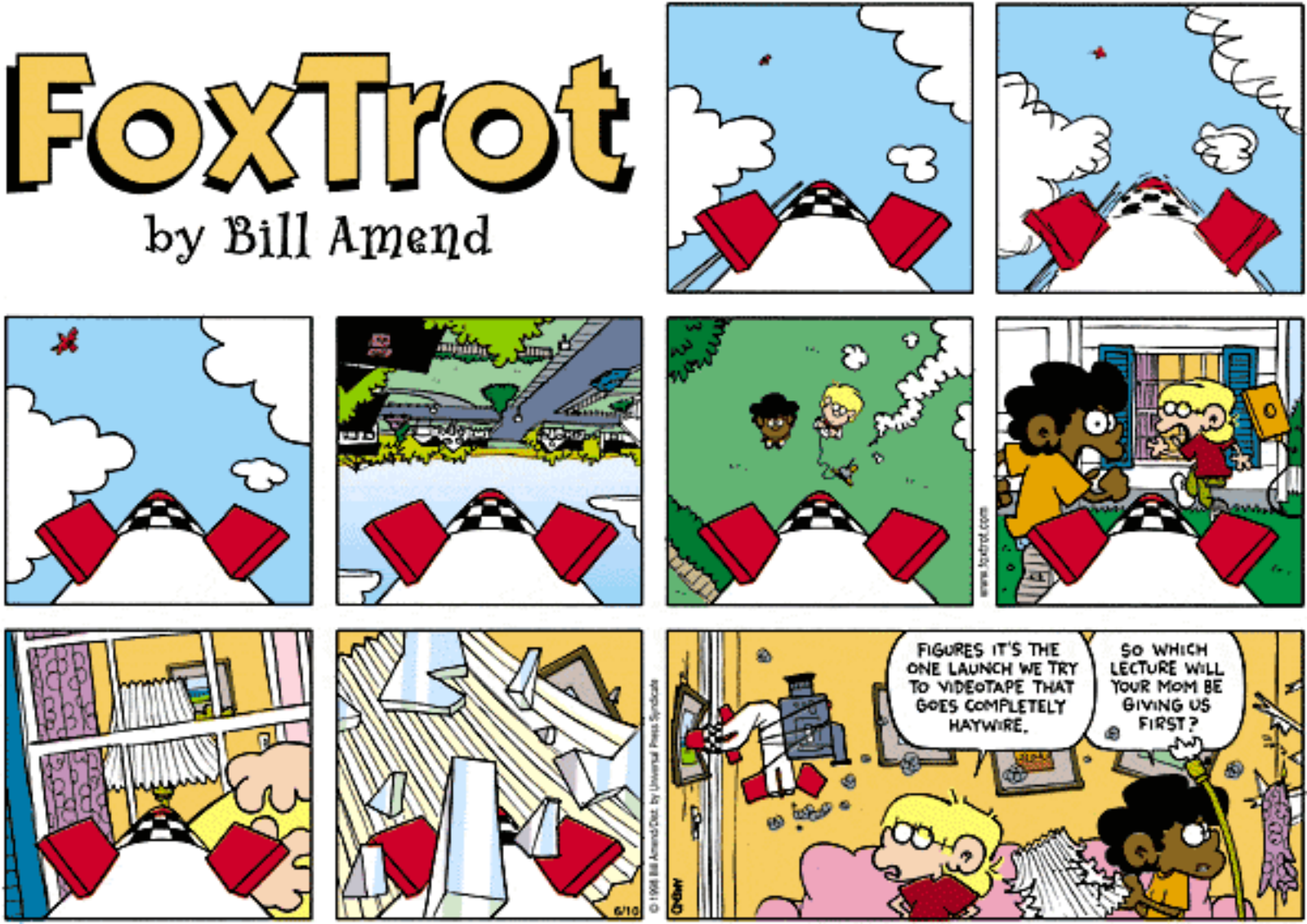

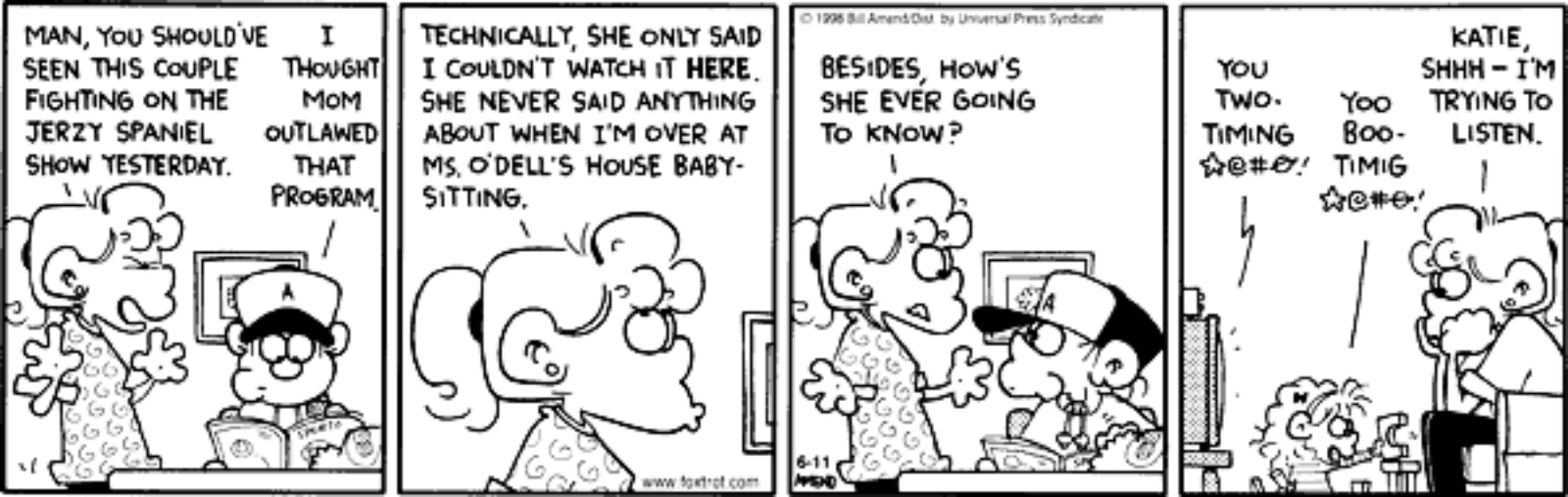
MAN, YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN THIS COUPLE FIGHTING ON THE JERZY SPANIEL SHOW YESTERDAY.
I THOUGHT MOM OUTLAWED THAT PROGRAM.
TECHNICALLY, SHE ONLY SAID I COULDN'T WATCH IT HERE. SHE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT WHEN I'M OVER AT MS. O'DELL'S HOUSE BABY-SITTING.
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BESIDES, HOW'S SHE EVER GOING TO KNOW?
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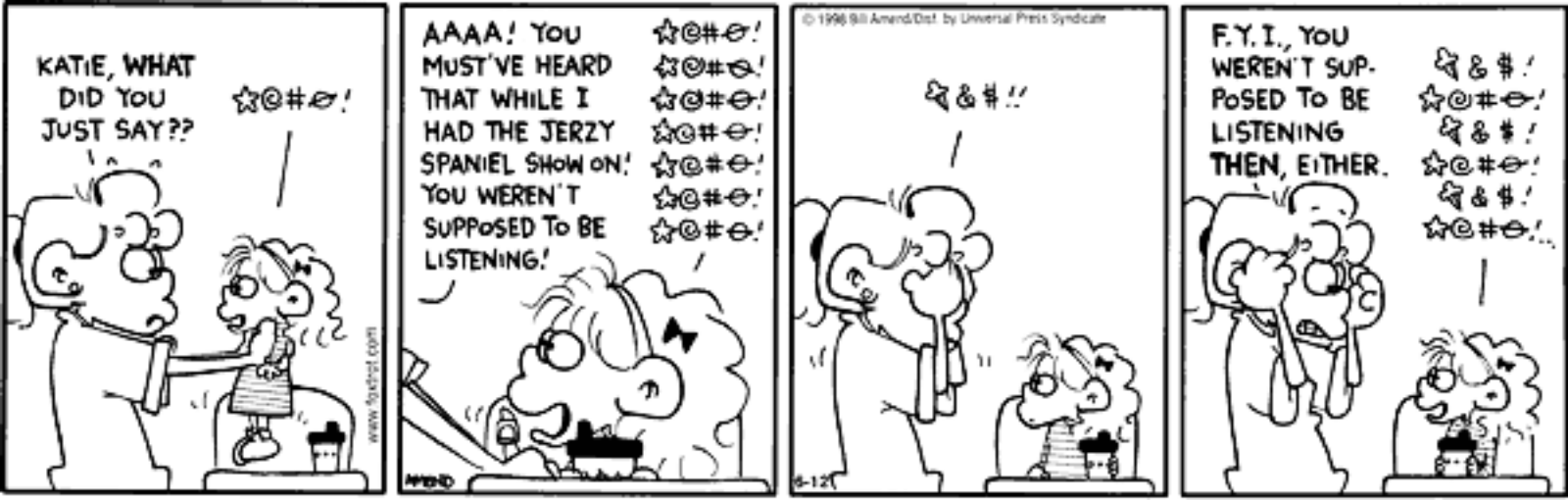
YOU TWO- TIMING ☆@#@!
YOO BOO- TIMIG ☆@#@!
KATIE, SHHH – I'M TRYING TO LISTEN.


KATIE, WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY??
☆@#@!
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AAAA! YOU MUST'VE HEARD THAT WHILE I HAD THE JERZY SPANIEL SHOW ON! YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LISTENING!
☆@#@!
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☆&#!!
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F.Y.I., YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LISTENING THEN, EITHER.
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☆@#@!
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☆@#@!
☆&#!
☆@#@!...

I KNOW... MAYBE IF I DISTRACT YOU, YOU'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT THAT NASTY WORD.
☆@#@!
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♫ TA-DAAA!
CHIPS McCOY
YUM YUM YUM YUM YUM YUM YUM YUM YUM YUM
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...UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU FORM SOME SORT OF WEIRD ASSOCIATION...
☆@#@!
☆@#@!
☆@#@!
☆@#@!
☆@#@!
CHIPS McCOY
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LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT- YOU TAUGHT A TWO-YEAR-OLD TO SAY "☆@#⊖"?!
I DIDN'T, PETER, THE STUPID JERZY SPANIEL SHOW DID!
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ALL I DID WAS HAVE THE TV ON WHILE THE KID WAS PLAYING IN THE SAME ROOM!
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I EVEN EXPLAINED TO HER THE PARENTAL WARNING AND TOLD HER NOT TO WATCH OR LISTEN!
GEE, I STAND CORRECTED, THEN.
I MEAN, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO – WATCH "BARNEY" THE WHOLE TIME I'M BABYSITTING?!
☆@#⊖ BARNEY!
☆@#⊖ BARNEY!
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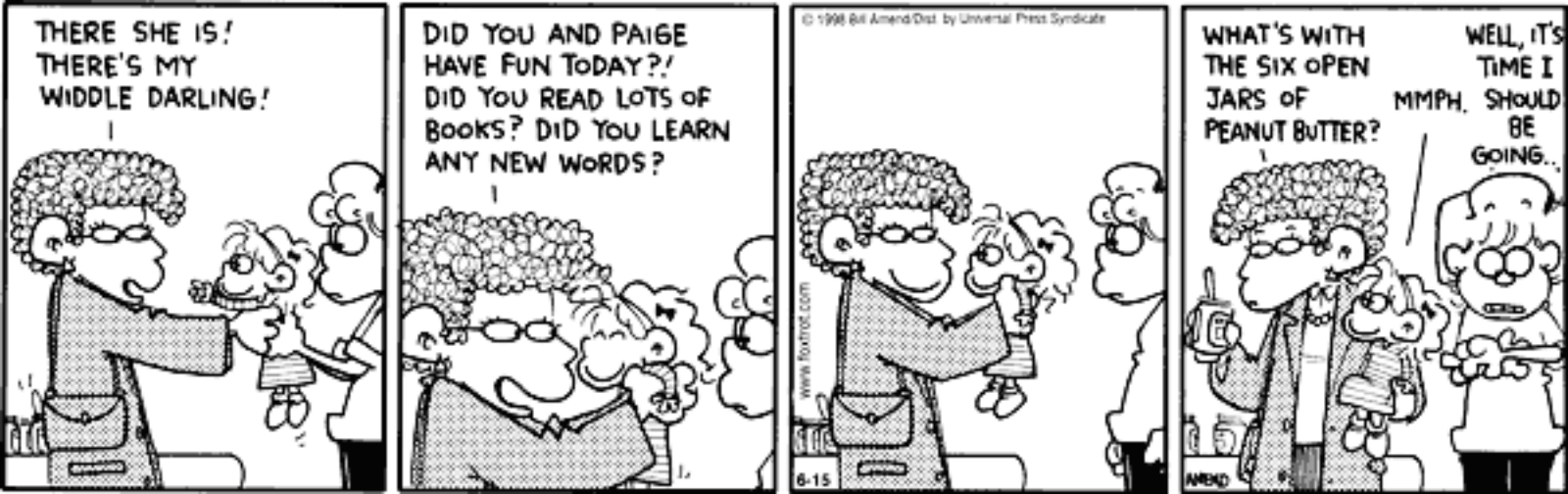
THERE SHE IS! THERE'S MY WIDDLE DARLING!
DID YOU AND PAIGE HAVE FUN TODAY?! DID YOU READ LOTS OF BOOKS? DID YOU LEARN ANY NEW WORDS?
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WHAT'S WITH THE SIX OPEN JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER?
MMPH.
WELL, IT'S TIME I SHOULD BE GOING...
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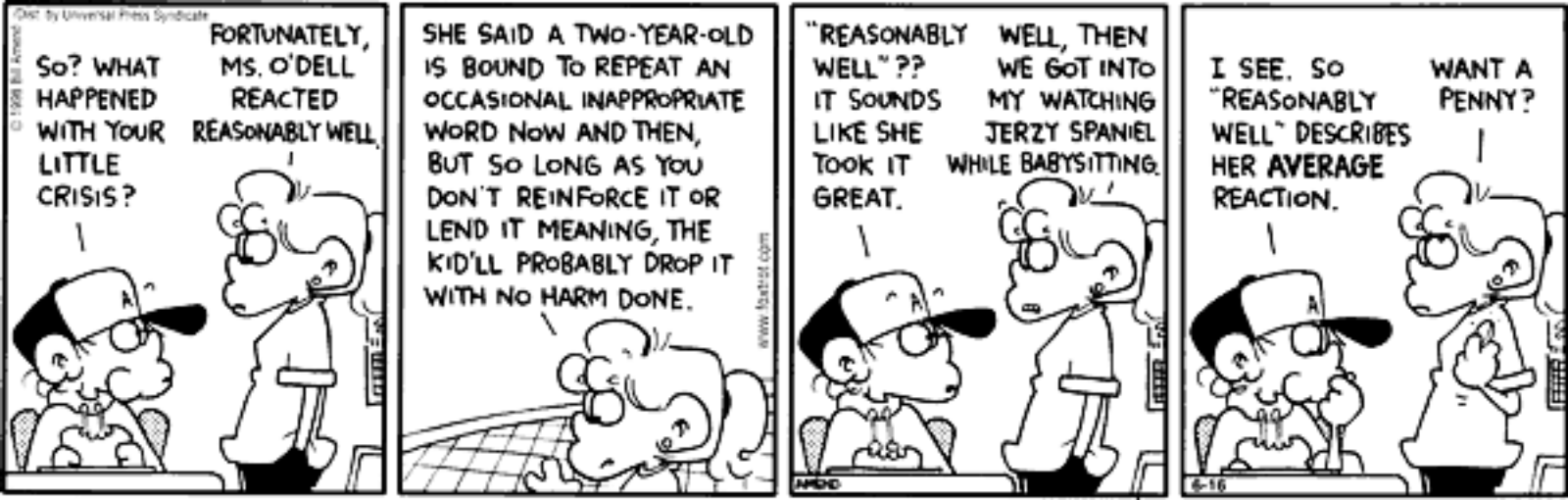
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So? WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOUR LITTLE CRISIS?
FORTUNATELY, MS. O'DELL REACTED REASONABLY WELL.
SHE SAID A TWO-YEAR-OLD IS BOUND TO REPEAT AN OCCASIONAL INAPPROPRIATE WORD NOW AND THEN, BUT SO LONG AS YOU DON'T REINFORCE IT OR LEND IT MEANING, THE KID'LL PROBABLY DROP IT WITH NO HARM DONE.
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"REASONABLY WELL"?? IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE TOOK IT GREAT.
WELL, THEN WE GOT INTO MY WATCHING JERZY SPANIEL WHILE BABYSITTING.
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I SEE. SO "REASONABLY WELL" DESCRIBES HER AVERAGE REACTION.
WANT A PENNY?
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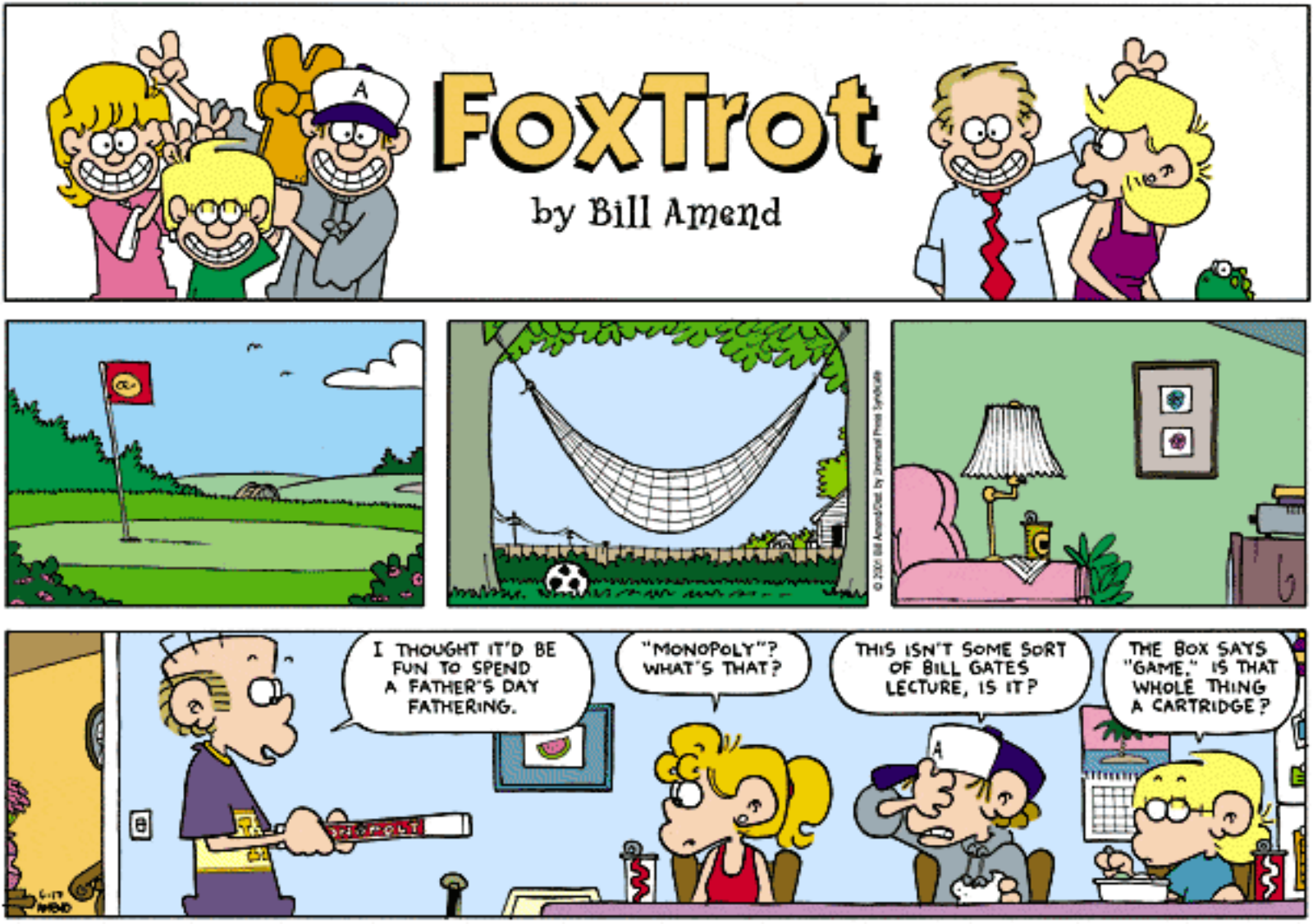
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I THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN TO SPEND A FATHER'S DAY FATHERING.
"MONOPOLY"? WHAT'S THAT?
THIS ISN'T SOME SORT OF BILL GATES LECTURE, IS IT?
THE BOX SAYS "GAME." IS THAT WHOLE THING A CARTRIDGE?

I TOLD YOU THE PAVILIONPLEX WOULD HIRE ME BACK FOR THE SUMMER!
PETER, THAT'S GREAT!
THEY'RE EVEN MAKING ME FLOOR MANAGER THIS YEAR!
WHAT'S THE FLOOR MANAGER DO?
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I DIDN'T ASK. BUT IT HAS TO BE GOOD, RIGHT?
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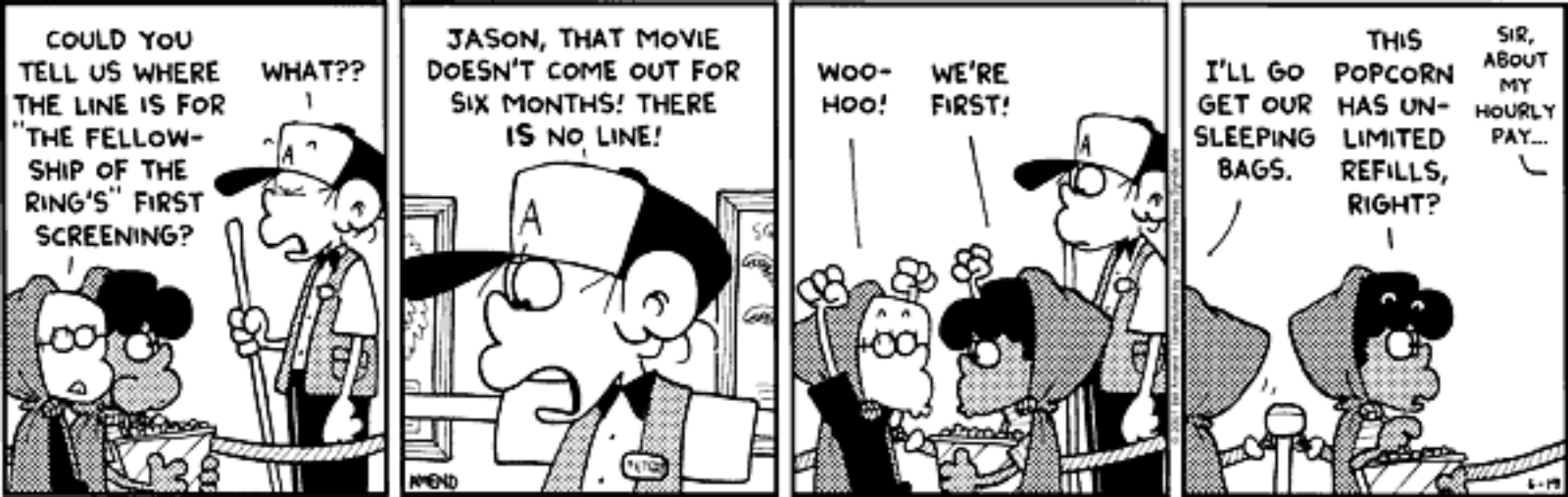
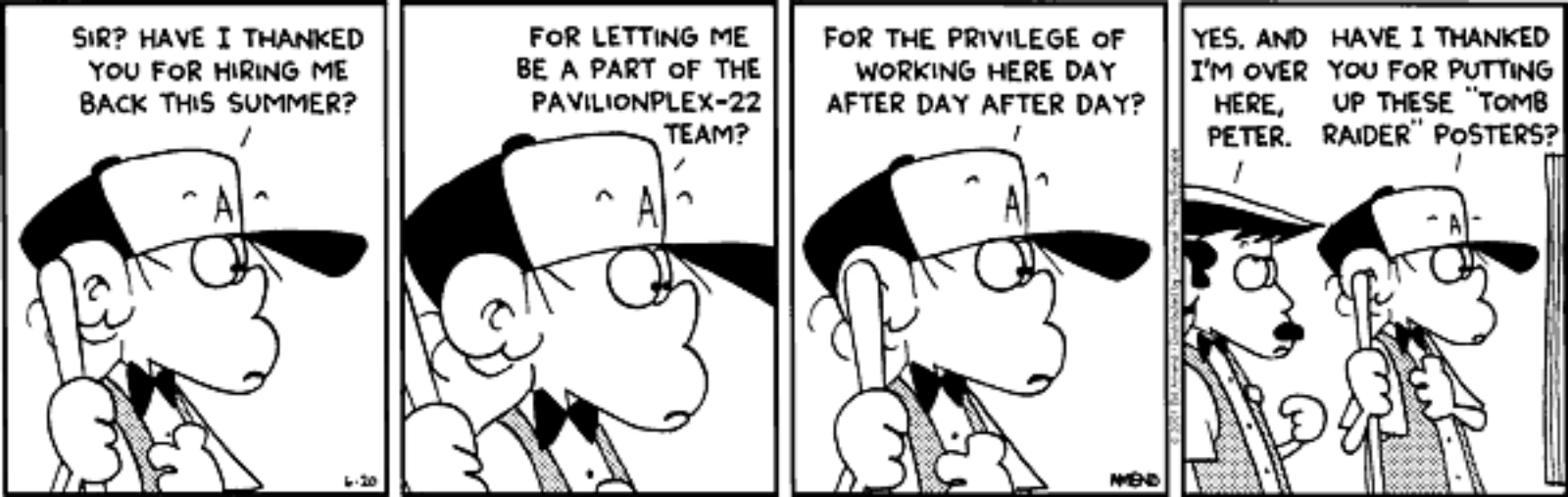
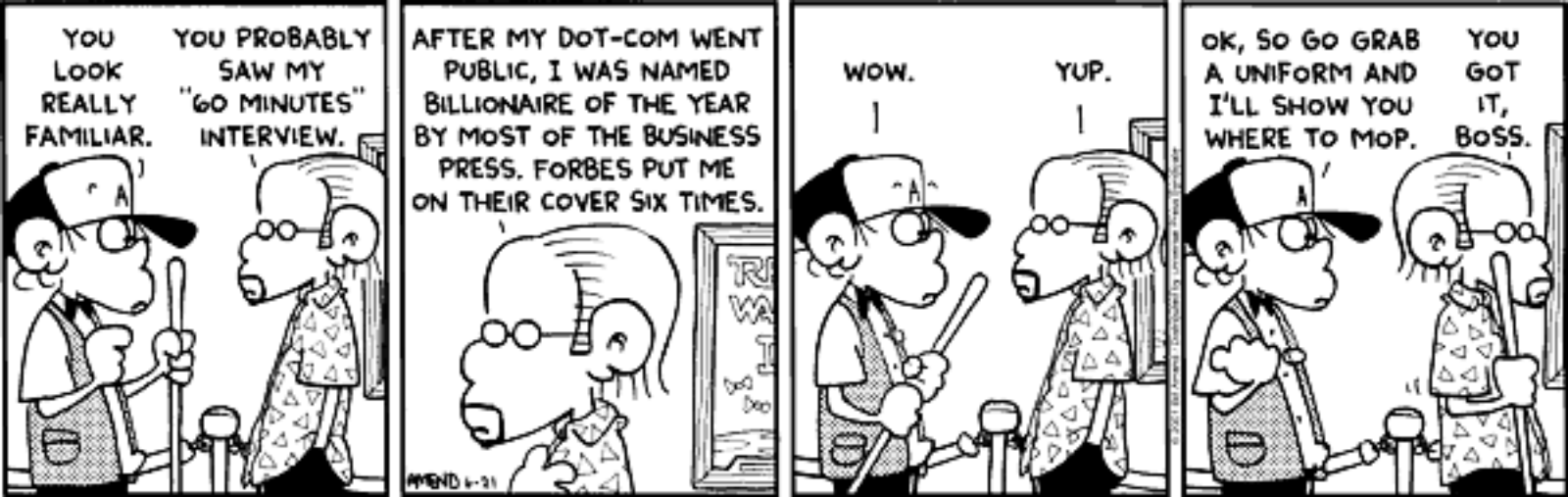
FLOOR MANAGER! YOU CALL THESE BATHROOM TILES CLEAN?!
UM, NO SIR. SORRY SIR.


COULD YOU TELL US WHERE THE LINE IS FOR "THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING'S" FIRST SCREENING?
WHAT??
JASON, THAT MOVIE DOESN'T COME OUT FOR SIX MONTHS! THERE IS NO LINE!
WOO-HOO!
WE'RE FIRST!
I'LL GO GET OUR SLEEPING BAGS.
THIS POPCORN HAS UNLIMITED REFILLS, RIGHT?
SIR, ABOUT MY HOURLY PAY...


SIR? HAVE I THANKED YOU FOR HIRING ME BACK THIS SUMMER?
FOR LETTING ME BE A PART OF THE PAVILIONPLEX-22 TEAM?
FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING HERE DAY AFTER DAY AFTER DAY?
YES. AND I'M OVER HERE, PETER.
HAVE I THANKED YOU FOR PUTTING UP THESE "TOMB RAIDER" POSTERS?


YOU LOOK REALLY FAMILIAR.
YOU PROBABLY SAW MY "60 MINUTES" INTERVIEW.
AFTER MY DOT-COM WENT PUBLIC, I WAS NAMED BILLIONAIRE OF THE YEAR BY MOST OF THE BUSINESS PRESS. FORBES PUT ME ON THEIR COVER SIX TIMES.
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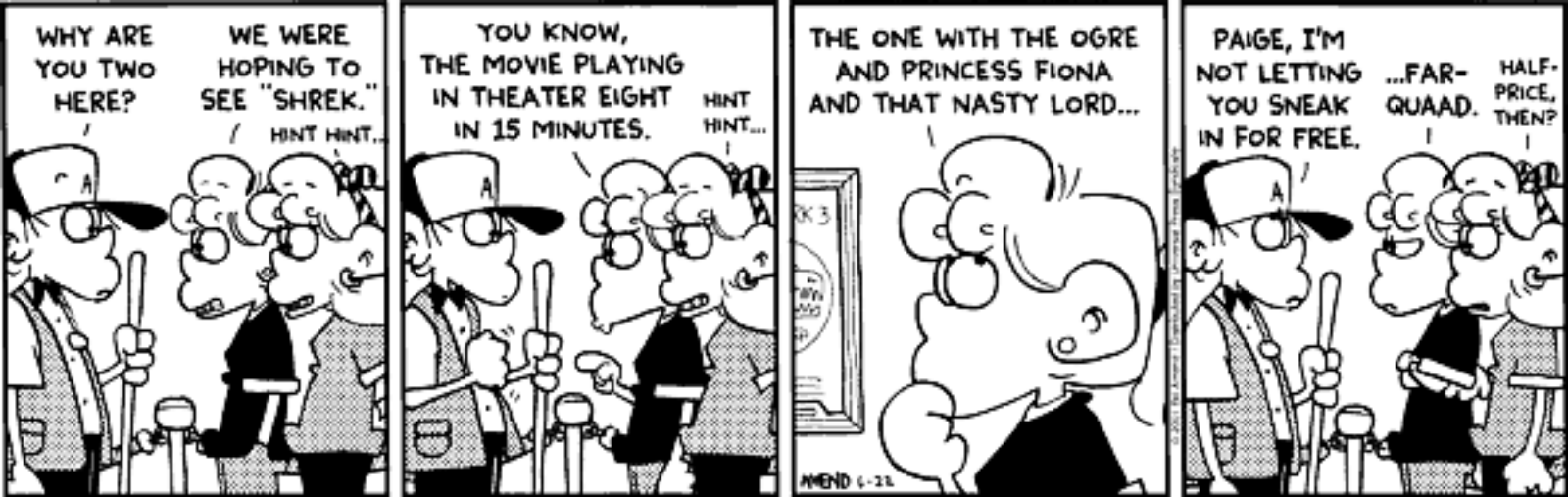
WOW.
YUP.
OK, SO GO GRAB A UNIFORM AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE TO MOP.
YOU GOT IT, BOSS.


WHY ARE YOU TWO HERE?
WE WERE HOPING TO SEE "SHREK."
HINT HINT...
YOU KNOW, THE MOVIE PLAYING IN THEATER EIGHT IN 15 MINUTES.
HINT HINT...
THE ONE WITH THE OGRE AND PRINCESS FIONA AND THAT NASTY LORD...
AMEND 6-22
PAIGE, I'M NOT LETTING YOU SNEAK IN FOR FREE.
...FAR-QUAAD.
HALF-PRICE, THEN?

WHY THE LONG FACE?
I GOT MY FIRST WEEK'S PAYCHECK TODAY.
I'D FORGOTTEN HOW MUCH THAT STUPID MOVIE THEATER DEDUCTS. THIS THING IS HARDLY WORTH CASHING.
WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF TAXES.
TAXES? THE TAXES ARE NOTHING.
HOW MANY TUBS OF NACHOS DID YOU EAT?!
IT WAS A SLOW DAY! I WAS WORKING THE SNACK BAR!
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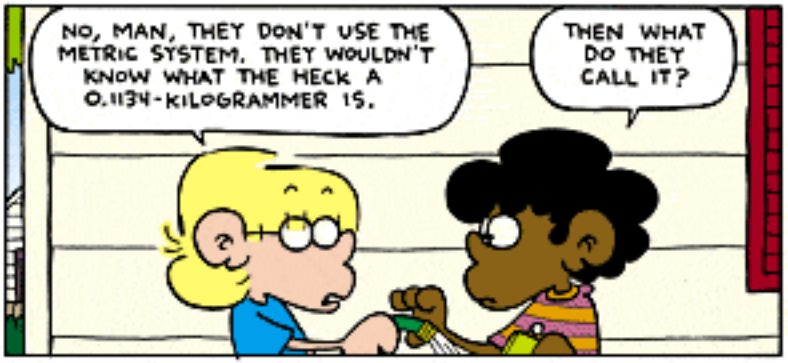

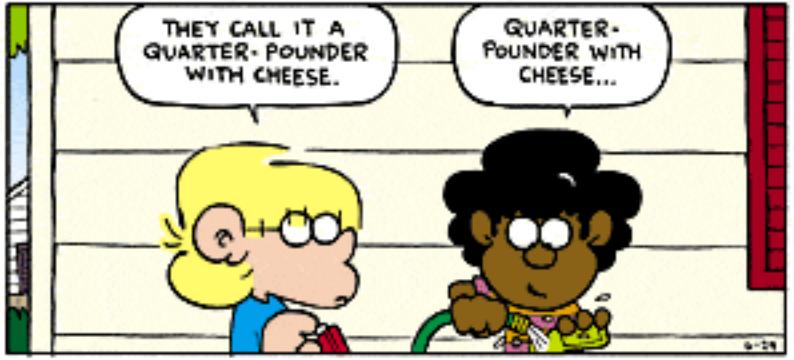

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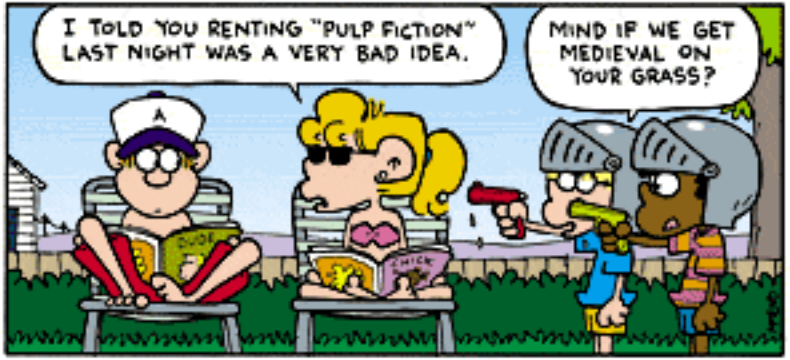
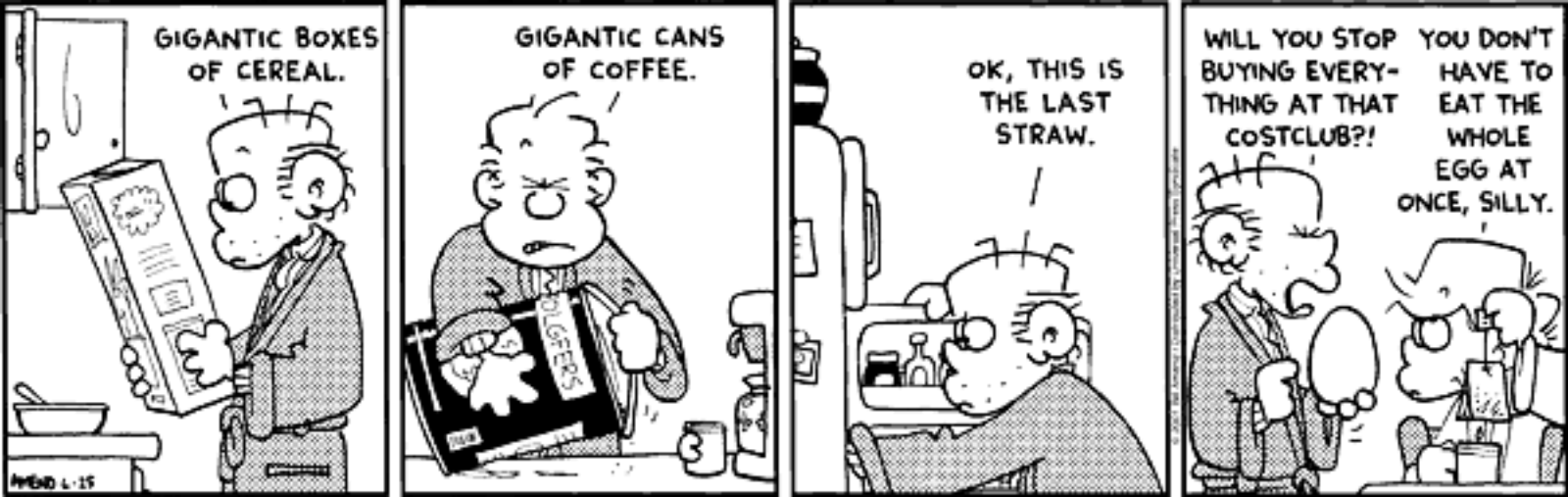
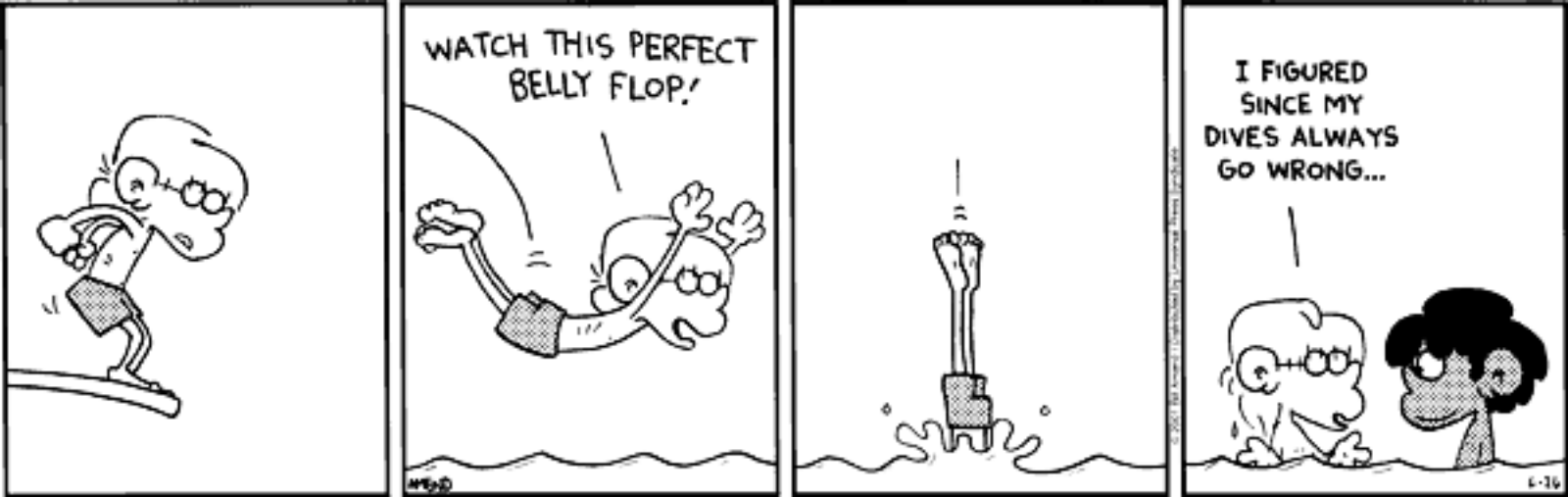
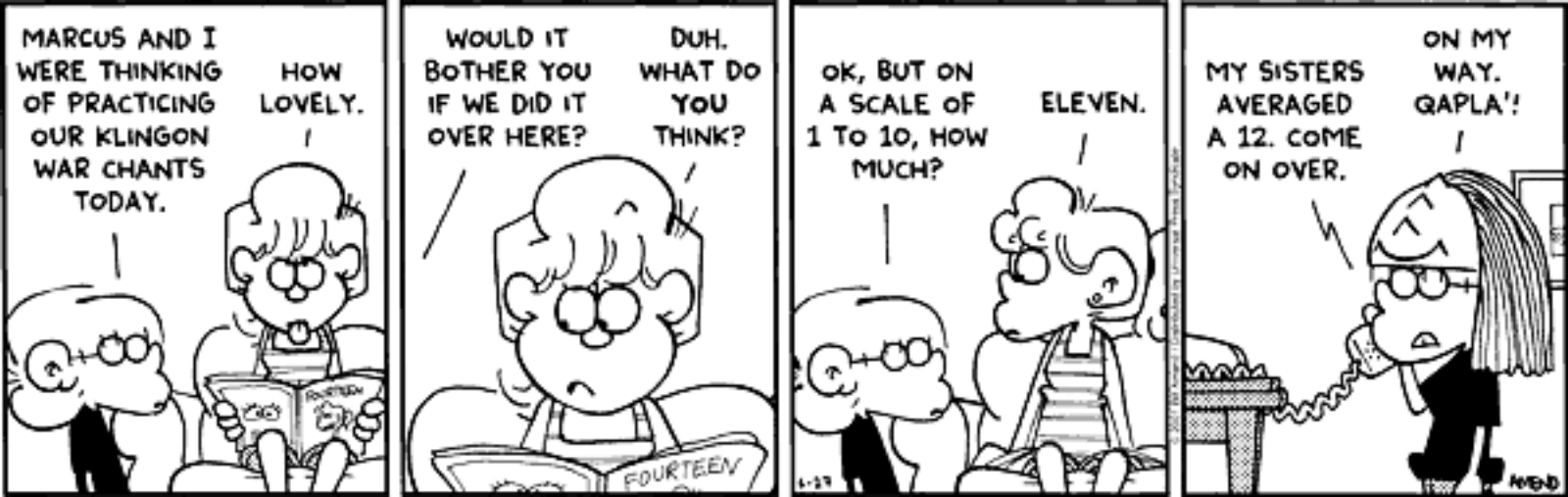
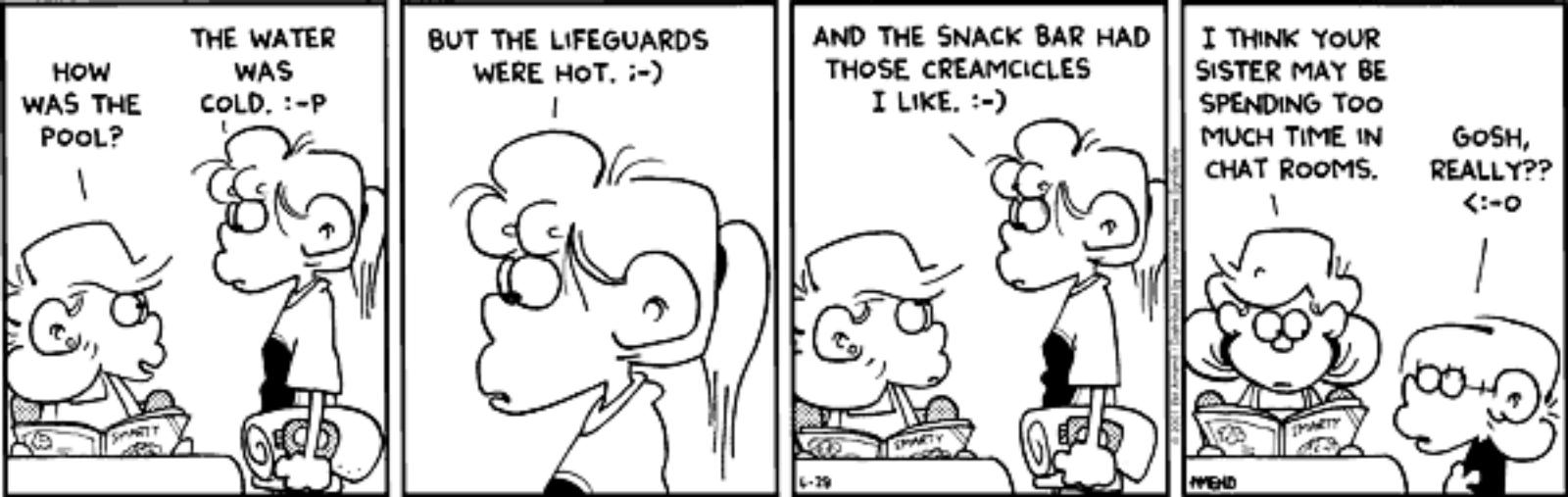
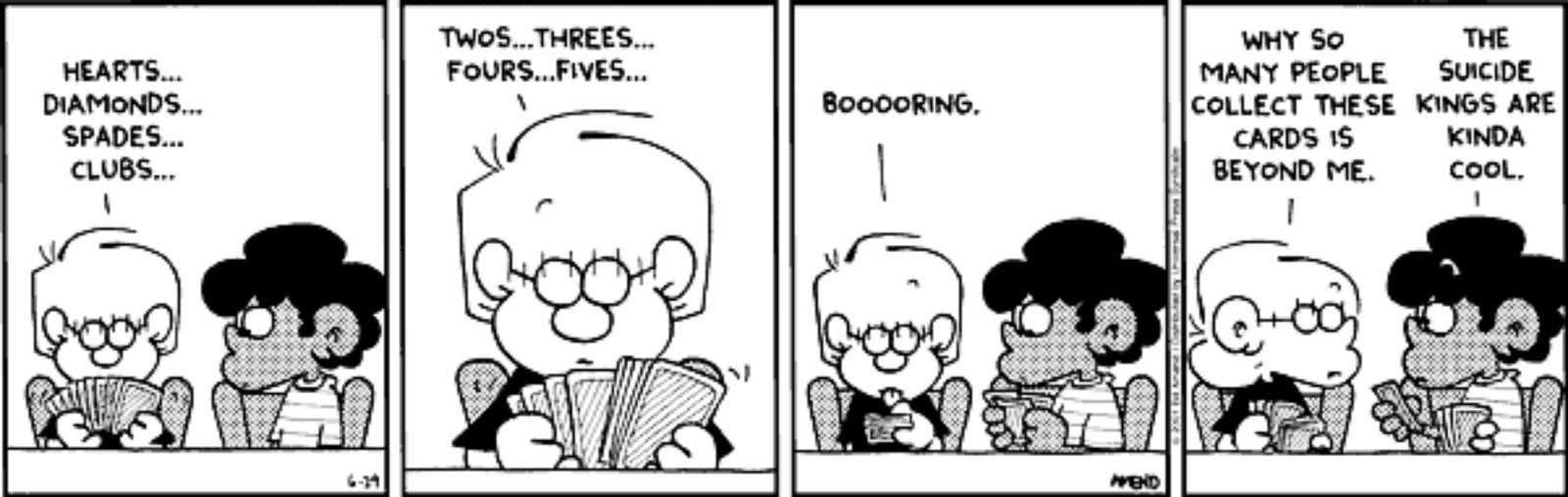



GIGANTIC BOXES OF CEREAL.
GIGANTIC CANS OF COFFEE.
OK, THIS IS THE LAST STRAW.
WILL YOU STOP BUYING EVERY-THING AT THAT COSTCLUB?!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT THE WHOLE EGG AT ONCE, SILLY.


WATCH THIS PERFECT BELLY FLOP!
I FIGURED SINCE MY DIVES ALWAYS GO WRONG...


MARCUS AND I WERE THINKING OF PRACTICING OUR KLINGON WAR CHANTS TODAY.
HOW LOVELY.
WOULD IT BOTHER YOU IF WE DID IT OVER HERE?
DUH. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
FOURTEEN
OK, BUT ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10, HOW MUCH?
ELEVEN.
MY SISTERS AVERAGED A 12. COME ON OVER.
ON MY WAY. QAPLA'!


HOW WAS THE POOL?
THE WATER WAS COLD. :-P
BUT THE LIFEGUARDS WERE HOT. ;-)
AND THE SNACK BAR HAD THOSE CREAMCICLES I LIKE. :-)
I THINK YOUR SISTER MAY BE SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME IN CHAT ROOMS.
GOSH, REALLY?? <:-o


HEARTS... DIAMONDS... SPADES... CLUBS...
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TWOS...THREES... FOURS...FIVES...
BOOOORING.
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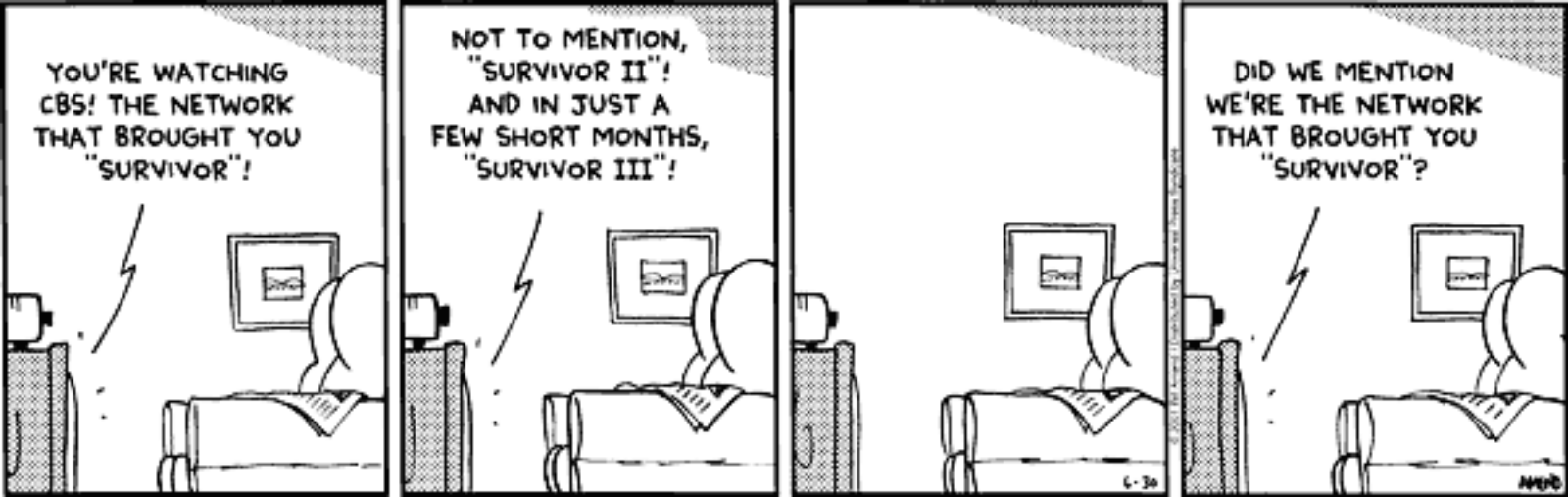
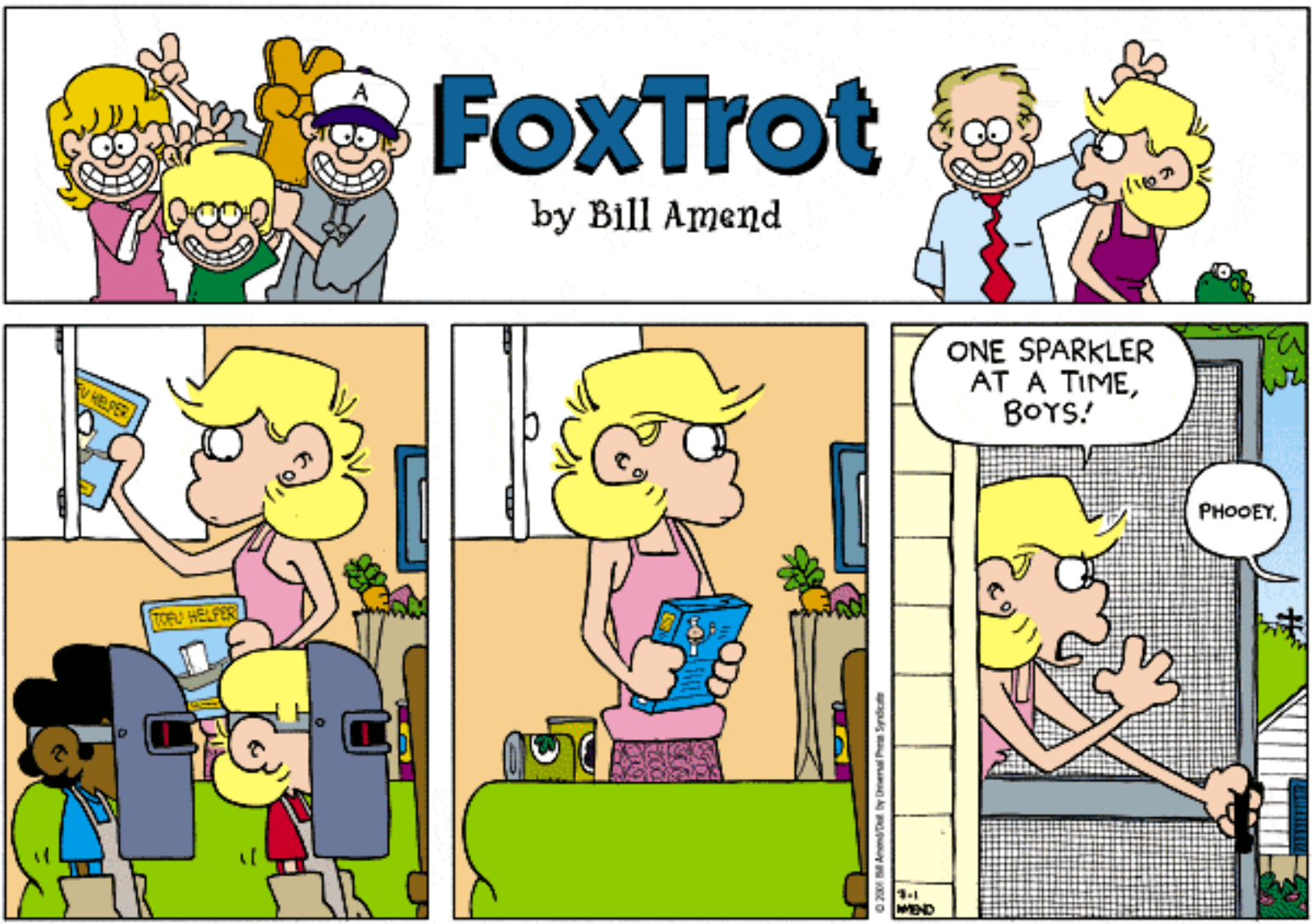
WHY SO MANY PEOPLE COLLECT THESE CARDS IS BEYOND ME.
THE SUICIDE KINGS ARE KINDA COOL.


YOU'RE WATCHING CBS! THE NETWORK THAT BROUGHT YOU "SURVIVOR"!
NOT TO MENTION, "SURVIVOR II"! AND IN JUST A FEW SHORT MONTHS, "SURVIVOR III"!
DID WE MENTION WE'RE THE NETWORK THAT BROUGHT YOU "SURVIVOR"?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TOFU HELPER
ONE SPARKLER AT A TIME, BOYS!
PHOOEY.
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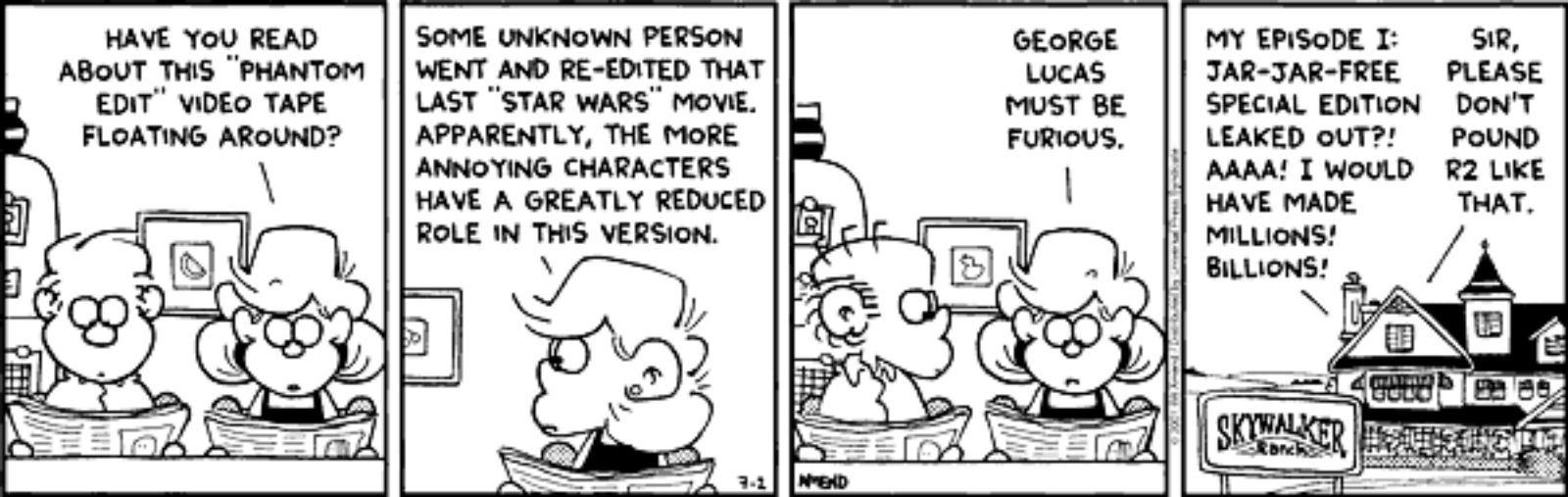
HAVE YOU READ ABOUT THIS "PHANTOM EDIT" VIDEO TAPE FLOATING AROUND?
SOME UNKNOWN PERSON WENT AND RE-EDITED THAT LAST "STAR WARS" MOVIE. APPARENTLY, THE MORE ANNOYING CHARACTERS HAVE A GREATLY REDUCED ROLE IN THIS VERSION.
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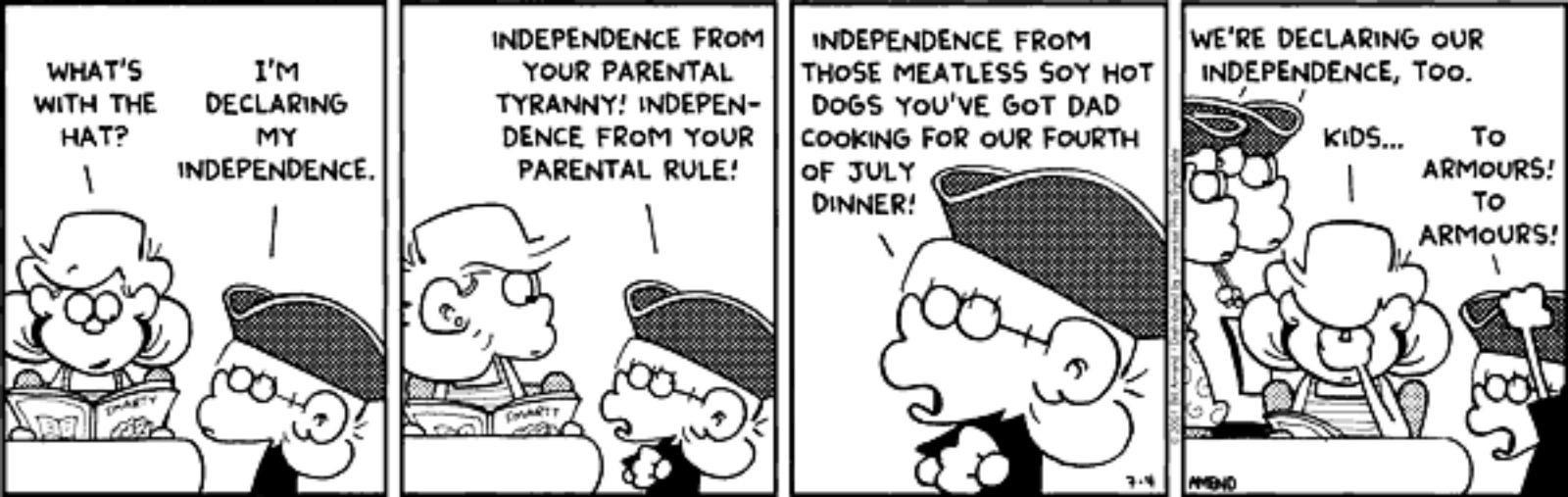
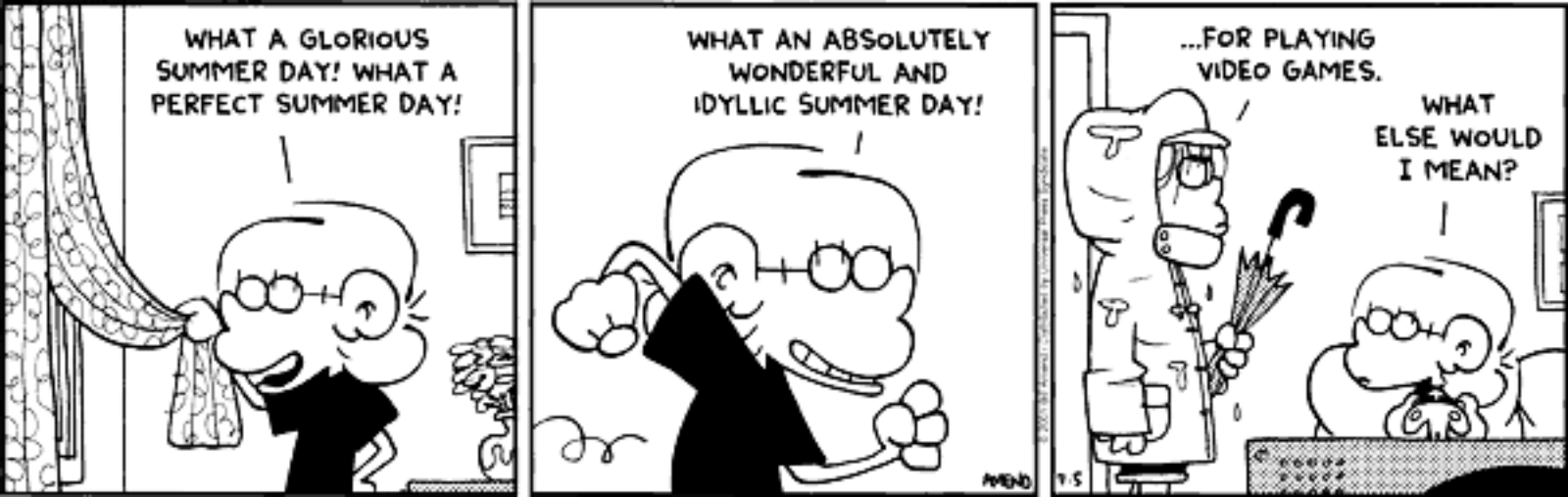
GEORGE LUCAS MUST BE FURIOUS.
NMEKD
MY EPISODE I: JAR-JAR-FREE SPECIAL EDITION LEAKED OUT?! AAAA! I WOULD HAVE MADE MILLIONS! BILLIONS!
SIR, PLEASE DON'T POUND R2 LIKE THAT.
SKYWALKER Ranch

JASON'S SNOW EMPIRE STATE BUILDING IS FINALLY COMING TO AN END, I SEE.
I'LL BE GLAD WHEN OUR BASEMENT STOPS FLOODING.


WHAT'S WITH THE HAT?
I'M DECLARING MY INDEPENDENCE.
INDEPENDENCE FROM YOUR PARENTAL TYRANNY! INDEPENDENCE FROM YOUR PARENTAL RULE!
INDEPENDENCE FROM THOSE MEATLESS SOY HOT DOGS YOU'VE GOT DAD COOKING FOR OUR FOURTH OF JULY DINNER!
WE'RE DECLARING OUR INDEPENDENCE, TOO.
KIDS...
TO ARMOURS! TO ARMOURS!


WHAT A GLORIOUS SUMMER DAY! WHAT A PERFECT SUMMER DAY!
WHAT AN ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL AND IDYLLIC SUMMER DAY!
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...FOR PLAYING VIDEO GAMES.
WHAT ELSE WOULD I MEAN?
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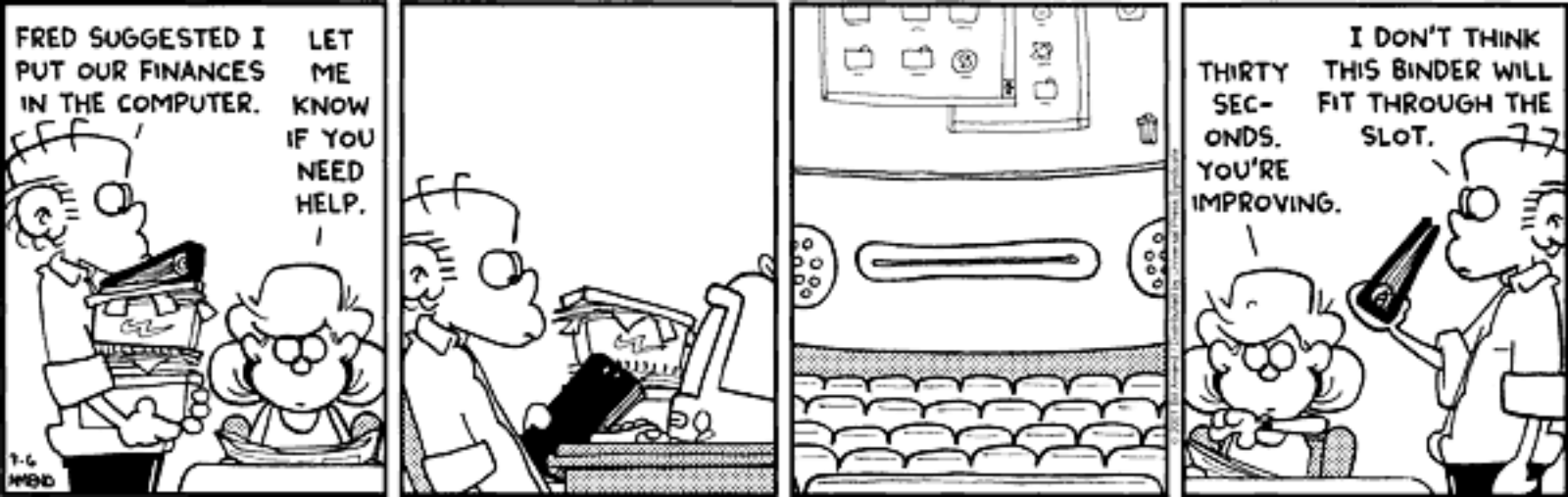
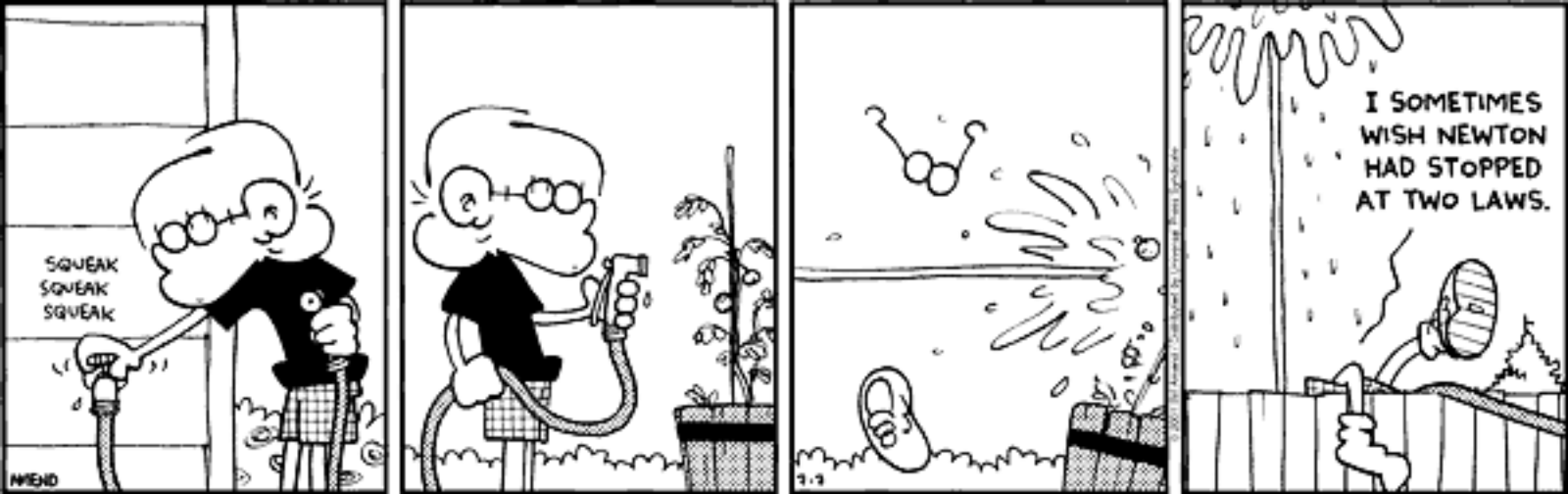
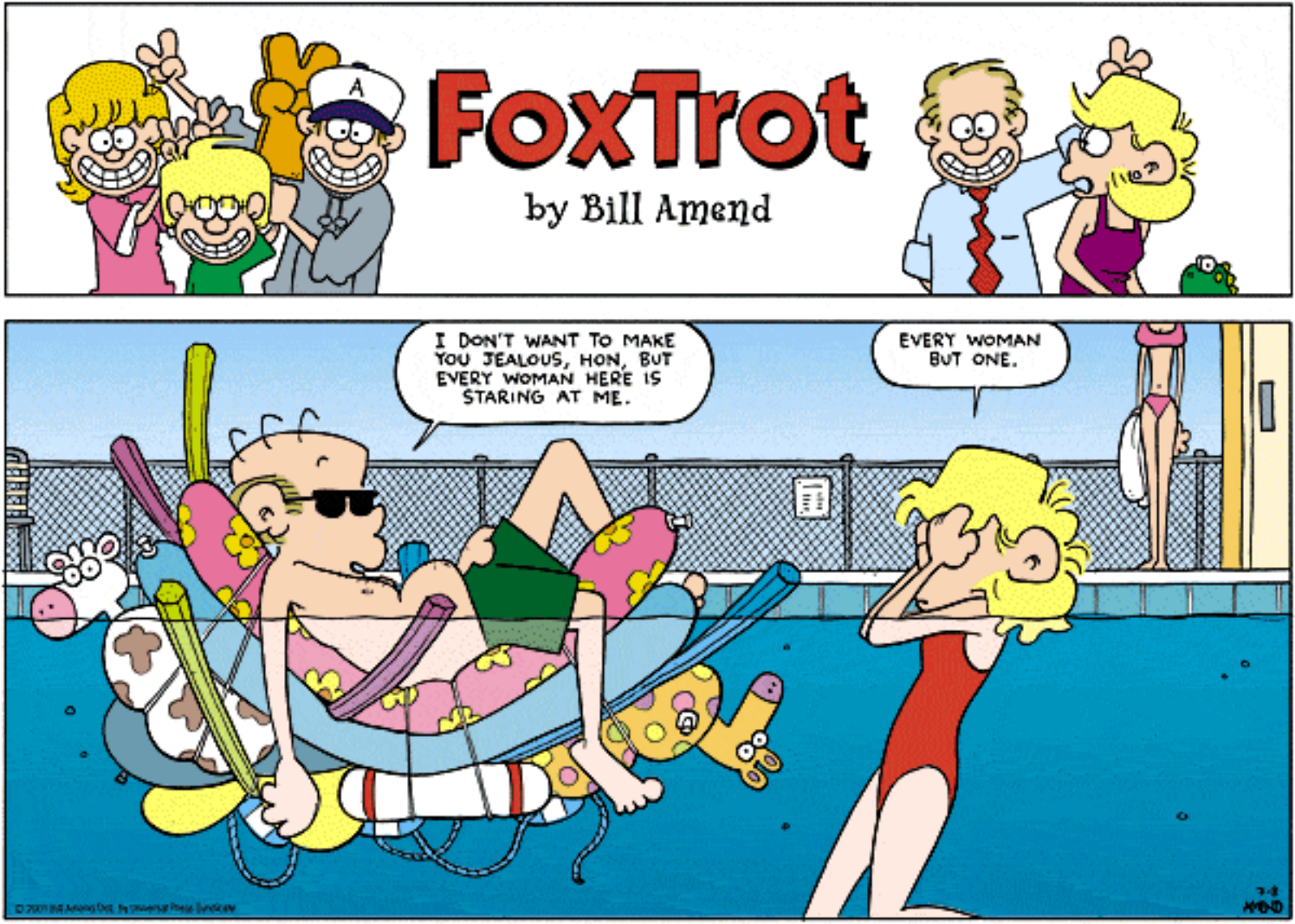

FRED SUGGESTED I PUT OUR FINANCES IN THE COMPUTER.
LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP.
THIRTY SEC-ONDS. YOU'RE IMPROVING.
I DON'T THINK THIS BINDER WILL FIT THROUGH THE SLOT.


SQUEAK SQUEAK SQUEAK
I SOMETIMES WISH NEWTON HAD STOPPED AT TWO LAWS.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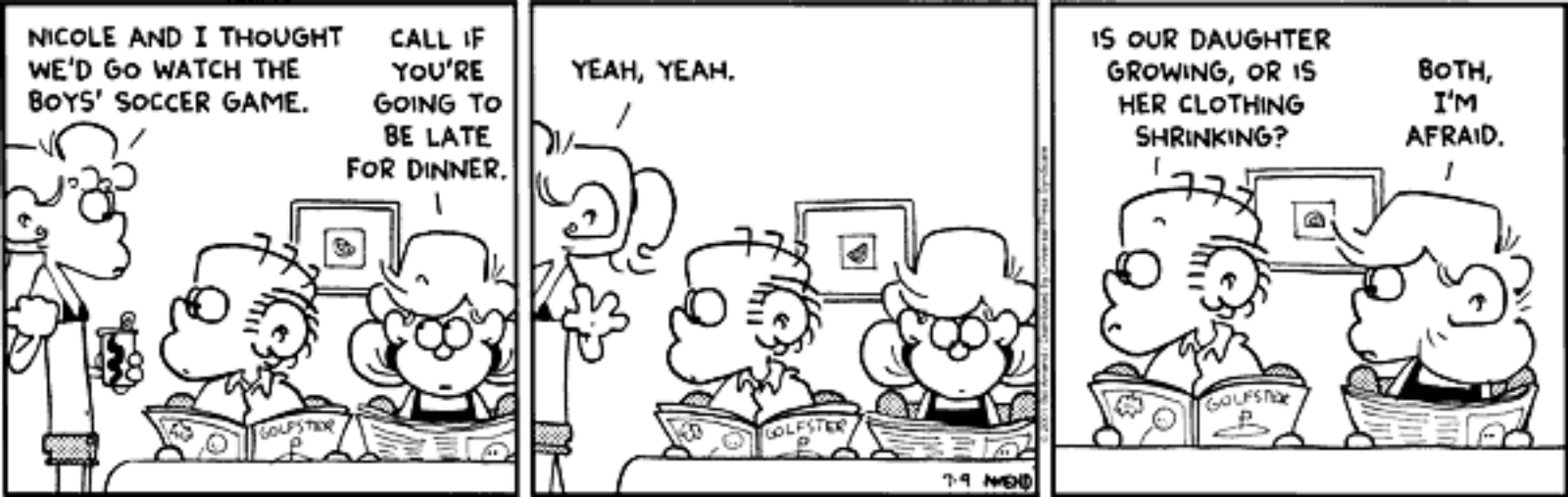
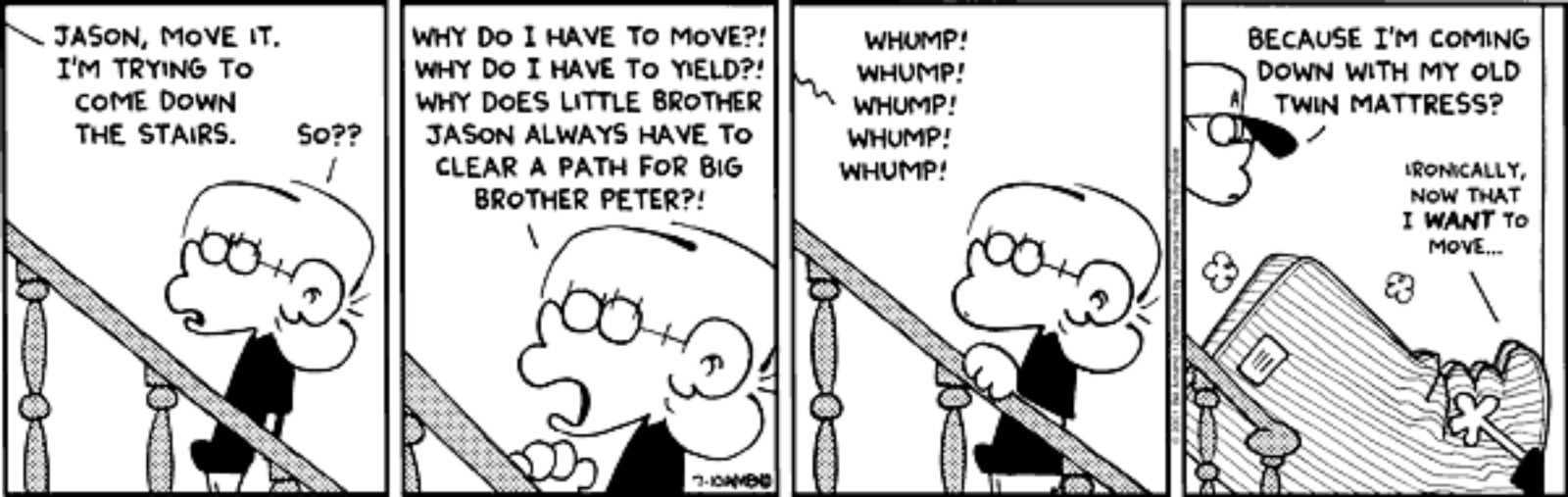
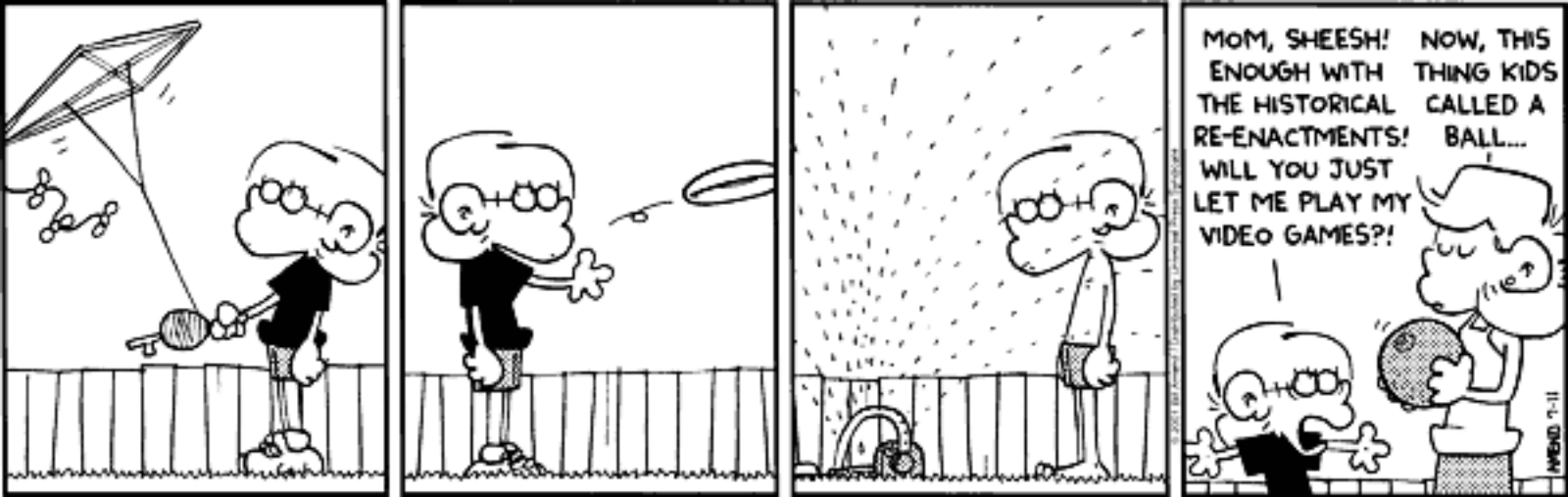
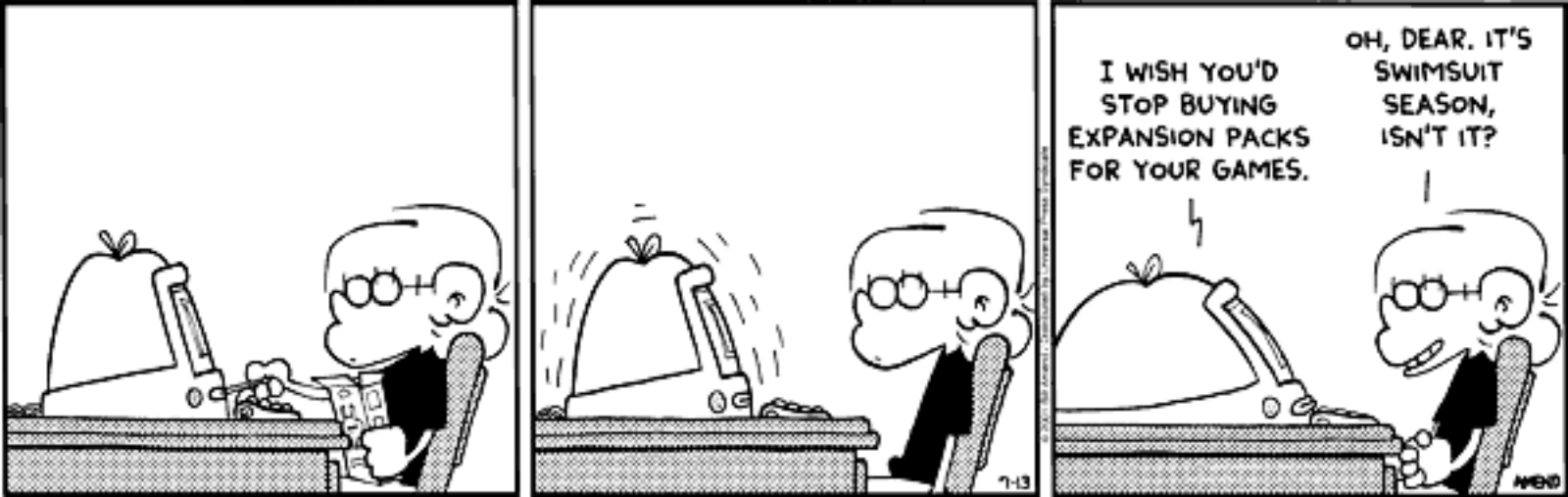
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE YOU JEALOUS, HON, BUT EVERY WOMAN HERE IS STARING AT ME.
EVERY WOMAN BUT ONE.


NICOLE AND I THOUGHT WE'D GO WATCH THE BOYS' SOCCER GAME.
CALL IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR DINNER.
YEAH, YEAH.
IS OUR DAUGHTER GROWING, OR IS HER CLOTHING SHRINKING?
BOTH, I'M AFRAID.


JASON, MOVE IT. I'M TRYING TO COME DOWN THE STAIRS.
SO??
WHY DO I HAVE TO MOVE?! WHY DO I HAVE TO YIELD?! WHY DOES LITTLE BROTHER JASON ALWAYS HAVE TO CLEAR A PATH FOR BIG BROTHER PETER?!
WHUMP! WHUMP! WHUMP! WHUMP! WHUMP!
BECAUSE I'M COMING DOWN WITH MY OLD TWIN MATTRESS?
IRONICALLY, NOW THAT I WANT TO MOVE...


MOM, SHEESH! ENOUGH WITH THE HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENTS! WILL YOU JUST LET ME PLAY MY VIDEO GAMES?!
NOW, THIS THING KIDS CALLED A BALL...

MY ELF-MAGE USES HIS +2 WAND OF BRILLIANT WIZARDRY.
NO EFFECT.
MY PALADIN USES HIS +5 SINGING SWORD OF HOLY MIGHT.
NO EFFECT.
MY HALF-ORC ASSASSIN-DRUID CASTS A +17 SPELL OF THE GHOSTLY CLAW IN CONJUNCTION WITH USE OF HIS +8.5 DAGGER OF THE SPIDER GODS WHILE WEARING THE CLOAK OF +√3 INVISIBILITY HE STOLE FROM THE HALL OF IRRATIONAL TREASURES.
WILL YOU GEEKS SHUT UP?!?
WOOHOO! THAT DID THE TRICK!
WRITE IT DOWN. THIS IS GOOD TO KNOW.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I WISH YOU'D STOP BUYING EXPANSION PACKS FOR YOUR GAMES.
OH, DEAR. IT'S SWIMSUIT SEASON, ISN'T IT?
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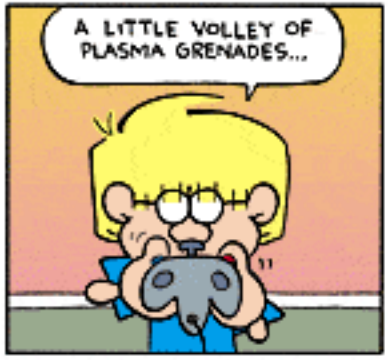
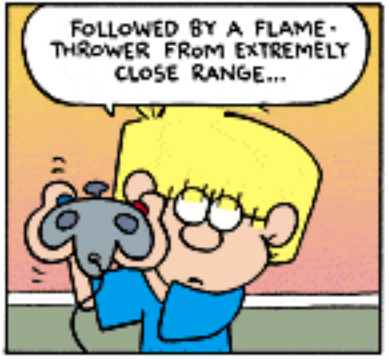
HAVE YOU NOTICED THE GOODYEAR BLIMP DOESN'T COME TO OUR TOWN ANYMORE?
JPL
BMAHERN 7-11





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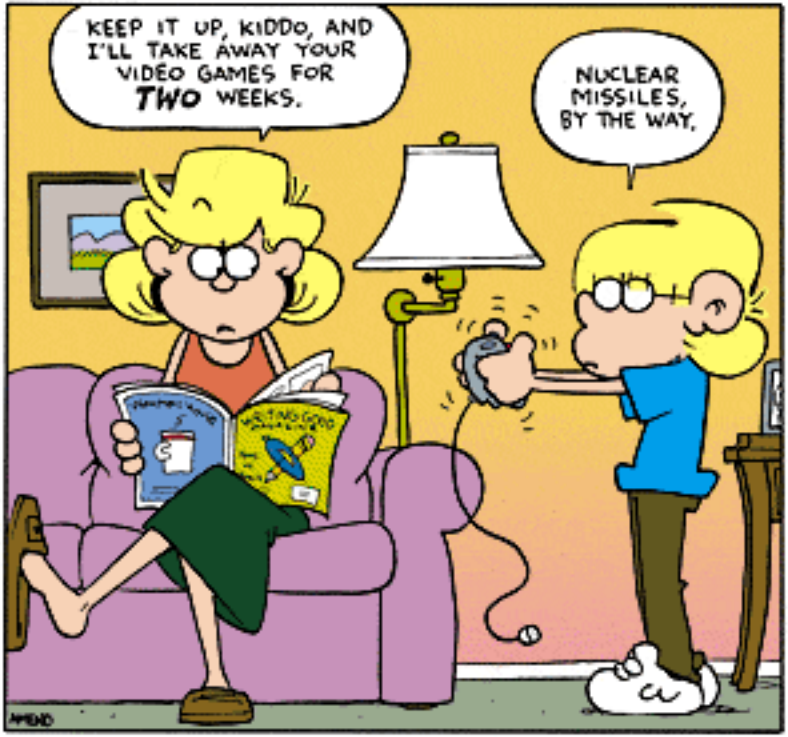
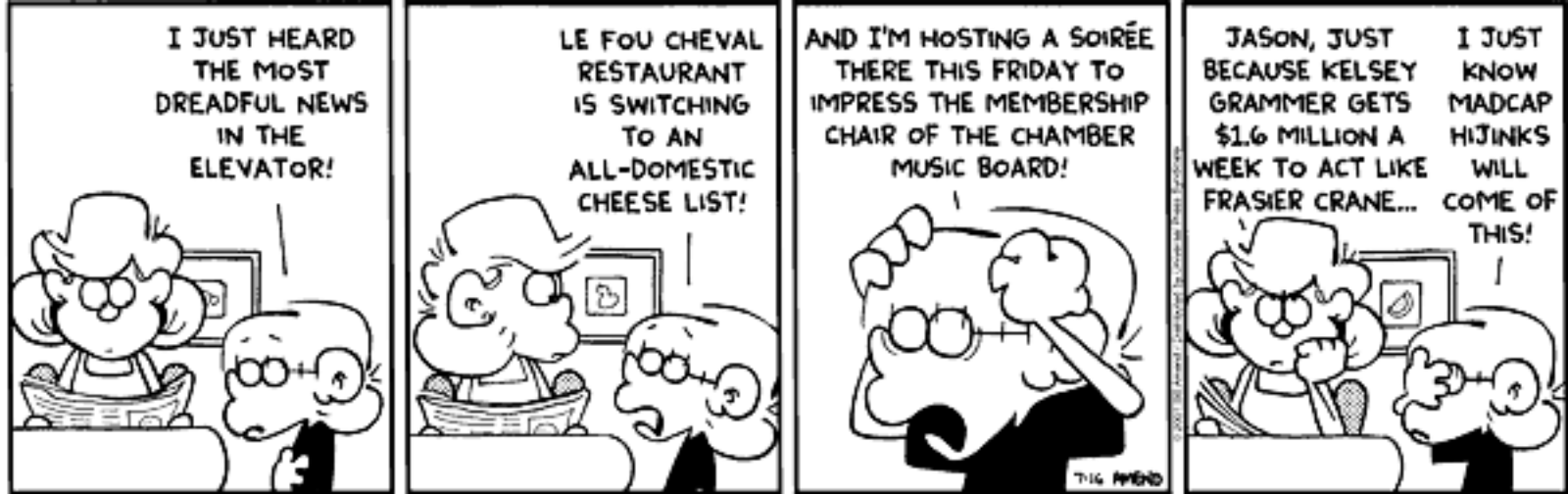
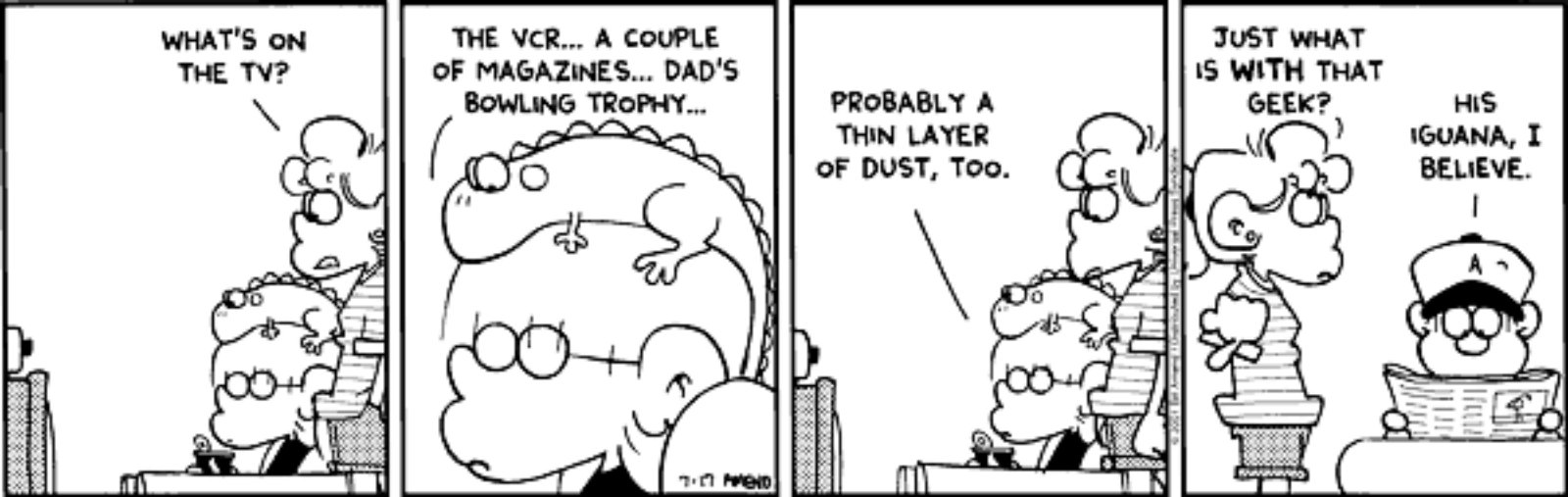
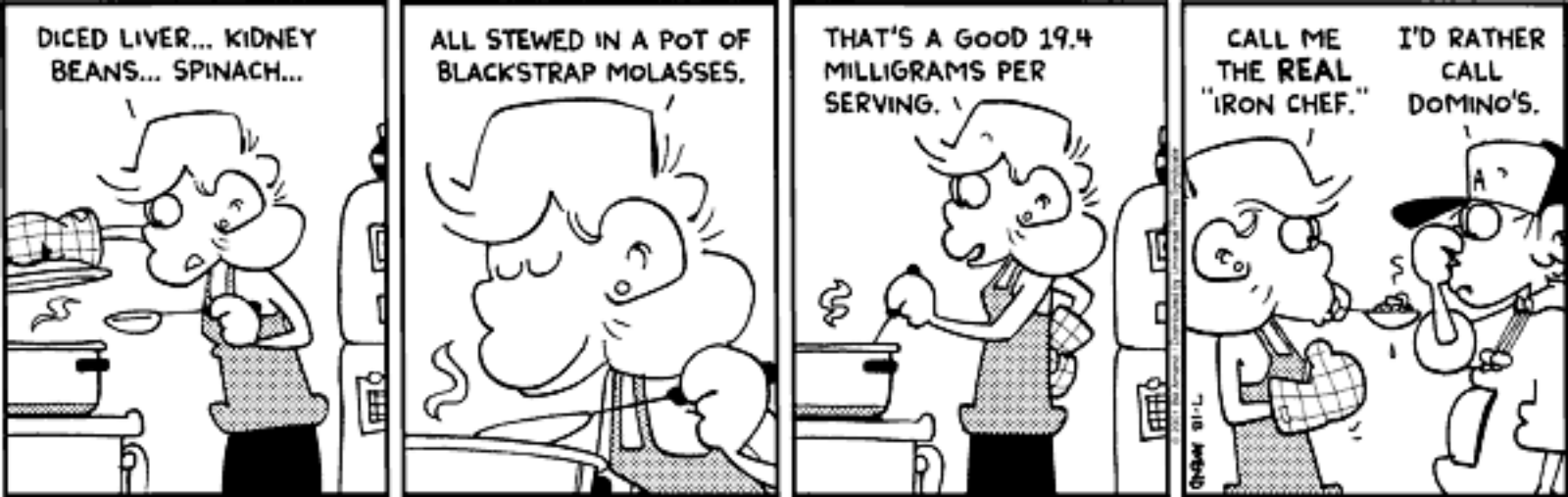
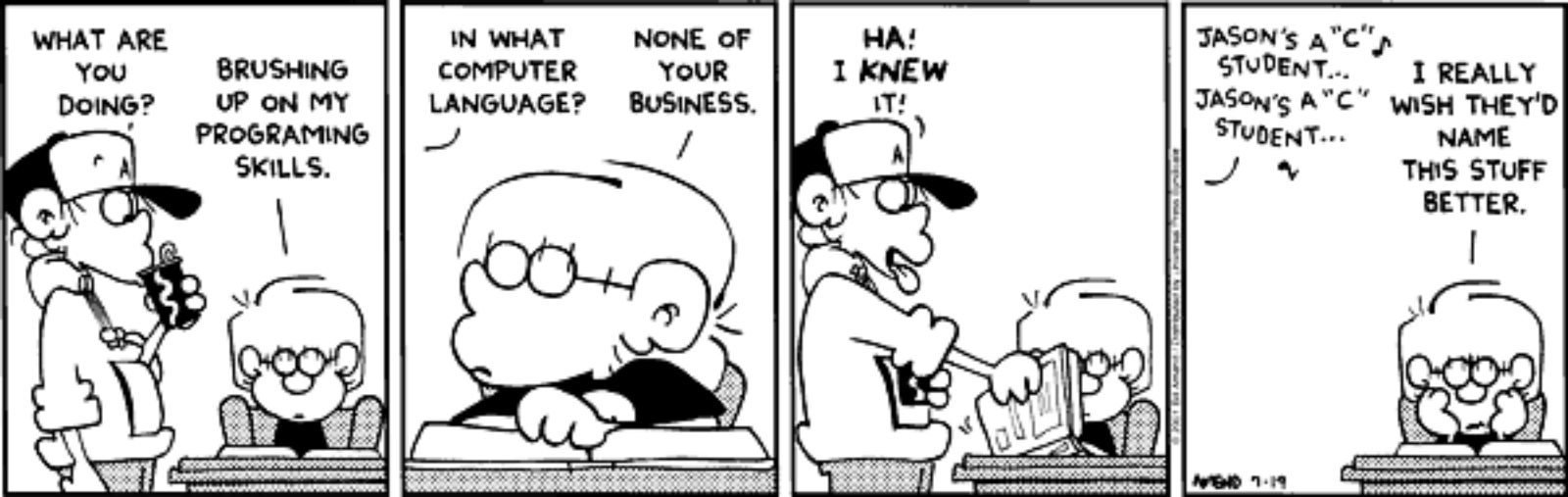
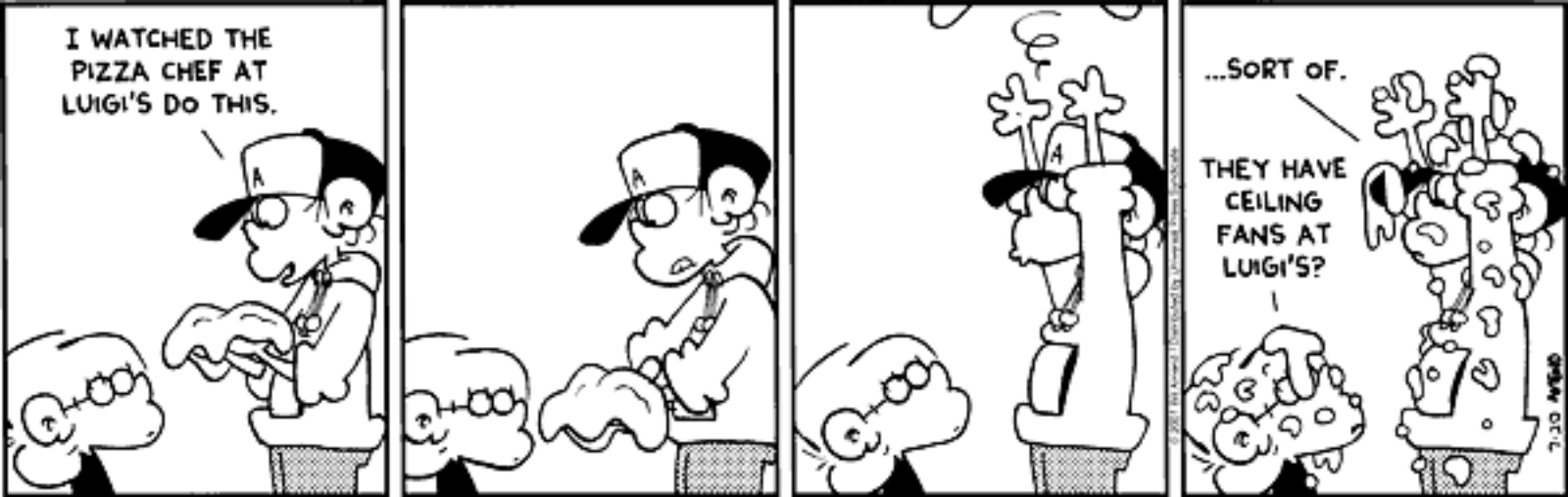



I JUST HEARD THE MOST DREADFUL NEWS IN THE ELEVATOR!
LE FOU CHEVAL RESTAURANT IS SWITCHING TO AN ALL-DOMESTIC CHEESE LIST!
AND I'M HOSTING A SOIRÉE THERE THIS FRIDAY TO IMPRESS THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR OF THE CHAMBER MUSIC BOARD!
JASON, JUST BECAUSE KELSEY GRAMMER GETS $1.6 MILLION A WEEK TO ACT LIKE FRASIER CRANE...
I JUST KNOW MADCAP HIJINKS WILL COME OF THIS!


WHAT'S ON THE TV?
THE VCR... A COUPLE OF MAGAZINES... DAD'S BOWLING TROPHY...
PROBABLY A THIN LAYER OF DUST, TOO.
JUST WHAT IS WITH THAT GEEK?
HIS IGUANA, I BELIEVE.


DICED LIVER... KIDNEY BEANS... SPINACH...
ALL STEWED IN A POT OF BLACKSTRAP MOLASSES.
THAT'S A GOOD 19.4 MILLIGRAMS PER SERVING.
CALL ME THE REAL "IRON CHEF."
I'D RATHER CALL DOMINO'S.


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BRUSHING UP ON MY PROGRAMING SKILLS.
IN WHAT COMPUTER LANGUAGE?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
HA! I KNEW IT!
JASON'S A "C" STUDENT... JASON'S A "C" STUDENT...
I REALLY WISH THEY'D NAME THIS STUFF BETTER.


I WATCHED THE PIZZA CHEF AT LUIGI'S DO THIS.
...SORT OF.
THEY HAVE CEILING FANS AT LUIGI'S?

DING-A-LING-A-LING!
FOURTEEN
DING-A-LING-A-LING!
DING-A-LING-A-LING!
YOUR NAME WOULDN'T BY CHANCE BE "PAVLOV," WOULD IT?
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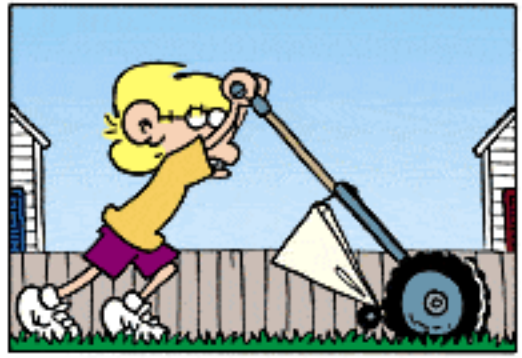

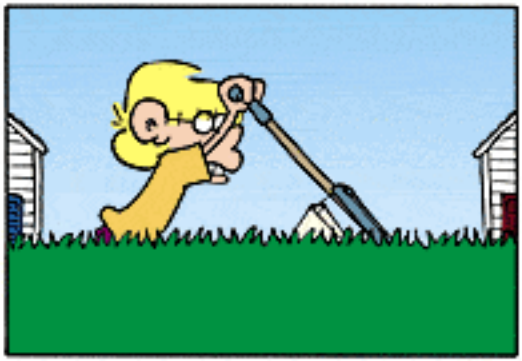

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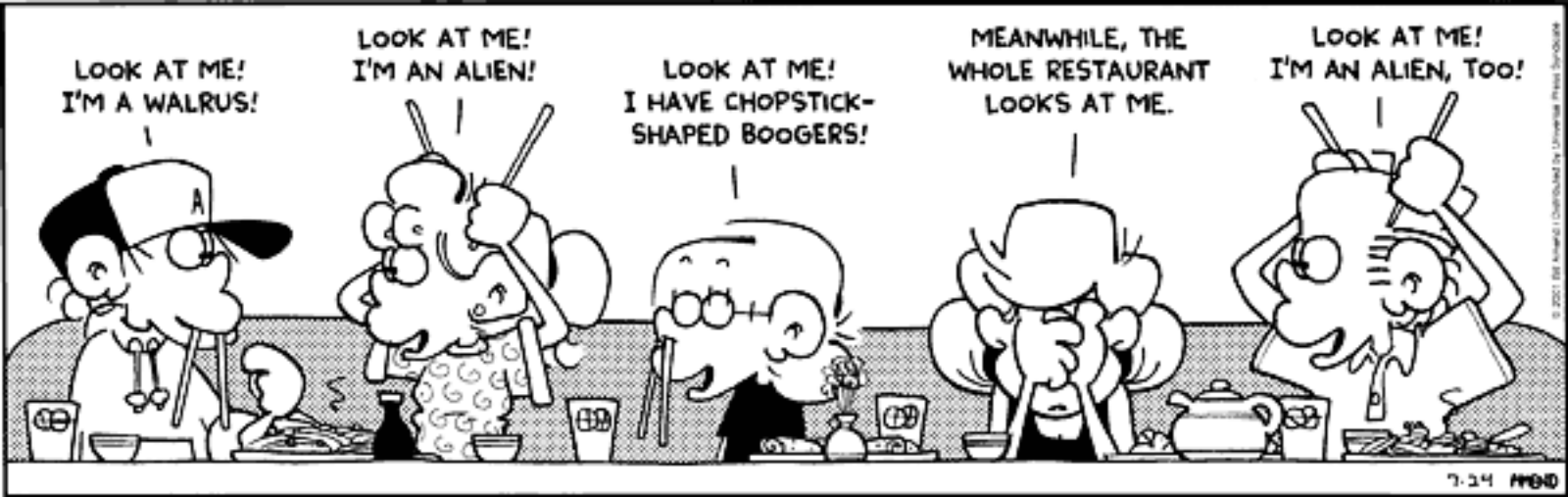
USERNAME:
JASON_FOX
PASSWORD:
IS_A_STUD
(BEEP) APPROVED.
MY SISTER MIGHT BE ABLE TO GUESS IT, BUT SHE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TYPE IT.


LOOK AT ME! I'M A WALRUS!
LOOK AT ME! I'M AN ALIEN!
LOOK AT ME! I HAVE CHOPSTICK-SHAPED BOOGERS!
MEANWHILE, THE WHOLE RESTAURANT LOOKS AT ME.
LOOK AT ME! I'M AN ALIEN, TOO!
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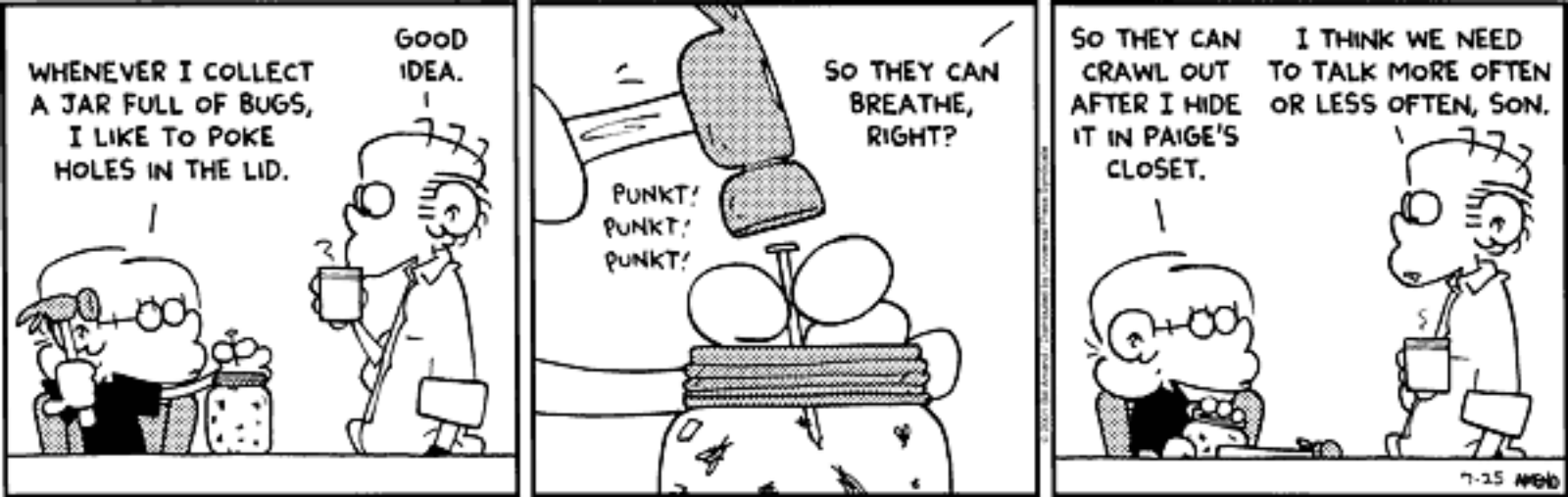
WHENEVER I COLLECT A JAR FULL OF BUGS, I LIKE TO POKE HOLES IN THE LID.
GOOD IDEA.
PUNKT! PUNKT! PUNKT!
SO THEY CAN BREATHE, RIGHT?
SO THEY CAN CRAWL OUT AFTER I HIDE IT IN PAIGE'S CLOSET.
I THINK WE NEED TO TALK MORE OFTEN OR LESS OFTEN, SON.
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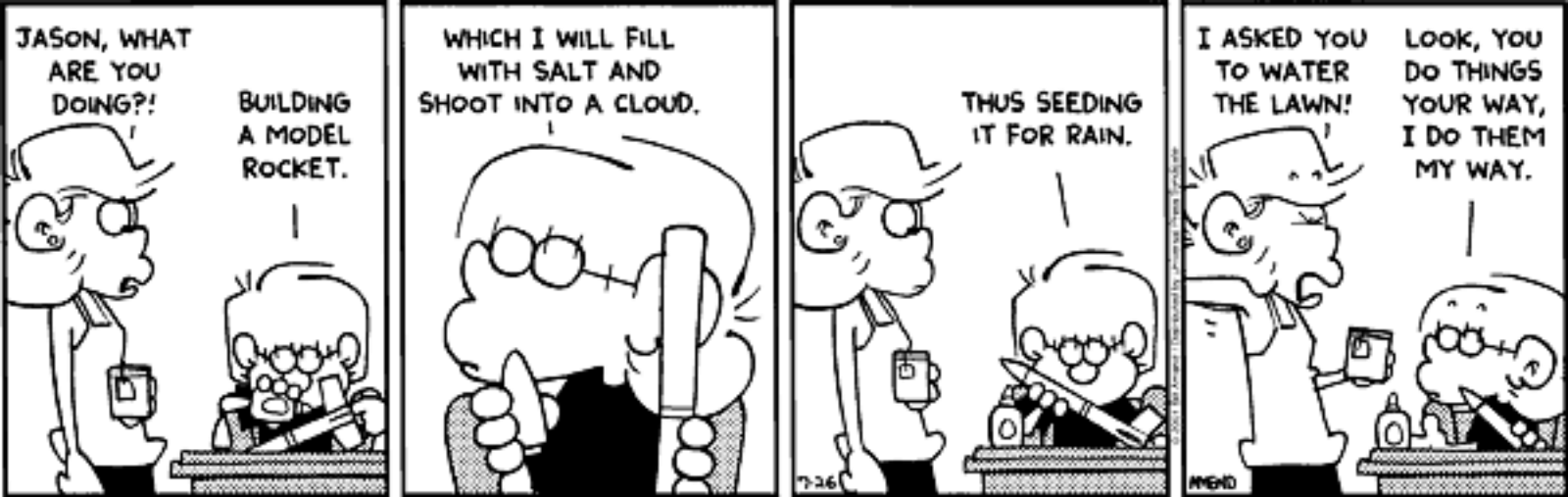
JASON, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
BUILDING A MODEL ROCKET.
WHICH I WILL FILL WITH SALT AND SHOOT INTO A CLOUD.
THUS SEEDING IT FOR RAIN.
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I ASKED YOU TO WATER THE LAWN!
LOOK, YOU DO THINGS YOUR WAY, I DO THEM MY WAY.
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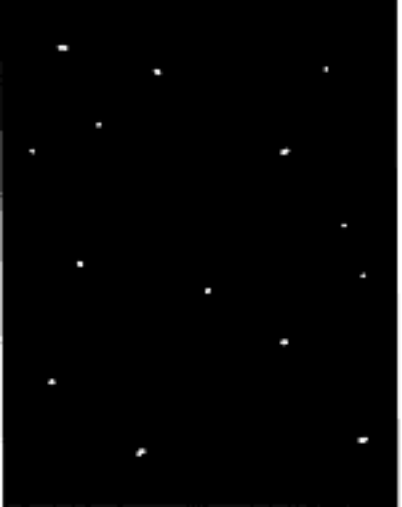
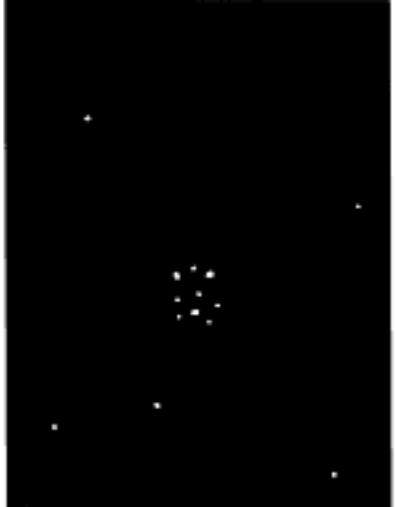
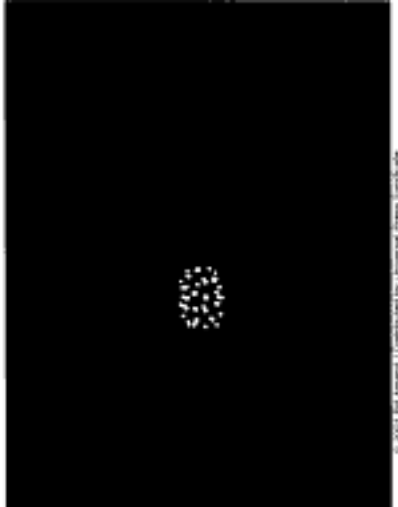
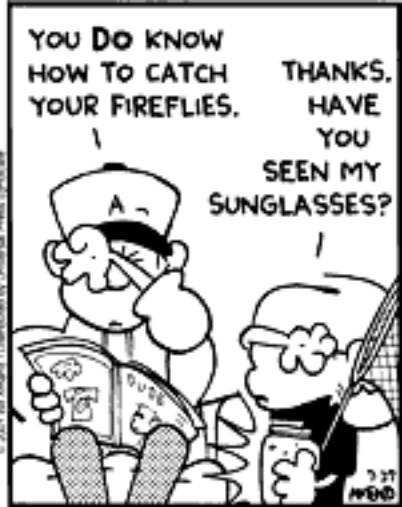
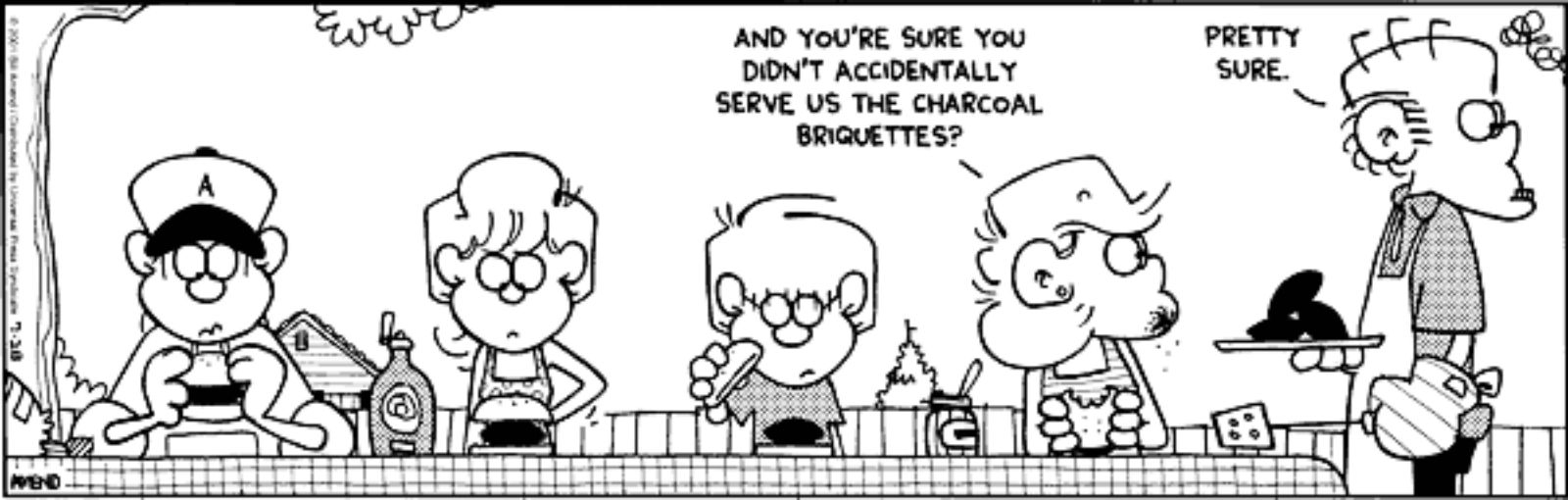







YOU DO KNOW HOW TO CATCH YOUR FIREFLIES.
THANKS. HAVE YOU SEEN MY SUNGLASSES?


AND YOU'RE SURE YOU DIDN'T ACCIDENTALLY SERVE US THE CHARCOAL BRIQUETTES?
PRETTY SURE.
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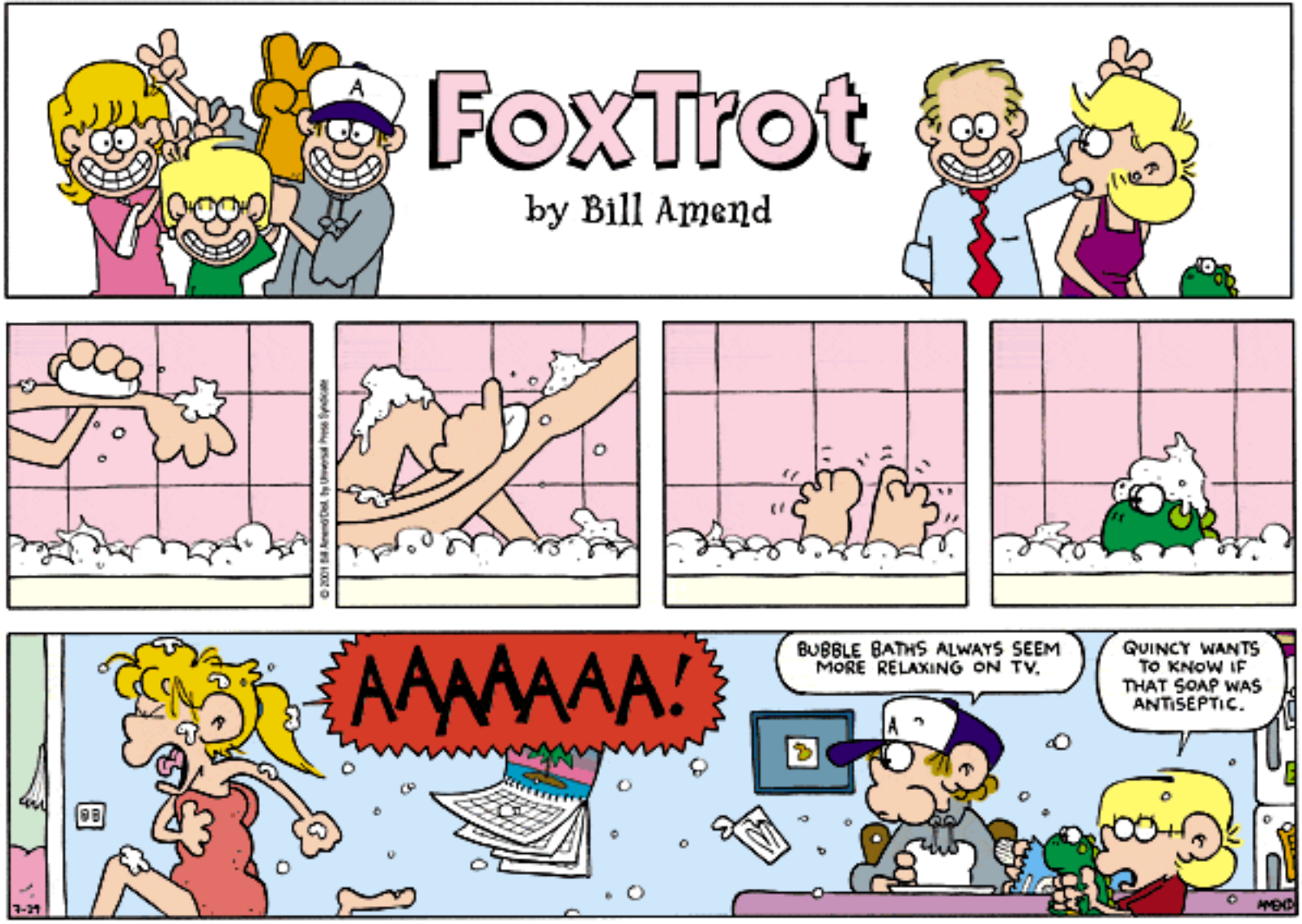
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AAAAAAA!
BUBBLE BATHS ALWAYS SEEM MORE RELAXING ON TV.
QUINCY WANTS TO KNOW IF THAT SOAP WAS ANTISEPTIC.
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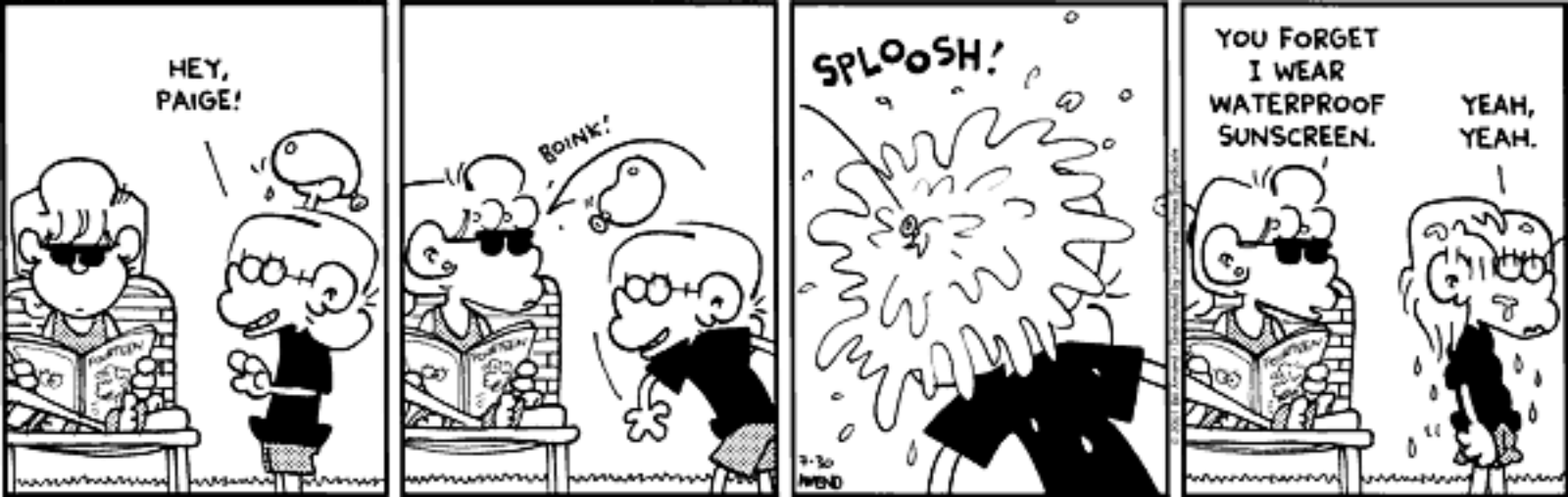
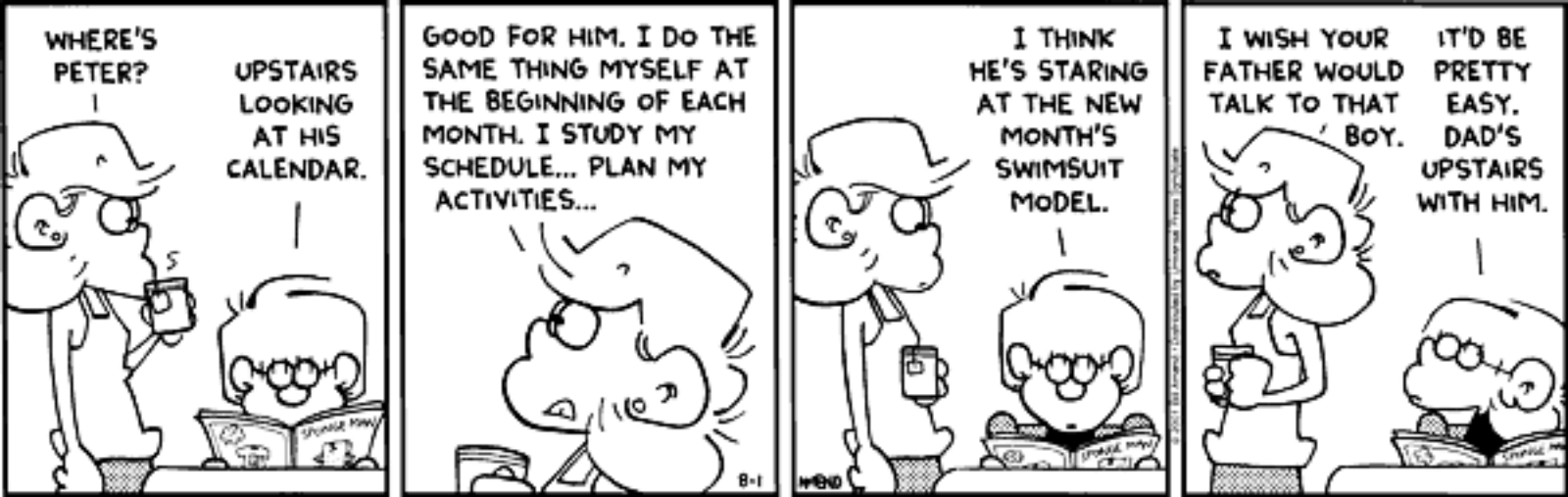
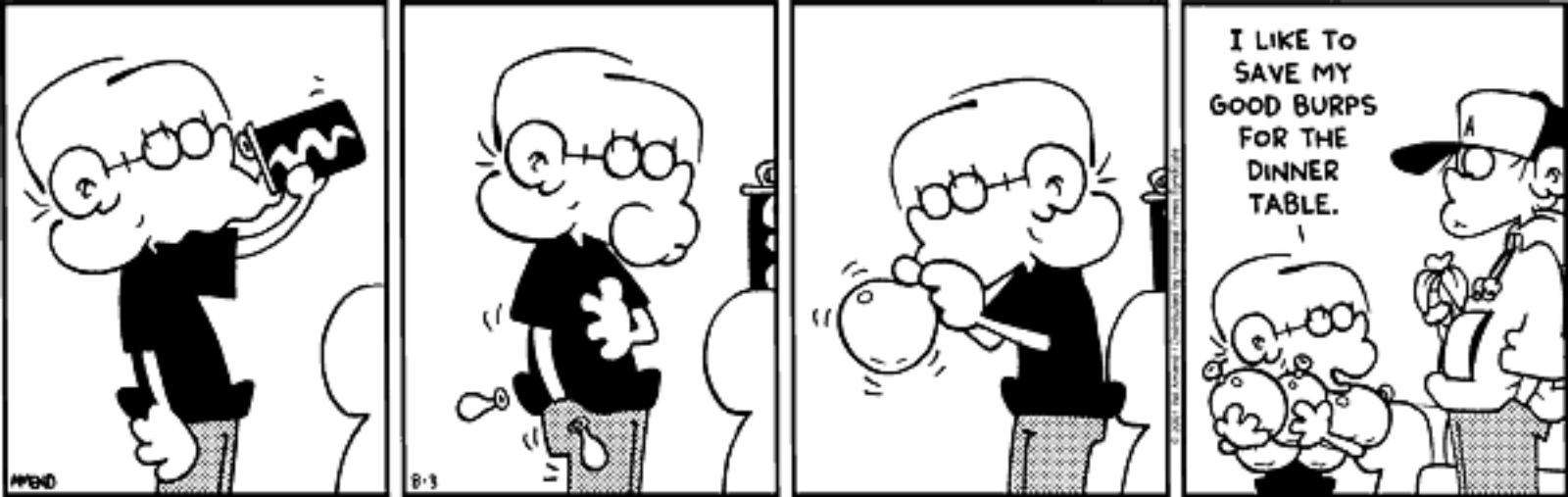

HEY, PAIGE!
BOINK!
SPLOOSH!
7-30
YOU FORGET I WEAR WATERPROOF SUNSCREEN.
YEAH, YEAH.

CLICK
BUY THE IX-100
SOMEBODY REALLY OUGHT TO PUT A LIMIT ON THESE POP-UP ADS.


WHERE'S PETER?
UPSTAIRS LOOKING AT HIS CALENDAR.
GOOD FOR HIM. I DO THE SAME THING MYSELF AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH. I STUDY MY SCHEDULE... PLAN MY ACTIVITIES...
8-1
I THINK HE'S STARING AT THE NEW MONTH'S SWIMSUIT MODEL.
I WISH YOUR FATHER WOULD TALK TO THAT BOY.
IT'D BE PRETTY EASY. DAD'S UPSTAIRS WITH HIM.

HONESTLY, JASON. A MONTH AGO, YOU WERE DYING TO SEE "PLANET OF THE APES."
A WEEK AGO, YOU COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE "PLANET OF THE APES."
NOW IT'S OUT, AND I'M OFFERING TO TAKE YOU KIDS...
I'M NOT GOING WITH PAIGE! HER APE SUIT IS BETTER!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU DUMB DORKY GEEK!


I LIKE TO SAVE MY GOOD BURPS FOR THE DINNER TABLE.

APPARENTLY THE NEXT SEASON OF "THE SOPRANOS" IS GOING TO TAKE EVEN LONGER TO FILM THAN THE LAST ONE.
TV STUFF
WHAT A DRAG. THIS YEAR WE HAD TO WAIT ALL THE WAY UNTIL MARCH FOR NEW EPISODES.
TV STUFF
9-4
ANY IDEA HOW LONG WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT THIS TIME AROUND?
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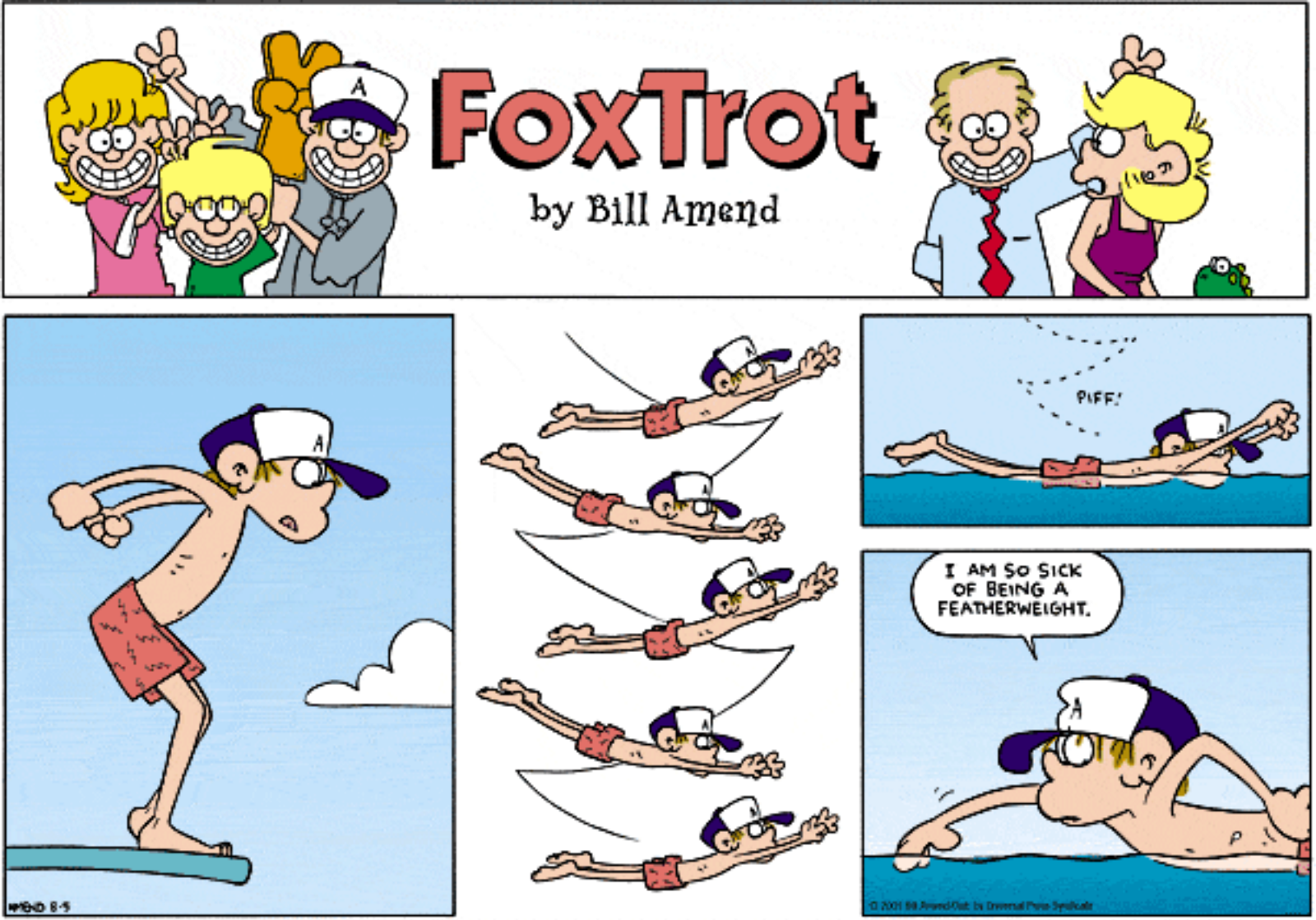
HAVE YOU BEEN TAKING YOUR MEDICATION AS INSTRUCTED, ANTHONY?
DA PROZAC OR DA GERITOL?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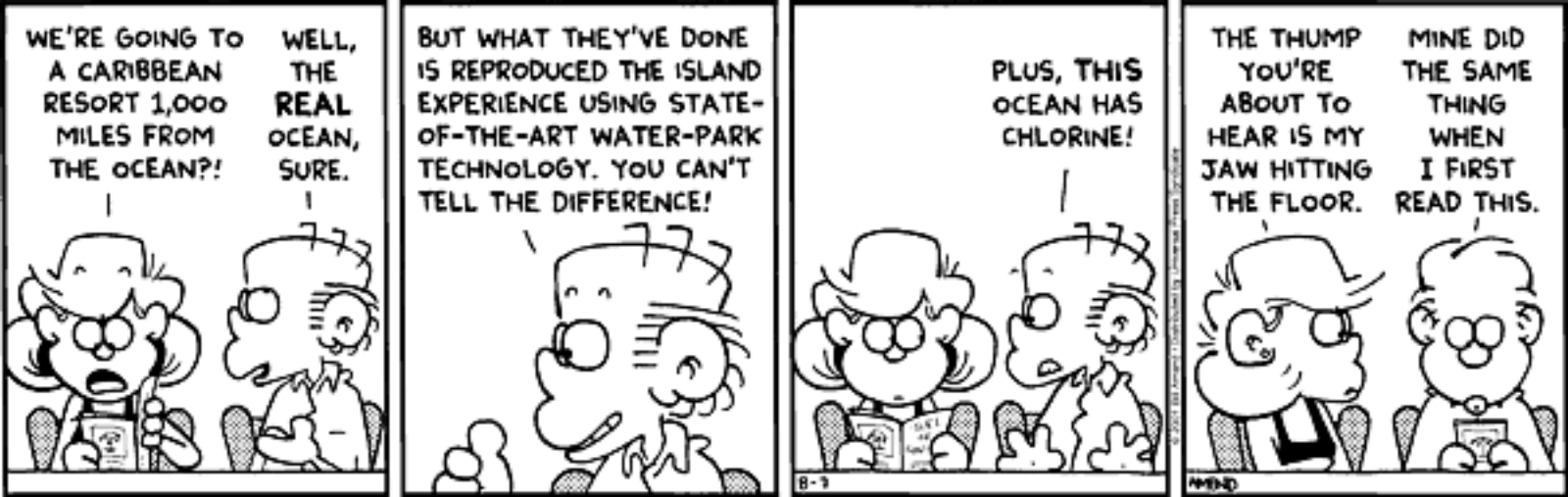
PIFF!
I AM SO SICK OF BEING A FEATHERWEIGHT.

"THE ISLES OF FUN-FUN CARIBBEANNY RESORT."
THIS IS THE TOP-SECRET VACATION YOU'VE BEEN PLANNING ALL YEAR?! ROGER, SWEETIE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
I'VE WANTED TO GO TO THE CARIBBEAN SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL! WHAT ISLAND IS IT ON? ST. BARTS? ST. MARTIN? ANGUILLA?
UM...
AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN BY "CARIB-BEANNY"?
SEE, HERE'S WHAT'S GREAT— WE CAN FLY OR DRIVE THERE.


WE'RE GOING TO A CARIBBEAN RESORT 1,000 MILES FROM THE OCEAN?!
WELL, THE REAL OCEAN, SURE.
BUT WHAT THEY'VE DONE IS REPRODUCED THE ISLAND EXPERIENCE USING STATE-OF-THE-ART WATER-PARK TECHNOLOGY. YOU CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE!
PLUS, THIS OCEAN HAS CHLORINE!
THE THUMP YOU'RE ABOUT TO HEAR IS MY JAW HITTING THE FLOOR.
MINE DID THE SAME THING WHEN I FIRST READ THIS.

WE'RE GOING TO A CARIBBEAN-THEMED RESORT?!
DADDY, I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE SHRED OF CARIBBEAN WEAR IN MY WARDROBE!
AAAAAAAAAAAAA!
PAIGE SURE SOUNDS DISTRESSED.
THAT'S MOM SCREAMING.
AAAAA! DON'T GIVE HER YOUR VISA!
HOW MUCH CAN SHE SPEND ON BEACH CLOTHES?
DON'T WAIT UP.

CHECK OUT THESE SUNGLASSES I'M BRINGING ON VACATION!
DIGESTER
8-9
I'LL HAVE THE BEST EYE PROTECTION IN THE WHOLE RESORT!
THE LENSES ARE PAINTED BLACK.
HAVE YOU SEEN OUR SISTER'S SKIMPY NEW BIKINI?
YOU MAY BE ON TO SOMETHING HERE.
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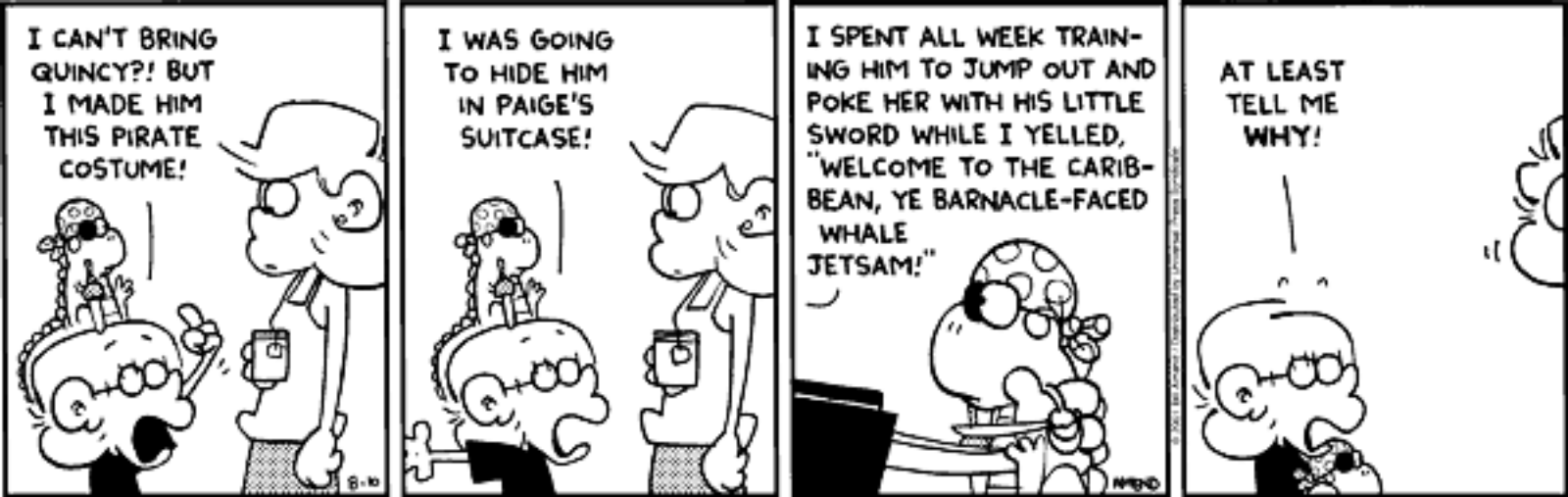
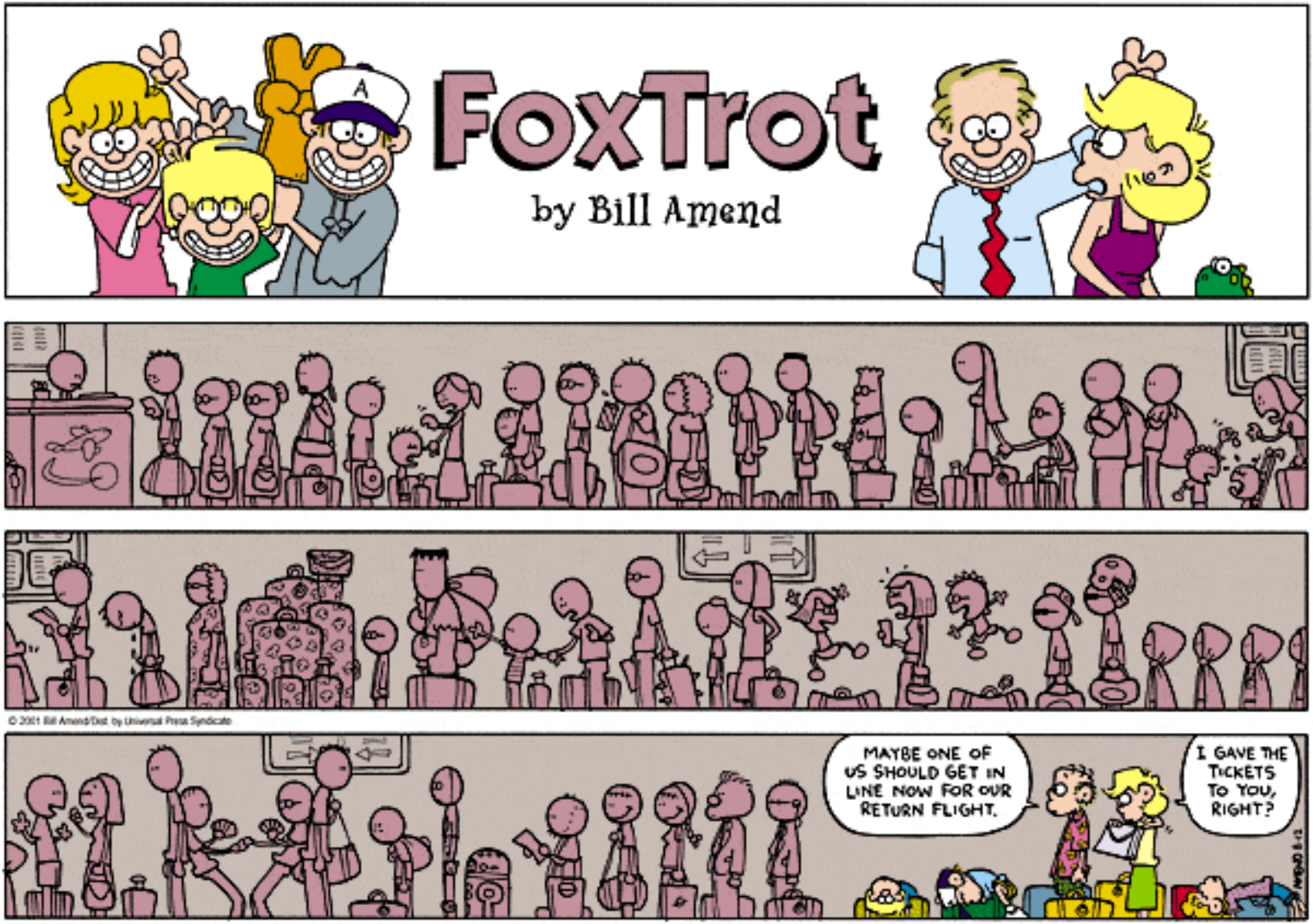

I CAN'T BRING QUINCY?! BUT I MADE HIM THIS PIRATE COSTUME!
I WAS GOING TO HIDE HIM IN PAIGE'S SUITCASE!
I SPENT ALL WEEK TRAINING HIM TO JUMP OUT AND POKE HER WITH HIS LITTLE SWORD WHILE I YELLED, "WELCOME TO THE CARIBBEAN, YE BARNACLE-FACED WHALE JETSAM!"
AT LEAST TELL ME WHY!

PETER, DO YOU HAVE ROOM IN YOUR SUITCASE FOR MY SANDALS? MINE'S FULL.
YEAH, PROBABLY.
PHEW.
I THOUGHT YOU MEANT ONE PAIR.
WE'RE GOING FOR A WHOLE WEEK, SILLY.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MAYBE ONE OF US SHOULD GET IN LINE NOW FOR OUR RETURN FLIGHT.
I GAVE THE TICKETS TO YOU, RIGHT?

HEY, MON. WELCAM TO DE ISLES OF FUN-FUN CARIBBEANNY RESORT.
HI. DO YOU HAVE A RESERVATION FOR FOX?
CHECK-IN
FOX... FOX... YA, MON. YOU BE WID US ALL WEEK, MON.
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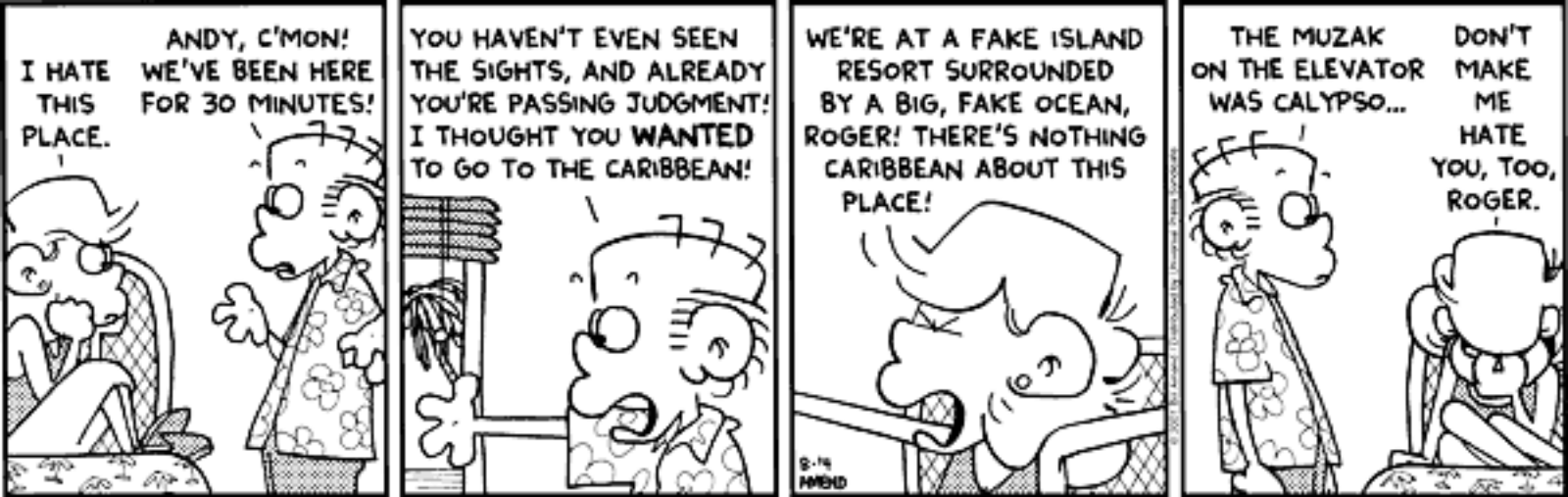
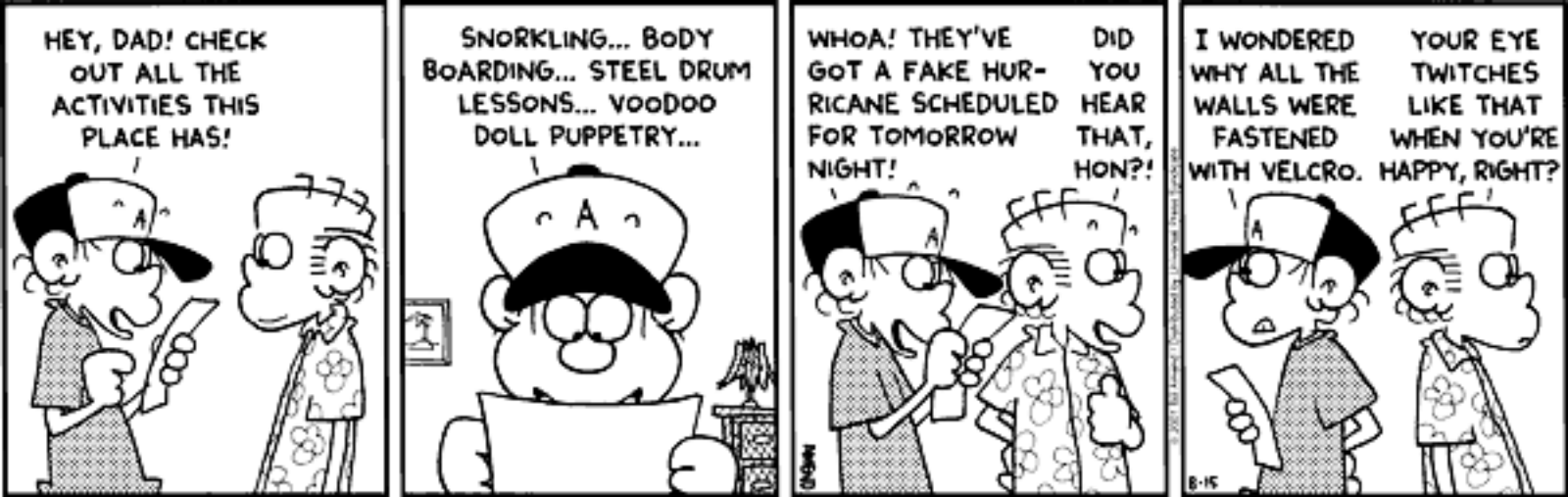
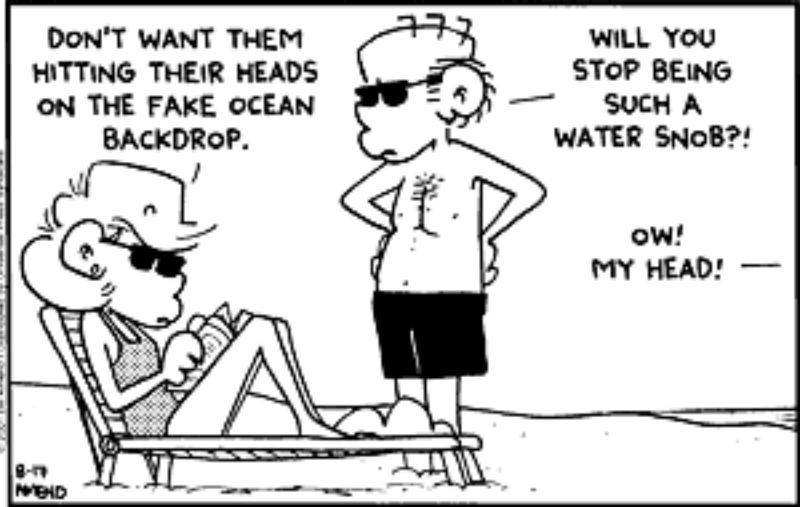
WHOA, MON! YOU GOT TREE KIDS AND TWO ADULTS IN DE LIMBO SUITE?!
I DIDN'T REQUEST THE LIMBO SUITE.
CHECK-IN
"HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?"
I MEANT PRICE, NOT CEILING HEIGHT!
LOOK AT THIS CUTE LITTLE DOOR, MOM!
CHECK-IN


I HATE THIS PLACE.
ANDY, C'MON! WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR 30 MINUTES!
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN THE SIGHTS, AND ALREADY YOU'RE PASSING JUDGMENT! I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO GO TO THE CARIBBEAN!
WE'RE AT A FAKE ISLAND RESORT SURROUNDED BY A BIG, FAKE OCEAN, ROGER! THERE'S NOTHING CARIBBEAN ABOUT THIS PLACE!
THE MUZAK ON THE ELEVATOR WAS CALYPSO...
DON'T MAKE ME HATE YOU, TOO, ROGER.


HEY, DAD! CHECK OUT ALL THE ACTIVITIES THIS PLACE HAS!
SNORKLING... BODY BOARDING... STEEL DRUM LESSONS... VOODOO DOLL PUPPETRY...
WHOA! THEY'VE GOT A FAKE HURRICANE SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW NIGHT!
DID YOU HEAR THAT, HON?!
I WONDERED WHY ALL THE WALLS WERE FASTENED WITH VELCRO.
YOUR EYE TWITCHES LIKE THAT WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY, RIGHT?
8-15

MOM, THIS PLACE IS GREAT! THEY GIVE YOU STUFF FOR FREE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
YOU JUST TELL THEM YOUR ROOM NUMBER AND YOU CAN HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT!
JASON, IT'S NOT FREE! THEY'RE JUST PUTTING IT ON OUR BILL!
8-16
OOPS.
WHY DIDN'T I PACK ASPIRIN?
GET SOME AT THE GIFT SHOP. EVERY-THING'S FREE.
ISLES OF FUN-FUN

BE CAREFUL NOT TO SWIM TOO FAR OUT, KIDS.


DON'T WANT THEM HITTING THEIR HEADS ON THE FAKE OCEAN BACKDROP.
WILL YOU STOP BEING SUCH A WATER SNOB?!
OW! MY HEAD!
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WHAT ARE YOU GONNA GET?
THE CHICKEN, JERK.
MENU
MENU
I MEAN, THE JERK CHICKEN.
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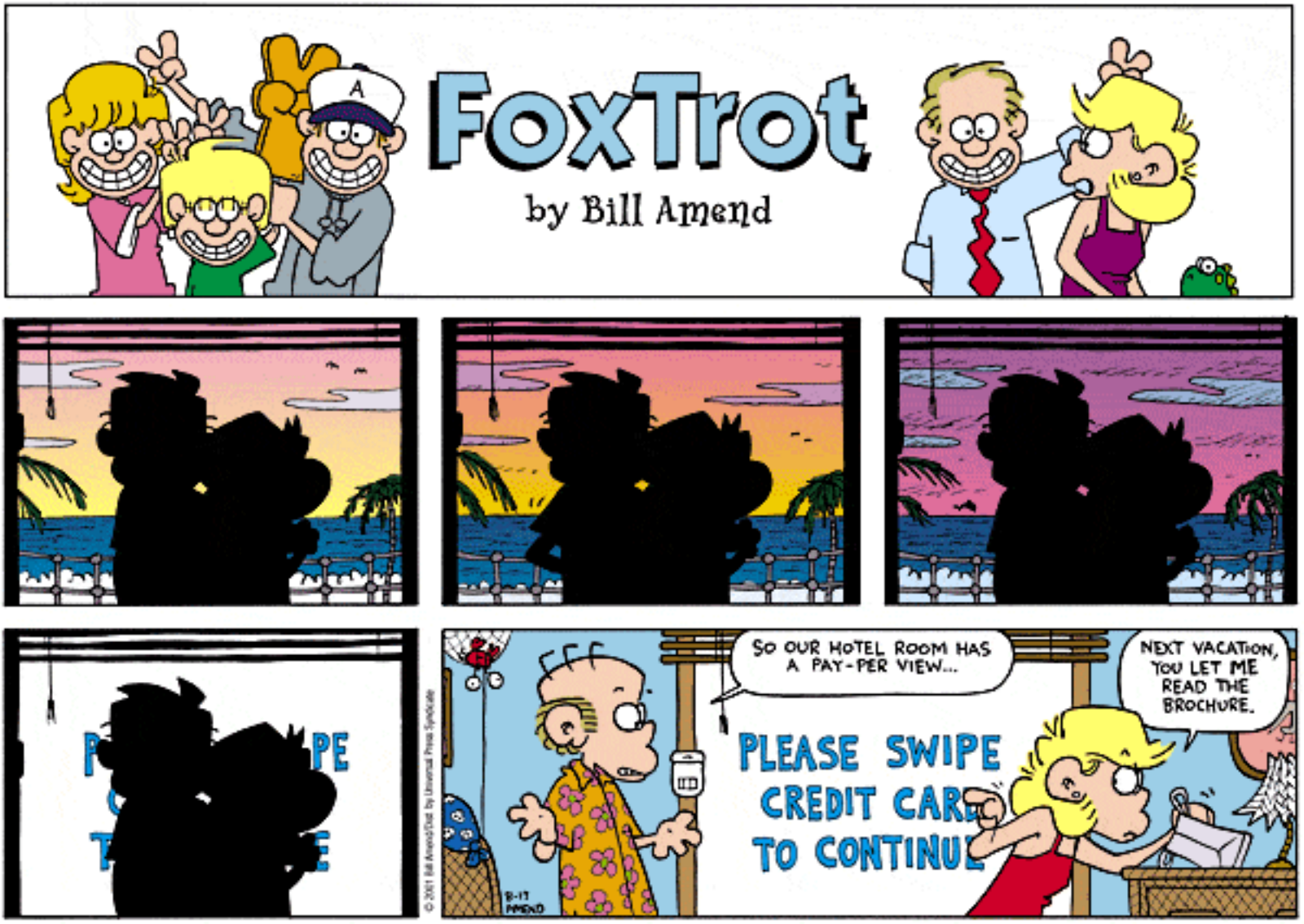
WAS SOME-ONE SITTING THERE?
JUST THE JERK BROTHER.
MENU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SO OUR HOTEL ROOM HAS A PAY-PER VIEW...
NEXT VACATION, YOU LET ME READ THE BROCHURE.
PLEASE SWIPE CREDIT CARD TO CONTINUE
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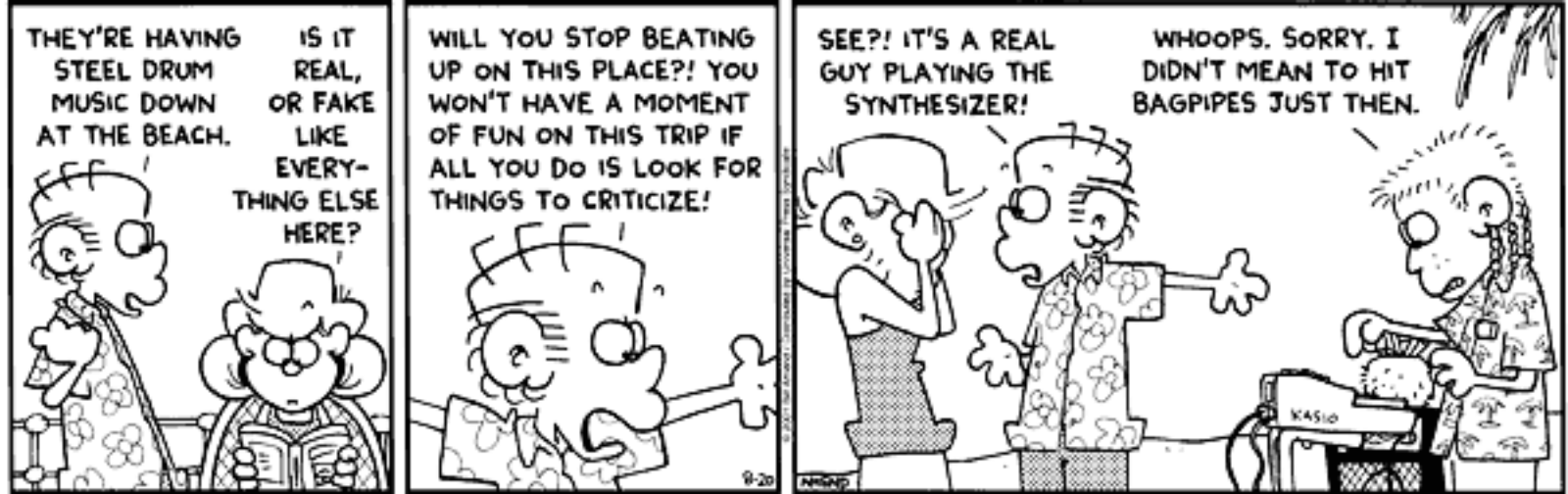
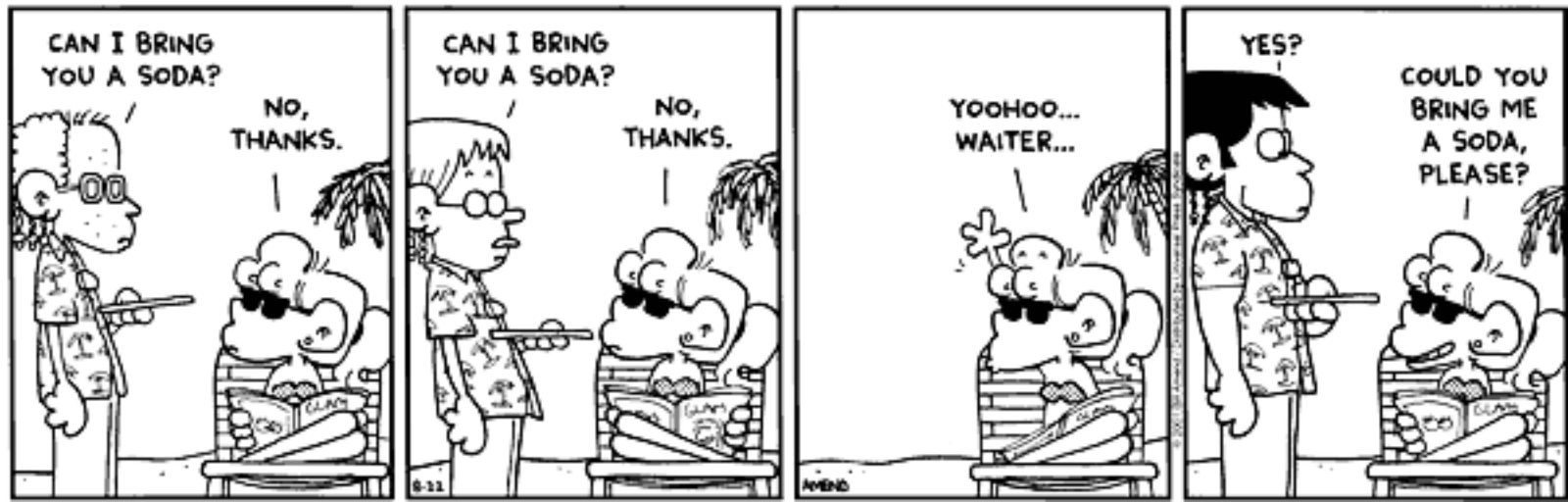
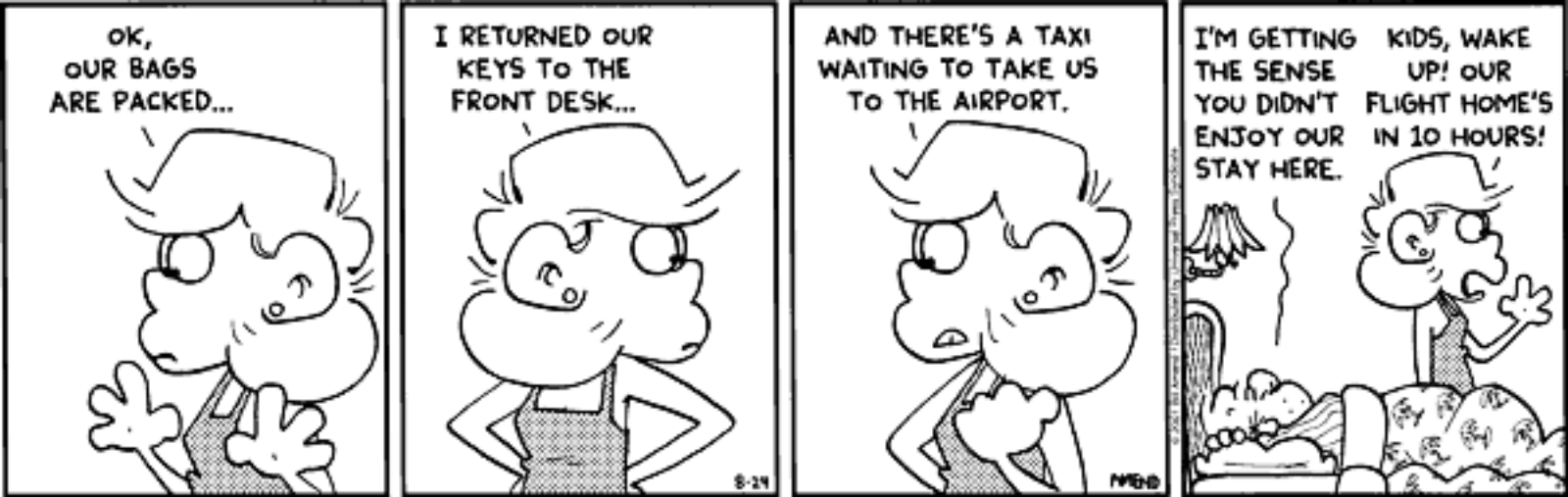

THEY'RE HAVING STEEL DRUM MUSIC DOWN AT THE BEACH.
IS IT REAL, OR FAKE LIKE EVERY-THING ELSE HERE?
WILL YOU STOP BEATING UP ON THIS PLACE?! YOU WON'T HAVE A MOMENT OF FUN ON THIS TRIP IF ALL YOU DO IS LOOK FOR THINGS TO CRITICIZE!
8-20
SEE?! IT'S A REAL GUY PLAYING THE SYNTHESIZER!
WHOOPS. SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIT BAGPIPES JUST THEN.
KASIO

HEY, PETER! WATCH ME STAND UP ON THIS BOOGIE BOARD!
WOOHOO! DO I HAVE MAD SKILLZ OR WHAT?!
MAYBE IF YOU DID IT IN THE WATER.
WOULDN'T IT TIP OVER THEN?


CAN I BRING YOU A SODA?
NO, THANKS.
CAN I BRING YOU A SODA?
NO, THANKS.
YOOHOO... WAITER...
YES?
COULD YOU BRING ME A SODA, PLEASE?

DAD, WILL YOU STOP SUCKING IN YOUR GUT?!
IS IT THAT OBVIOUS?
8-23


OK, OUR BAGS ARE PACKED...
I RETURNED OUR KEYS TO THE FRONT DESK...
8-24
AND THERE'S A TAXI WAITING TO TAKE US TO THE AIRPORT.
I'M GETTING THE SENSE YOU DIDN'T ENJOY OUR STAY HERE.
KIDS, WAKE UP! OUR FLIGHT HOME'S IN 10 HOURS!

I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, ROGER.
THE KIDS HAD A GREAT TIME ON THIS VACATION, AND IT WAS SELFISH OF ME TO COMPLAIN AND WHINE, NO MATTER HOW MISERABLE I WAS.
YES, I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY BIG-TIME.
THANK YOU.
NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU OWE ME AFTER THIS VACATION...

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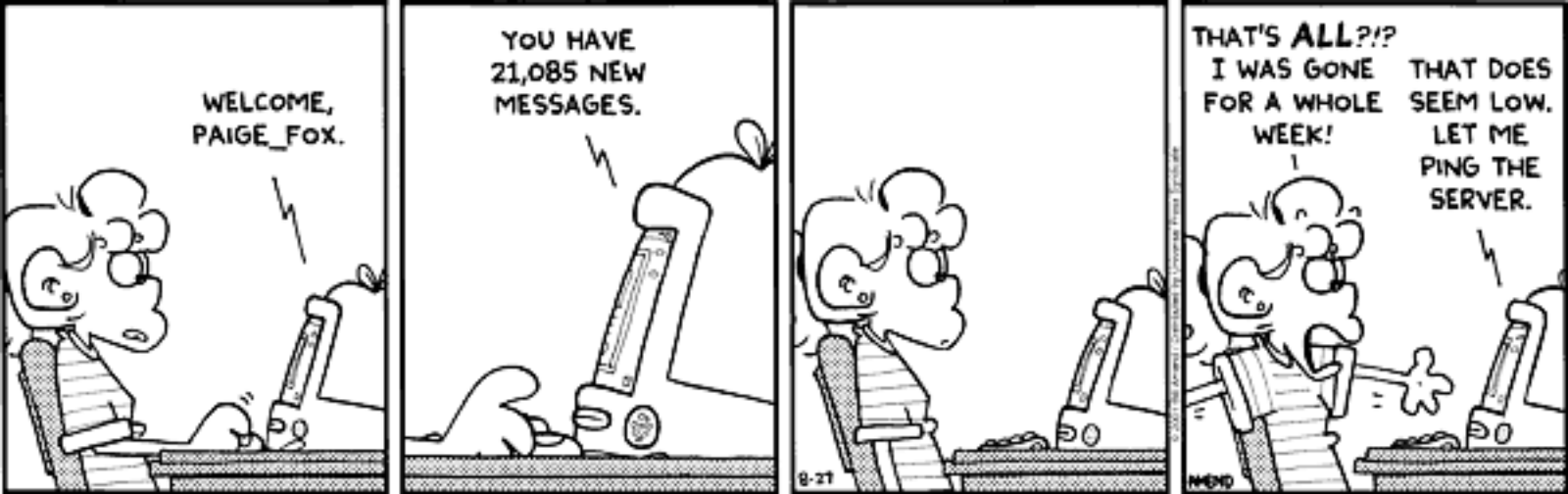
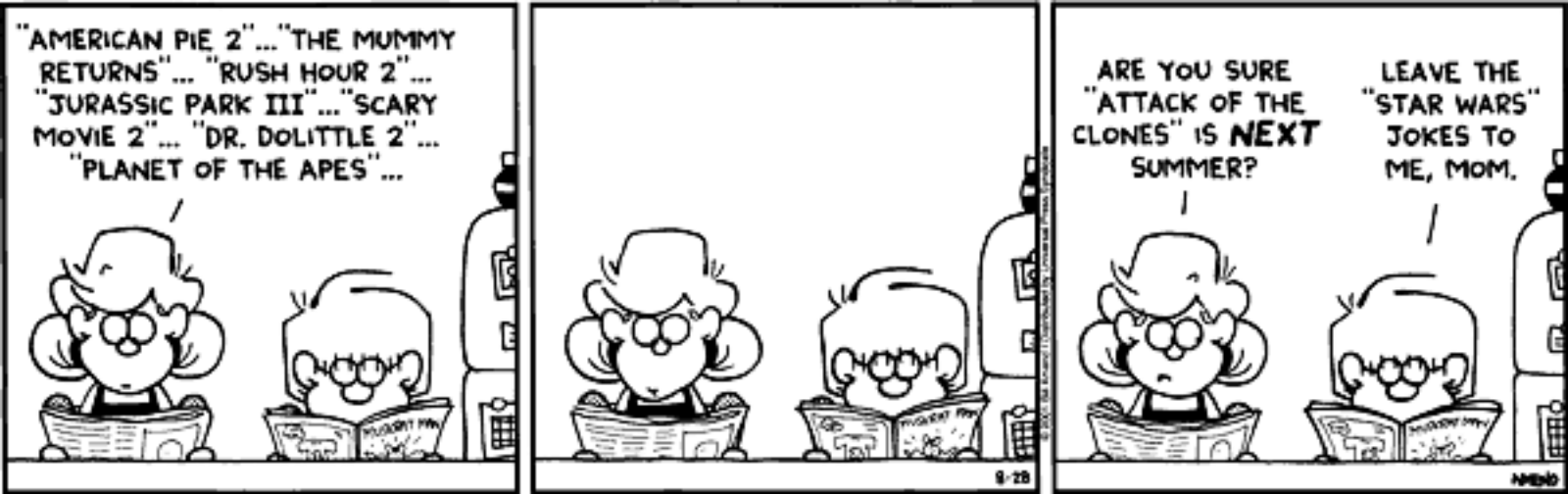
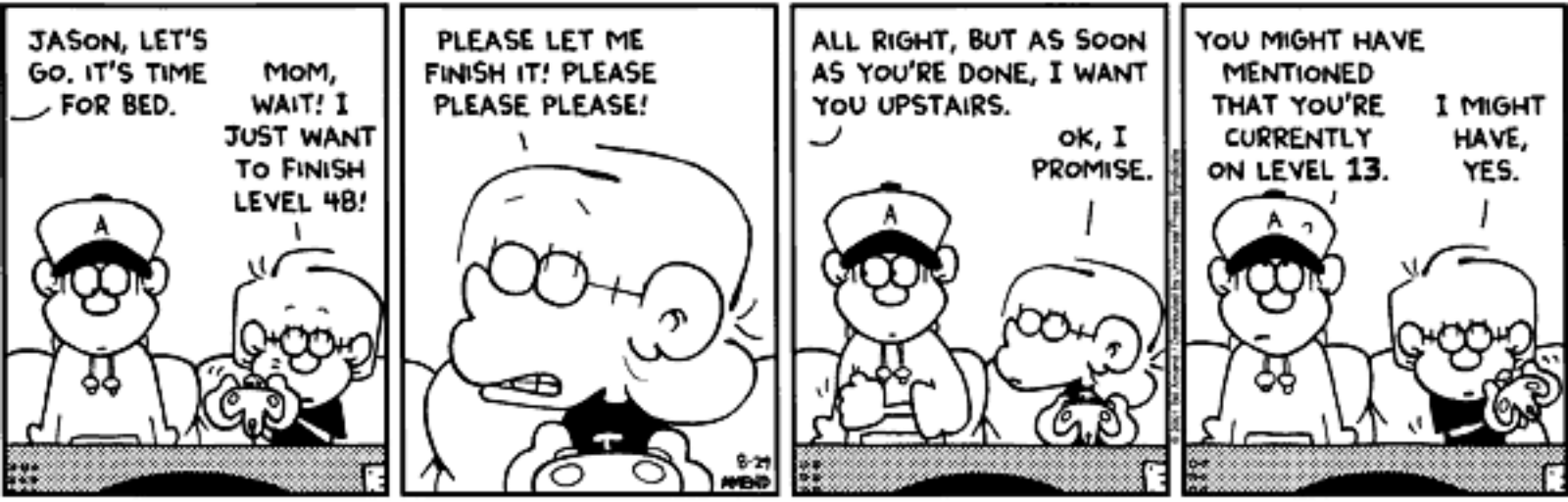
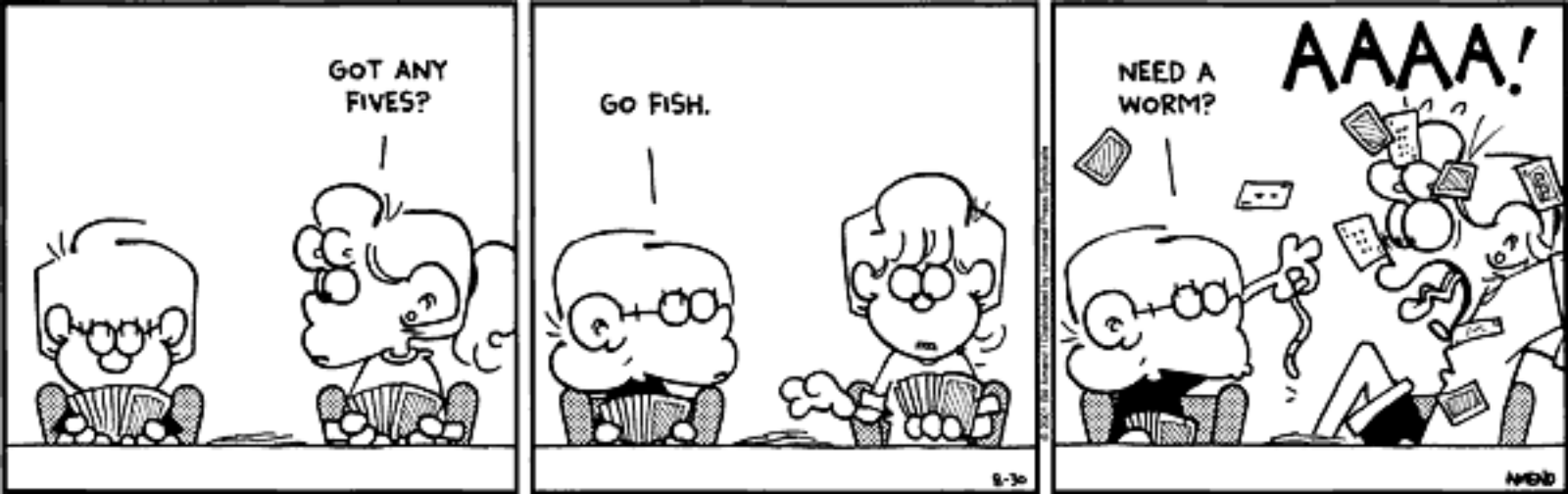
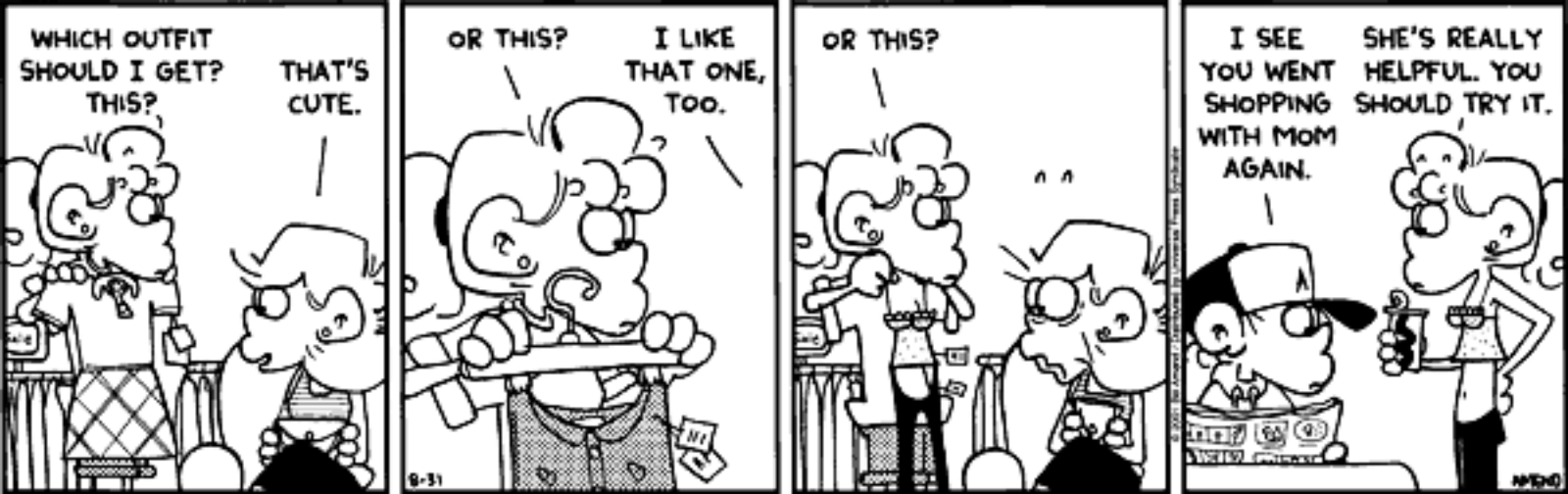
CAN YOU SAY "LUNCHBOX"?!
OH, MAN — GOOD CALL!
BE SURE TO SAVE THE RECEIPT, BOYS.
NO, WE DO NOT HAVE PLATONIUM


WELCOME, PAIGE_FOX.
YOU HAVE 21,085 NEW MESSAGES.
8-27
THAT'S ALL?!? I WAS GONE FOR A WHOLE WEEK!
THAT DOES SEEM LOW. LET ME PING THE SERVER.
NAEND


"AMERICAN PIE 2"... "THE MUMMY RETURNS"... "RUSH HOUR 2"... "JURASSIC PARK III"... "SCARY MOVIE 2"... "DR. DOLITTLE 2"... "PLANET OF THE APES"...
9-28
ARE YOU SURE "ATTACK OF THE CLONES" IS NEXT SUMMER?
LEAVE THE "STAR WARS" JOKES TO ME, MOM.


JASON, LET'S GO. IT'S TIME FOR BED.
MOM, WAIT! I JUST WANT TO FINISH LEVEL 48!
PLEASE LET ME FINISH IT! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE!
ALL RIGHT, BUT AS SOON AS YOU'RE DONE, I WANT YOU UPSTAIRS.
OK, I PROMISE.
YOU MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED THAT YOU'RE CURRENTLY ON LEVEL 13.
I MIGHT HAVE, YES.


GOT ANY FIVES?
GO FISH.
NEED A WORM?
AAAA!


WHICH OUTFIT SHOULD I GET? THIS?
THAT'S CUTE.
OR THIS?
I LIKE THAT ONE, TOO.
8-31
OR THIS?
I SEE YOU WENT SHOPPING WITH MOM AGAIN.
SHE'S REALLY HELPFUL. YOU SHOULD TRY IT.

THEY SAY YOU CAN TELL THE SEASONS BY THE CONSTELLATIONS.
BUT HERE WE ARE ABOUT TO GO INTO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, AND I DON'T SEE ANYTHING SUGGESTING THAT.
IMAGINE THE BIG DIPPER FILLED WITH CAFETERIA GLOP.
URPA MAJOR. OK, THAT WORKS.

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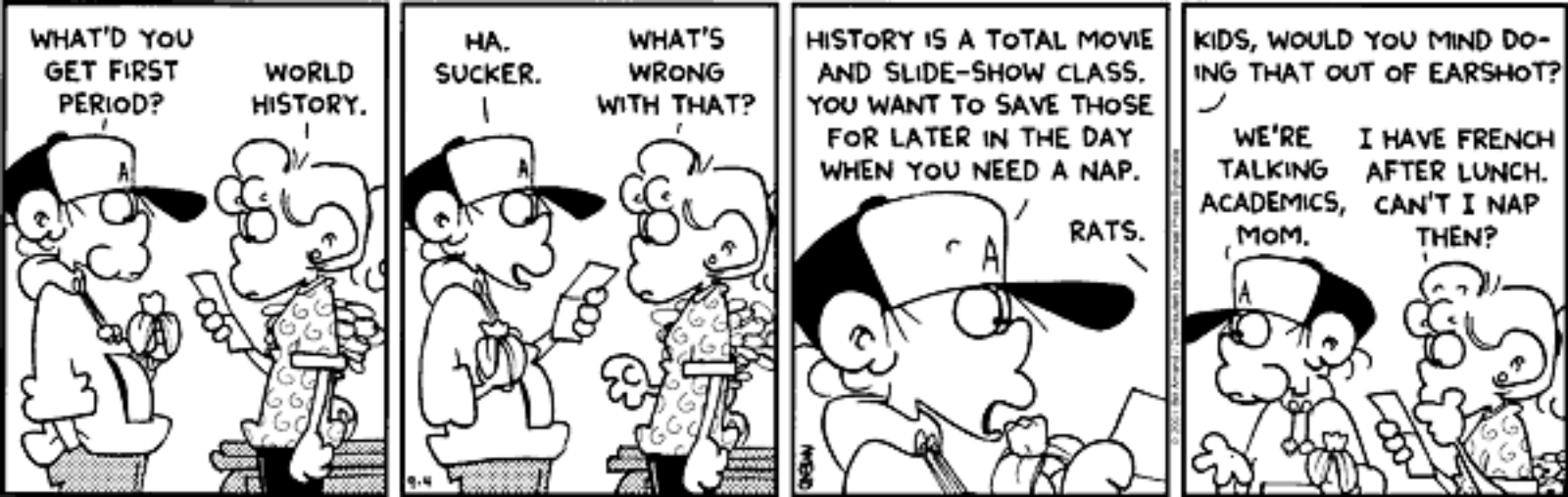
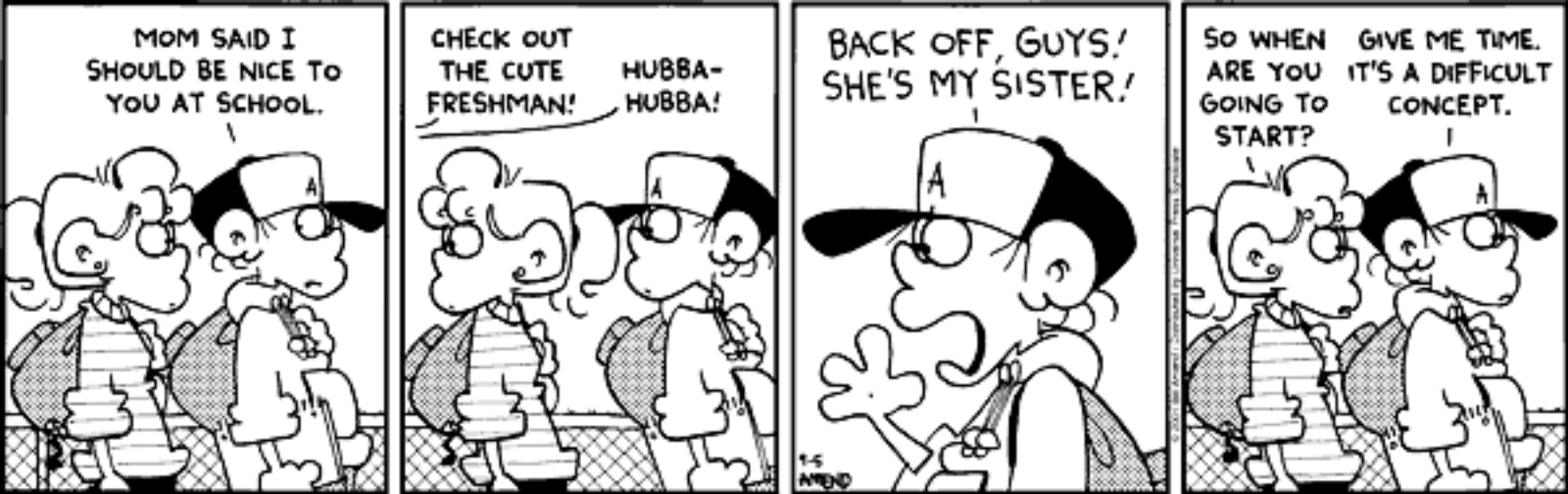
TOMORROW IS PAIGE'S FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL.
I KNOW.
SHE'S GOING TO BE A FRESHMAN, AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE A JUNIOR. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
ABSOLUTELY. NOW I GET TO TORMENT HER AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL.
IT MEANS I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO WATCH OUT FOR HER.
NO ONE TORMENTS HER BUT ME. GOT IT.

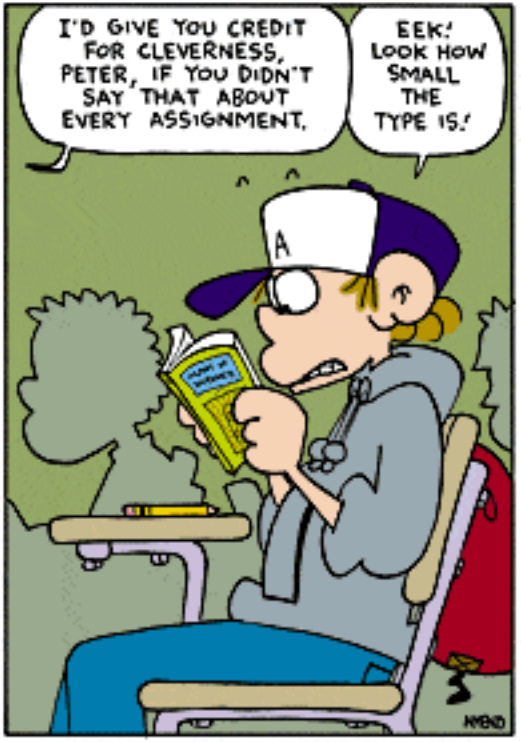

WHAT'D YOU GET FIRST PERIOD?
WORLD HISTORY.
HA. SUCKER.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
HISTORY IS A TOTAL MOVIE AND SLIDE-SHOW CLASS. YOU WANT TO SAVE THOSE FOR LATER IN THE DAY WHEN YOU NEED A NAP.
RATS.
KIDS, WOULD YOU MIND DOING THAT OUT OF EARSHOT?
WE'RE TALKING ACADEMICS, MOM.
I HAVE FRENCH AFTER LUNCH. CAN'T I NAP THEN?


MOM SAID I SHOULD BE NICE TO YOU AT SCHOOL.
CHECK OUT THE CUTE FRESHMAN!
HUBBA-HUBBA!
BACK OFF, GUYS! SHE'S MY SISTER!
SO WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START?
GIVE ME TIME. IT'S A DIFFICULT CONCEPT.

PAIGE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WRITING MY LOCKER COMBINATION ON MY HAND.
A TYPICAL NEWBIE FRESHMAN MISTAKE. AS SOON AS YOU PICK UP A BAR OF SOAP, YOU'RE DEAD. YOU NEED TO WRITE IT ON SOMETHING THAT NEVER GETS WASHED.
CAN I WRITE IT ON YOUR SWEATSHIRT, THEN?
HA HA.
THAT'S WHERE ALL OF MY IMPORTANT INFO GOES.
SO THAT'S NOT THE CHEM LAB I SMELL?

YOU GOT A CAFETERIA LUNCH??
YEAH, SO?
PAIGE, YOU ARE SUCH THE CLUELESS FRESHMAN. TRUST ME, THERE'S NOTHING MORE INEDIBLE THAN THE FOOD THIS SCHOOL SERVES.
EXCEPT MAYBE THE PEANUT BUTTER AND TOFU SANDWICHES MOM PACKED US TODAY.
I THOUGHT THOSE WERE MARSHMALLOWS.
OK, BUT YOU'RE STILL A FRESHMAN.
FRESH-CHICK.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH HOMEWORK THEY GIVE OUT IN HIGH SCHOOL!
IT'S INSANE! IT'S CRAZY! IT'S MAD!
9-9
YOUR BROTHER PETER ALWAYS CLAIMS HE HAS NO HOMEWORK. INTERESTING.
PETER, GET IN HERE!
I THINK I'LL LIKE BEING A FRESHMAN.
CAN I HAVE MY BOOKS BACK NOW?



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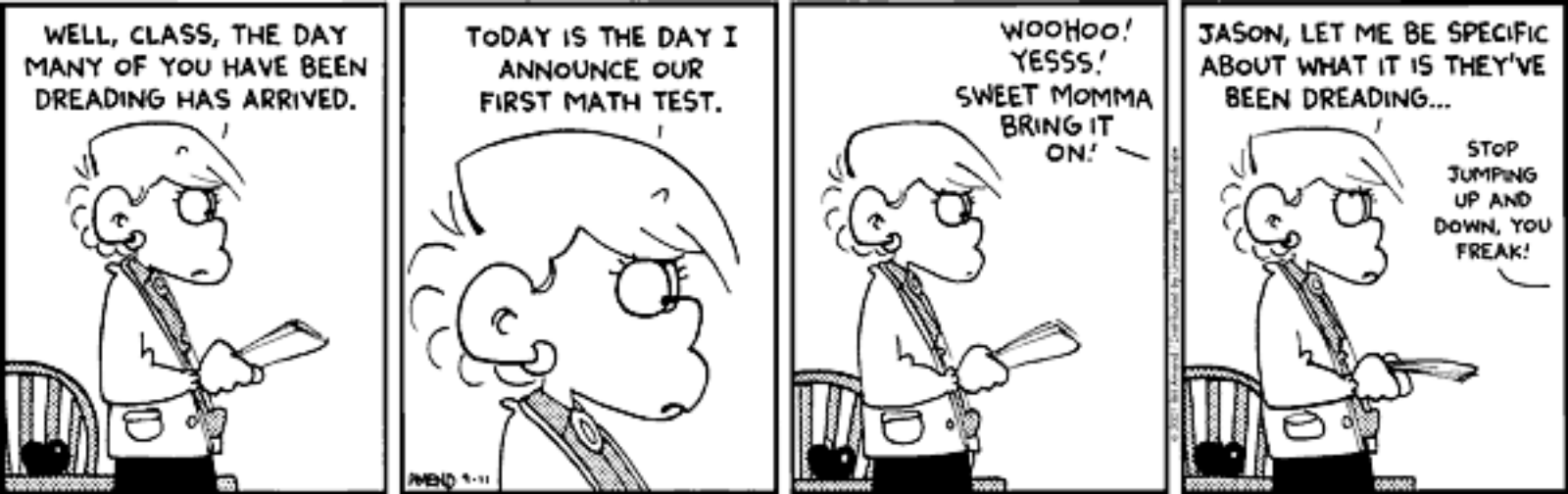
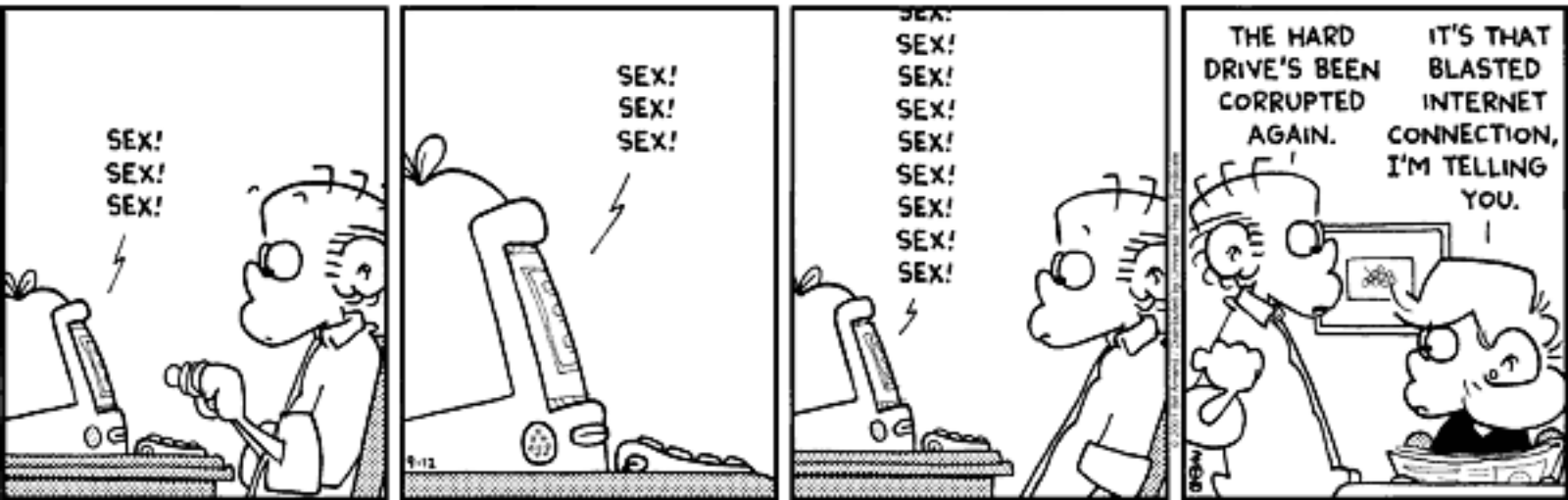
AARGH!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
IT'S THE SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL AND I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN MY LOCKER COMBINATION!
I FEEL LIKE THE STUPIDEST FRESHMAN IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW!
YOU SHOULDN'T.
REALLY?
YOU SHOULD WAIT FOR ME TO TELL YOU YOUR LOCKER IS OVER THERE.


WELL, CLASS, THE DAY MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN DREADING HAS ARRIVED.
TODAY IS THE DAY I ANNOUNCE OUR FIRST MATH TEST.
WOOHOO! YESSS! SWEET MOMMA BRING IT ON!
JASON, LET ME BE SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT IT IS THEY'VE BEEN DREADING...
STOP JUMPING UP AND DOWN, YOU FREAK!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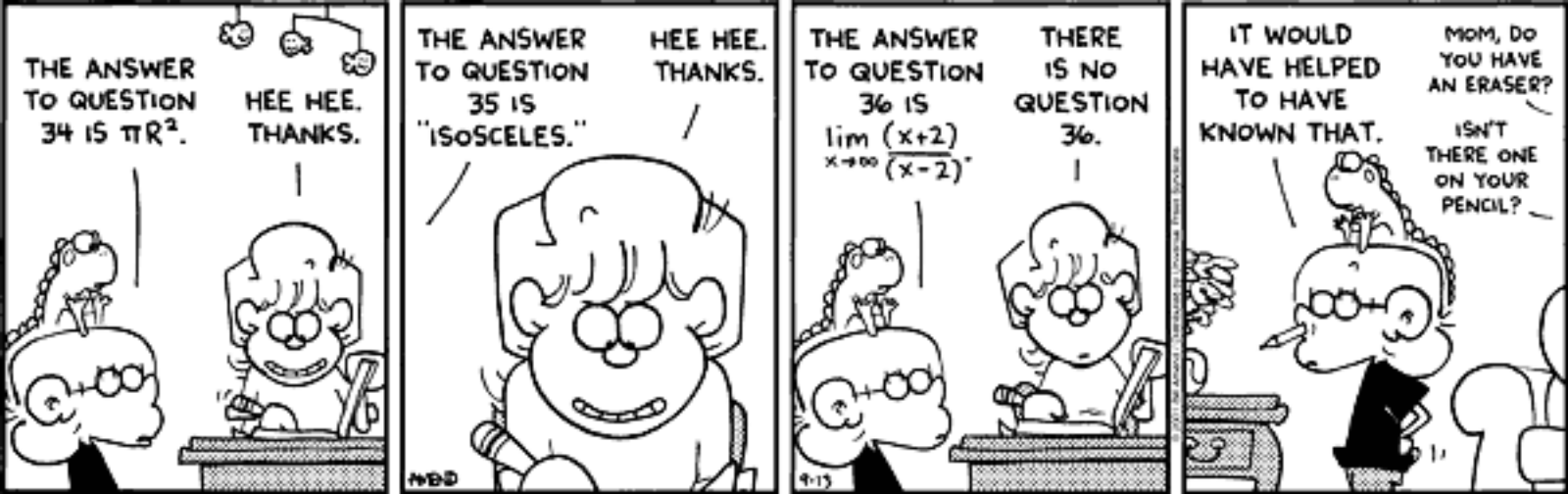
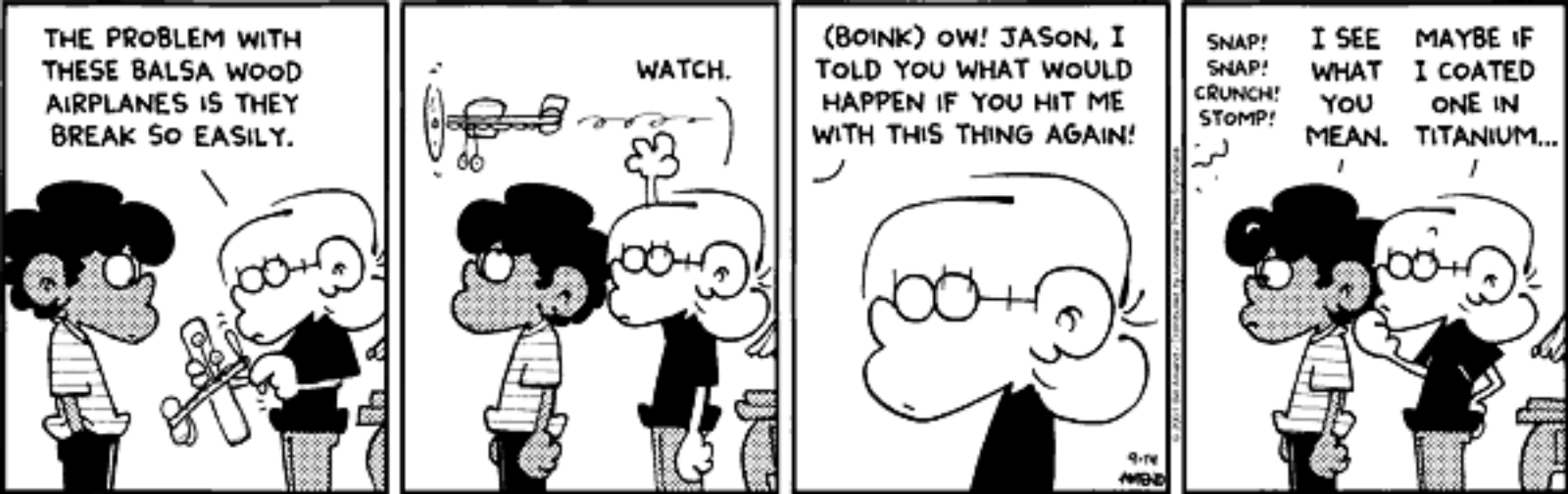
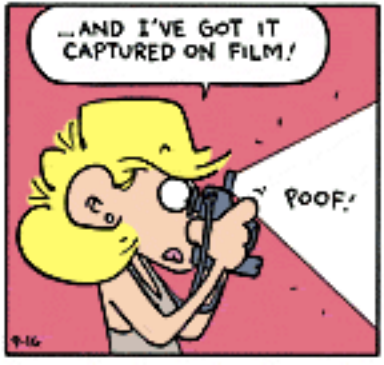
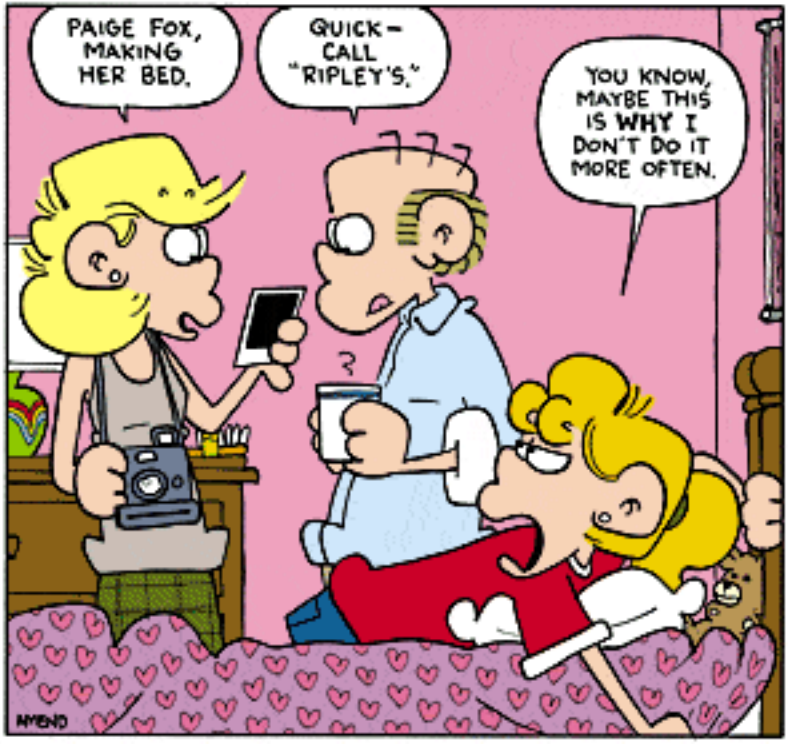
THE HARD DRIVE'S BEEN CORRUPTED AGAIN.
IT'S THAT BLASTED INTERNET CONNECTION, I'M TELLING YOU.


THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 34 IS πR^2.
HEE HEE. THANKS.
THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 35 IS "ISOSCELES."
HEE HEE. THANKS.
THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 36 IS $\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{(x+2)}{(x-2)}$.
THERE IS NO QUESTION 36.
IT WOULD HAVE HELPED TO HAVE KNOWN THAT.
MOM, DO YOU HAVE AN ERASER?
ISN'T THERE ONE ON YOUR PENCIL?


THE PROBLEM WITH THESE BALSA WOOD AIRPLANES IS THEY BREAK SO EASILY.
WATCH.
(BOINK) OW! JASON, I TOLD YOU WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU HIT ME WITH THIS THING AGAIN!
SNAP! SNAP! CRUNCH! STOMP!
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.
MAYBE IF I COATED ONE IN TITANIUM...

MMM...BUTTERY FRIED EGGS...
WITH CHEWY STRIPS OF BACON...
HASH BROWNS... TOAST... ALL THE SALT I WANT...
DAD, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO STOP DREAMING ONCE YOU GET OUT OF BED.
HUMOR ME, OK?
ROGER, EAT UP! YOUR WHEATMEAL'S GETTING COLD!





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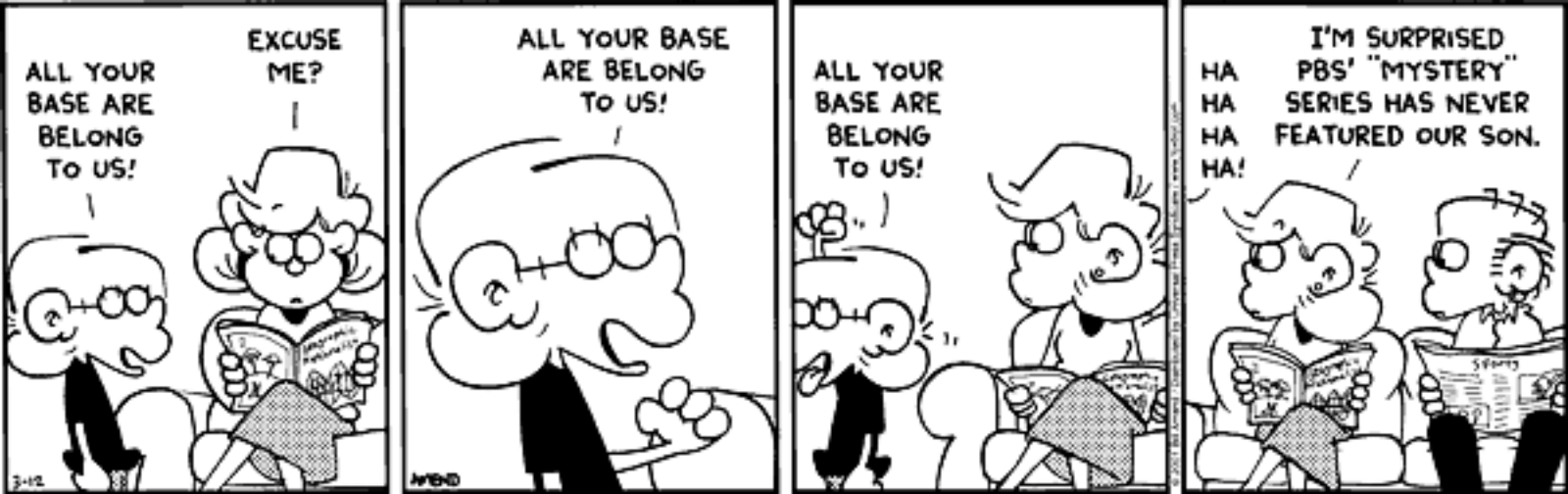
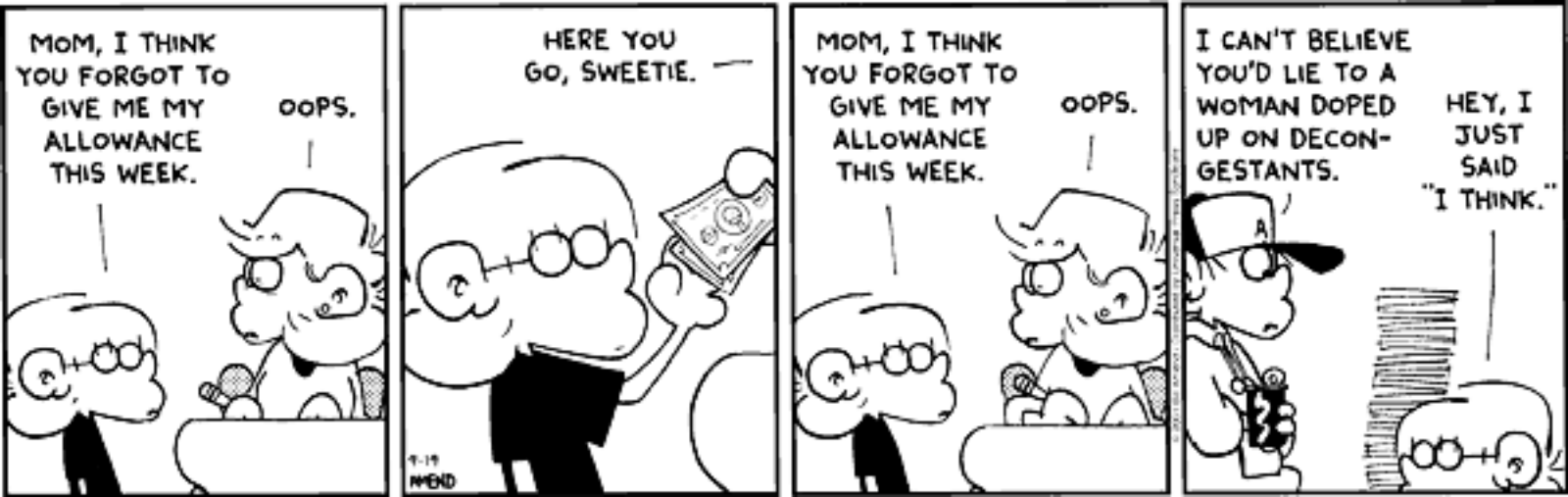
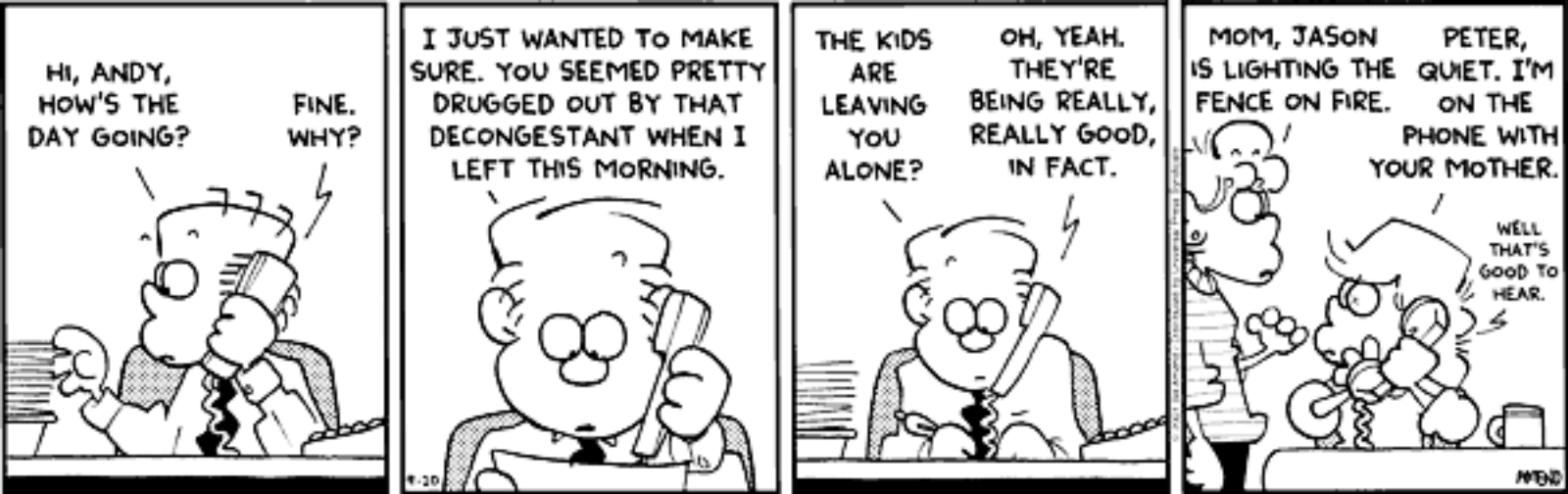
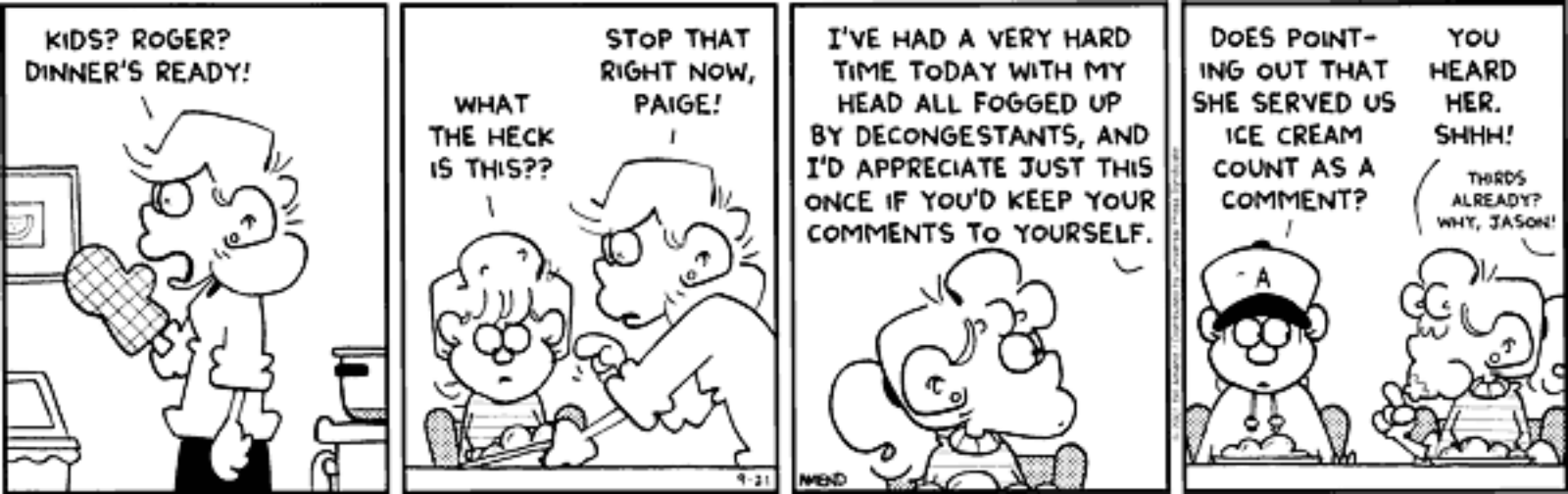
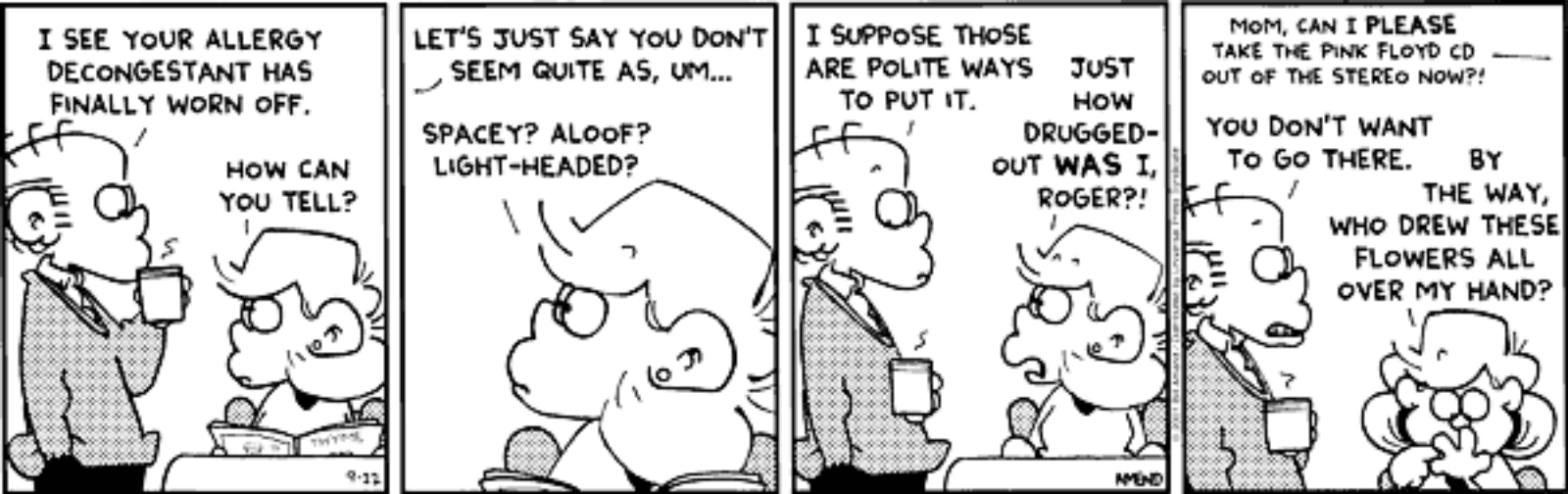
UGGH.
WHAT'S WRONG?
I TOOK AN ALLERGY DECONGESTANT AND IT'S TURNED ME INTO A BRAIN-DEAD ZOMBIE.
WHEN WILL IT WEAR OFF?
IN TWELVE DAYS. I MEAN MINUTES. I MEAN WEEKS.
NOT SOON ENOUGH, BASICALLY.
YOU KNOW, 12 WHATCHA-MACALLITS.
AMEND

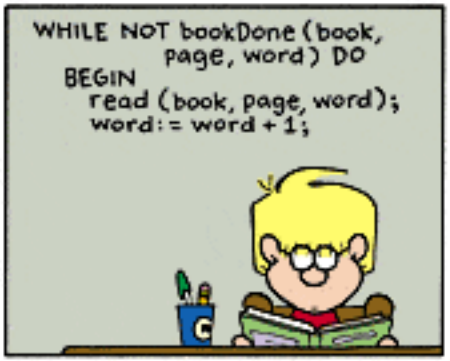

ALL YOUR BASE ARE BELONG TO US!
EXCUSE ME?
ALL YOUR BASE ARE BELONG TO US!
ALL YOUR BASE ARE BELONG TO US!
HA HA HA HA!
I'M SURPRISED PBS' "MYSTERY" SERIES HAS NEVER FEATURED OUR SON.

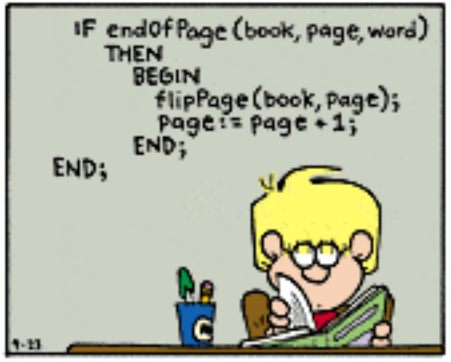

MOM, I THINK YOU FORGOT TO GIVE ME MY ALLOWANCE THIS WEEK.
OOPS.
HERE YOU GO, SWEETIE.
9-19
MEND
MOM, I THINK YOU FORGOT TO GIVE ME MY ALLOWANCE THIS WEEK.
OOPS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D LIE TO A WOMAN DOPED UP ON DECON-GESTANTS.
HEY, I JUST SAID "I THINK."

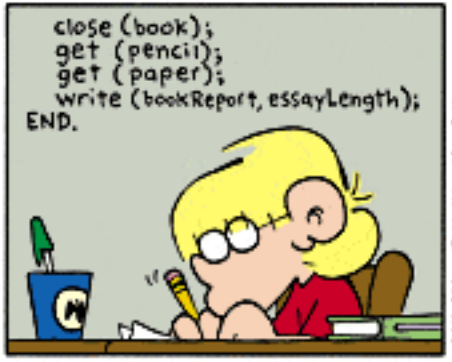

HI, ANDY, HOW'S THE DAY GOING?
FINE. WHY?
I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE. YOU SEEMED PRETTY DRUGGED OUT BY THAT DECONGESTANT WHEN I LEFT THIS MORNING.
THE KIDS ARE LEAVING YOU ALONE?
OH, YEAH. THEY'RE BEING REALLY, REALLY GOOD, IN FACT.
MOM, JASON IS LIGHTING THE FENCE ON FIRE.
PETER, QUIET. I'M ON THE PHONE WITH YOUR MOTHER.
WELL THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.


KIDS? ROGER? DINNER'S READY!
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS??
STOP THAT RIGHT NOW, PAIGE!
9-21
I'VE HAD A VERY HARD TIME TODAY WITH MY HEAD ALL FOGGED UP BY DECONGESTANTS, AND I'D APPRECIATE JUST THIS ONCE IF YOU'D KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO YOURSELF.
MEND
DOES POINTING OUT THAT SHE SERVED US ICE CREAM COUNT AS A COMMENT?
YOU HEARD HER. SHHH!
THIRDS ALREADY? WHY, JASON!


I SEE YOUR ALLERGY DECONGESTANT HAS FINALLY WORN OFF.
HOW CAN YOU TELL?
9-22
LET'S JUST SAY YOU DON'T SEEM QUITE AS, UM...
SPACEY? ALOOF? LIGHT-HEADED?
I SUPPOSE THOSE ARE POLITE WAYS TO PUT IT.
JUST HOW DRUGGED-OUT WAS I, ROGER?!
MOM, CAN I PLEASE TAKE THE PINK FLOYD CD OUT OF THE STEREO NOW?!
YOU DON'T WANT TO GO THERE.
BY THE WAY, WHO DREW THESE FLOWERS ALL OVER MY HAND?







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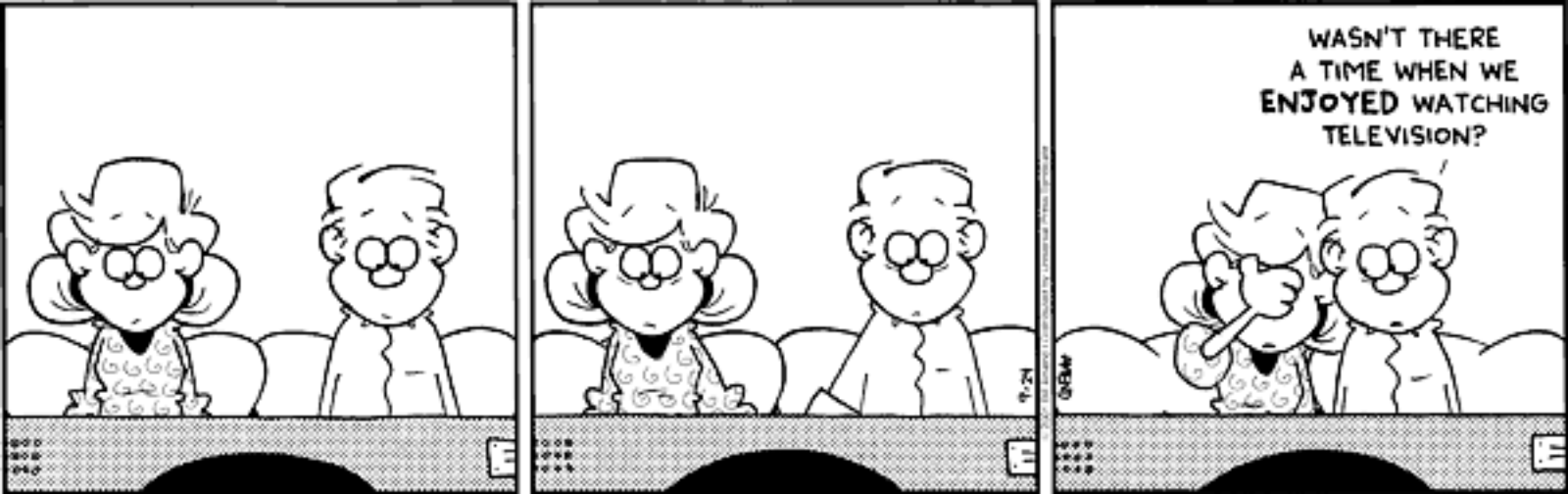
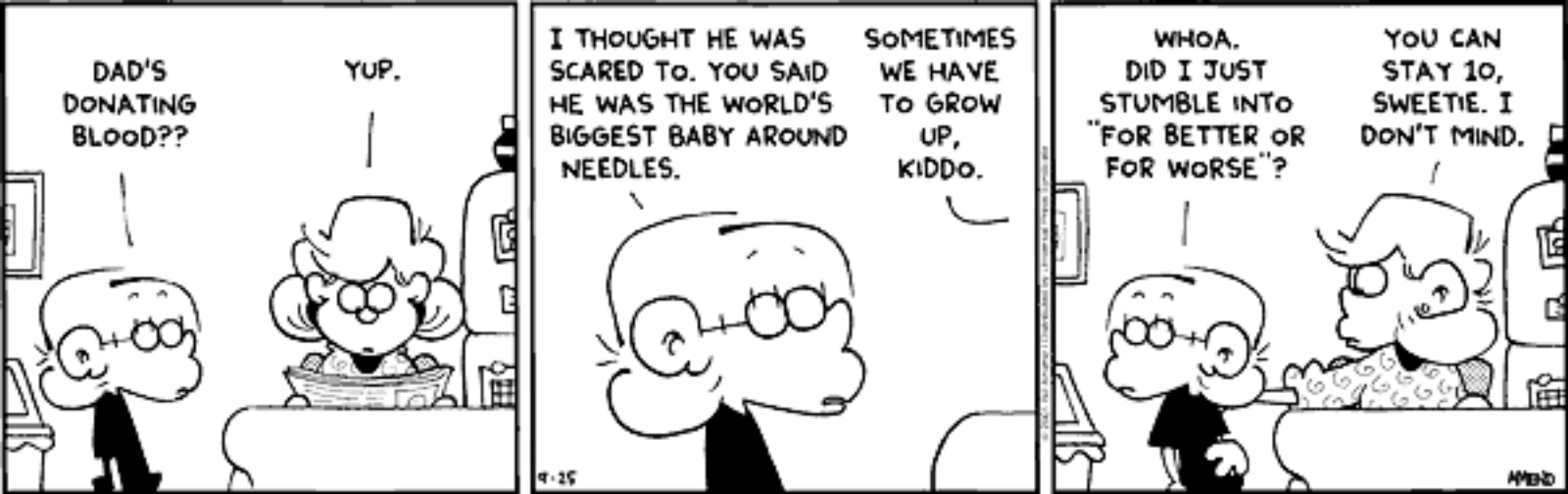

WASN'T THERE A TIME WHEN WE ENJOYED WATCHING TELEVISION?


DAD'S DONATING BLOOD??
YUP.
I THOUGHT HE WAS SCARED TO. YOU SAID HE WAS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BABY AROUND NEEDLES.
SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO GROW UP, KIDDO.
WHOA. DID I JUST STUMBLE INTO "FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE"?
YOU CAN STAY 10, SWEETIE. I DON'T MIND.

DID YOU REALLY DONATE BLOOD?
I DID.
DIDN'T IT HURT?
A LITTLE.
AND YOU DID IT ANYWAY?
I FIGURED DOING NOTHING WOULD HURT A LOT MORE.

I DUNNO. GIVING BLOOD JUST SOUNDS SO SCARY. SO PAINFUL. SO WEIRD.
IT REALLY WASN'T BAD AT ALL.
PLUS, THE PLACE I WENT HAD BIG PLATES OF FREE COOKIES.
4-27
HEY, I WANT TO DONATE BLOOD!
IN A FEW YEARS YOU CAN, PAIGE.
DON'T THEY SCREEN FOR COOTIES, THOUGH?

FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, DAD'S ALWAYS BEEN AFRAID OF SHOTS AND NEEDLES.
9-28
AND YET HE WENT OUT AND DONATED BLOOD THIS WEEK ANYWAY.
WOULD I BE TOO BIG A GEEK IF I WENT AND TOLD HIM I WAS PROUD OF HIM?
THIS FROM A KID WHO WEARS BOBA FETT UNDERPANTS.
MEND

DAD, THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF STORIES OF BIG ACTS OF INCREDIBLE AND BRAVE HEROISM LATELY.
AND I KNOW YOUR GIVING BLOOD IS PRETTY SMALL IN COMPARISON TO A LOT OF WHAT'S BEEN DONE.
9-27
BUT I THINK EVEN LITTLE HEROES DESERVE HUGS.
THANKS, BIG GUY.
NHEND

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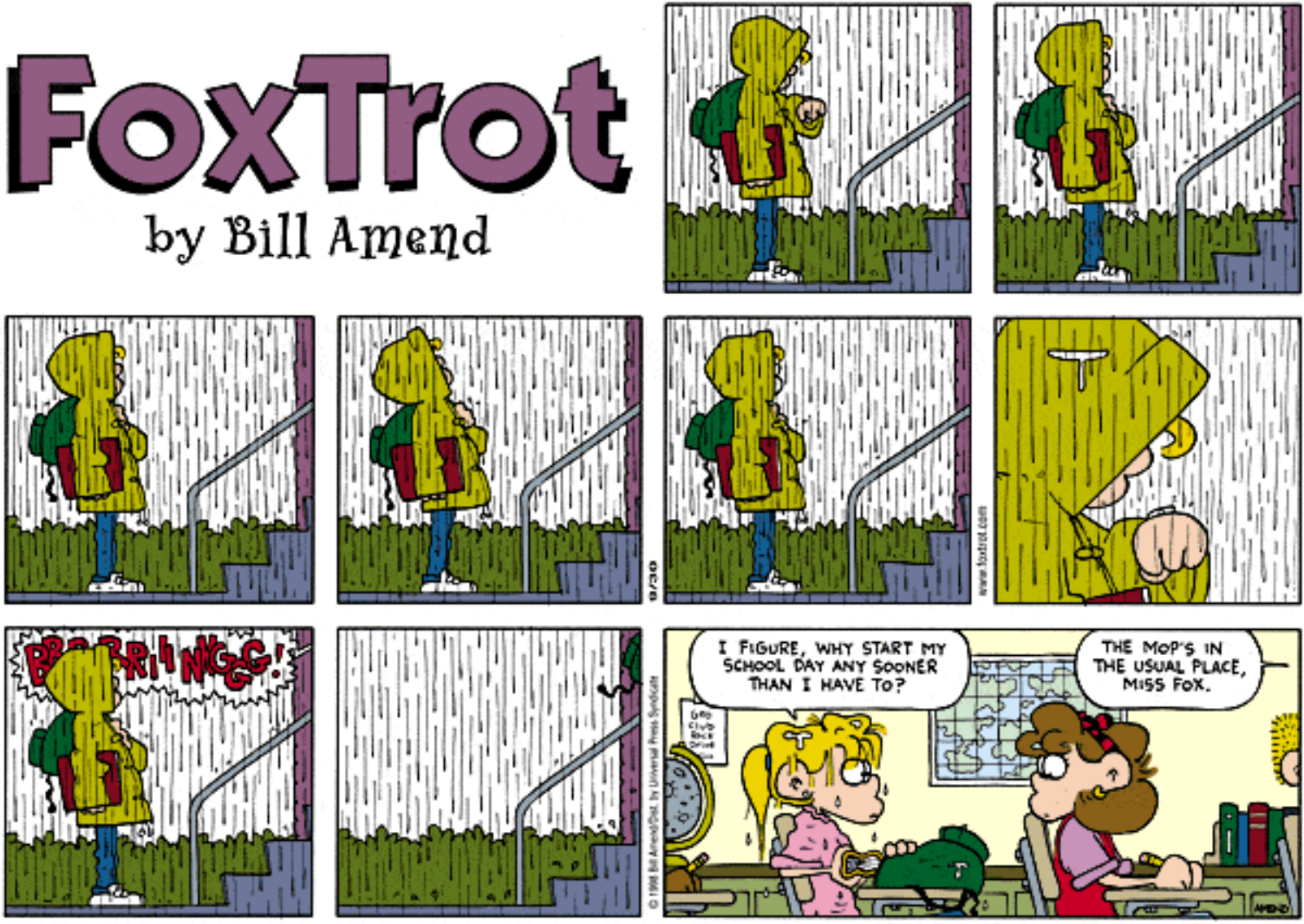

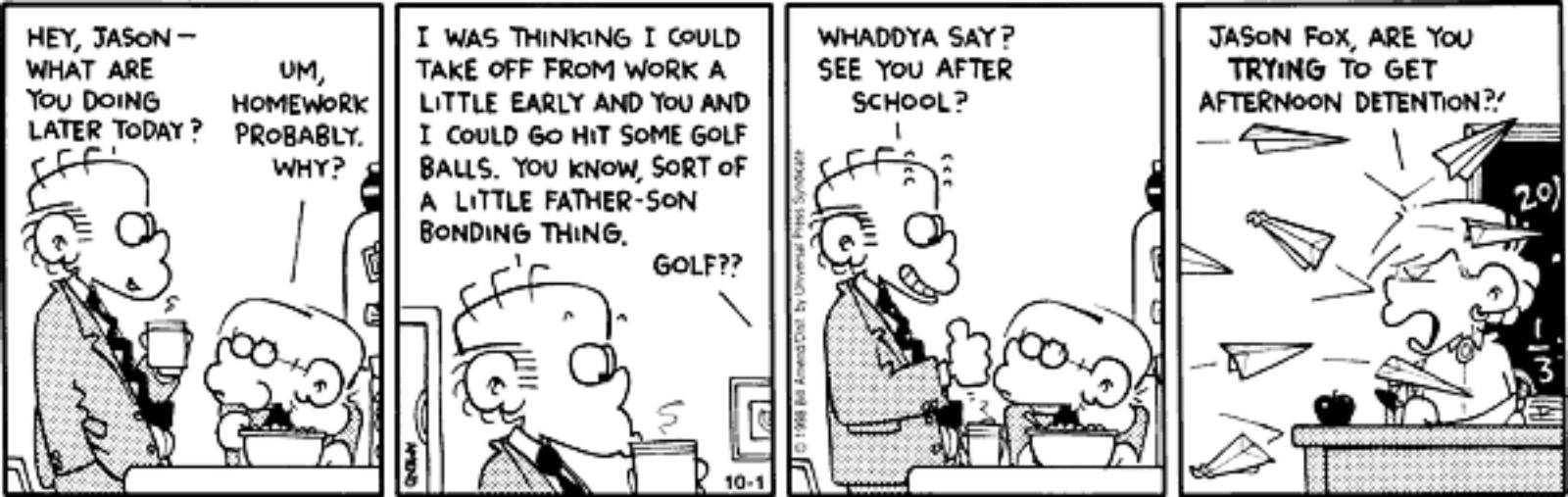
HEY, JASON — WHAT ARE YOU DOING LATER TODAY?
UM, HOMEWORK PROBABLY. WHY?
I WAS THINKING I COULD TAKE OFF FROM WORK A LITTLE EARLY AND YOU AND I COULD GO HIT SOME GOLF BALLS. YOU KNOW, SORT OF A LITTLE FATHER-SON BONDING THING.
GOLF??
10-1
WHADDYA SAY? SEE YOU AFTER SCHOOL?
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JASON FOX, ARE YOU TRYING TO GET AFTERNOON DETENTION?!

HEY, DAD, WHY DO YOU HAVE A BIG FURRY SOCK OVER THIS ONE CLUB?
THAT, JASON, IS YOUR FATHER'S NEW BIG BETTY BUBBLE-FORGED TITANIUM DRIVER.
I JUST BOUGHT IT LAST WEEK. AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, A CLUB LIKE THIS COSTS LOTS AND LOTS AND LOTS OF MONEY.
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HENCE THE COVER.
10-2
TO KEEP IT PROTECTED?
TO KEEP IT HIDDEN FROM YOUR MOTHER.

THERE ARE, LIKE, 14 CLUBS IN HERE. HOW DO YOU KNOW WHICH ONE TO USE?
IT DEPENDS.
GENERALLY, THE LONGER THE CLUB, THE FARTHER YOU CAN HIT THE BALL.
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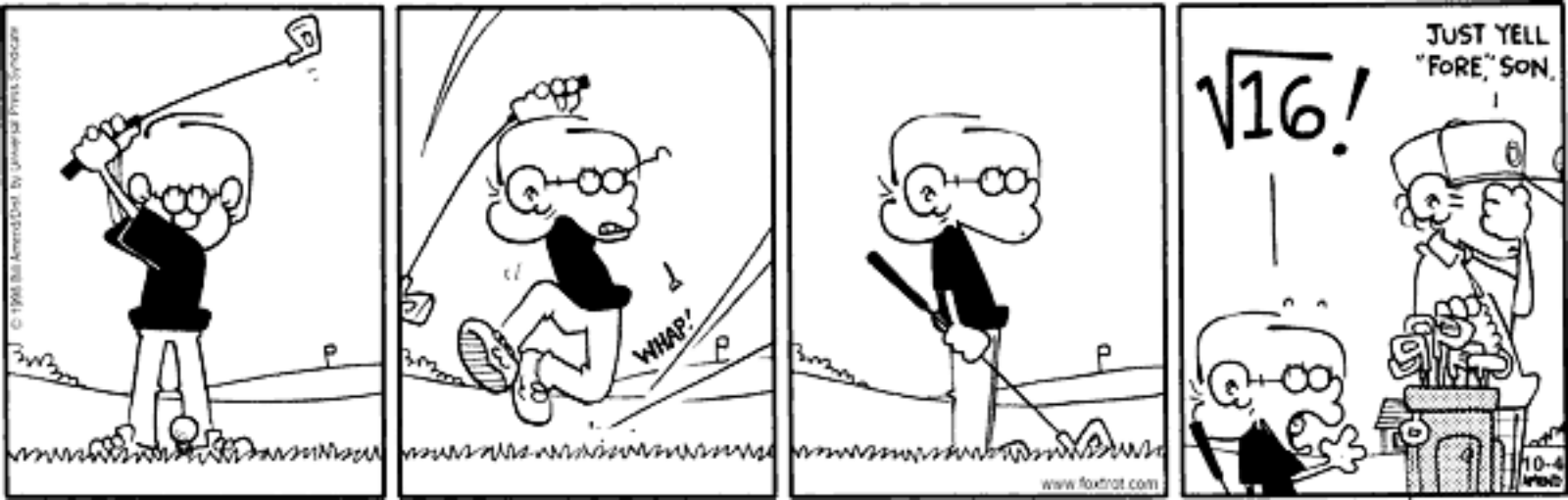
UM, ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T HAVE THAT BACKWARD?
TRY CHOKING UP A LITTLE.
AMEND 10-3


WHAP!
√16!
JUST YELL "FORE," SON.
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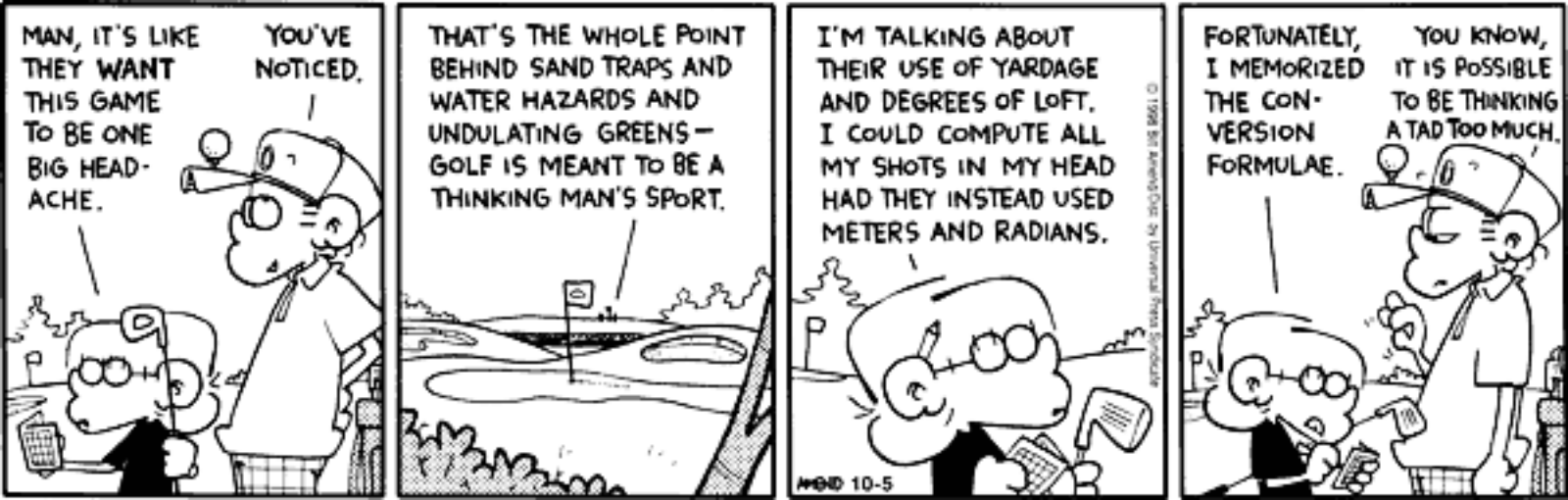
MAN, IT'S LIKE THEY WANT THIS GAME TO BE ONE BIG HEAD-ACHE.
YOU'VE NOTICED.
THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT BEHIND SAND TRAPS AND WATER HAZARDS AND UNDULATING GREENS— GOLF IS MEANT TO BE A THINKING MAN'S SPORT.
I'M TALKING ABOUT THEIR USE OF YARDAGE AND DEGREES OF LOFT. I COULD COMPUTE ALL MY SHOTS IN MY HEAD HAD THEY INSTEAD USED METERS AND RADIANS.
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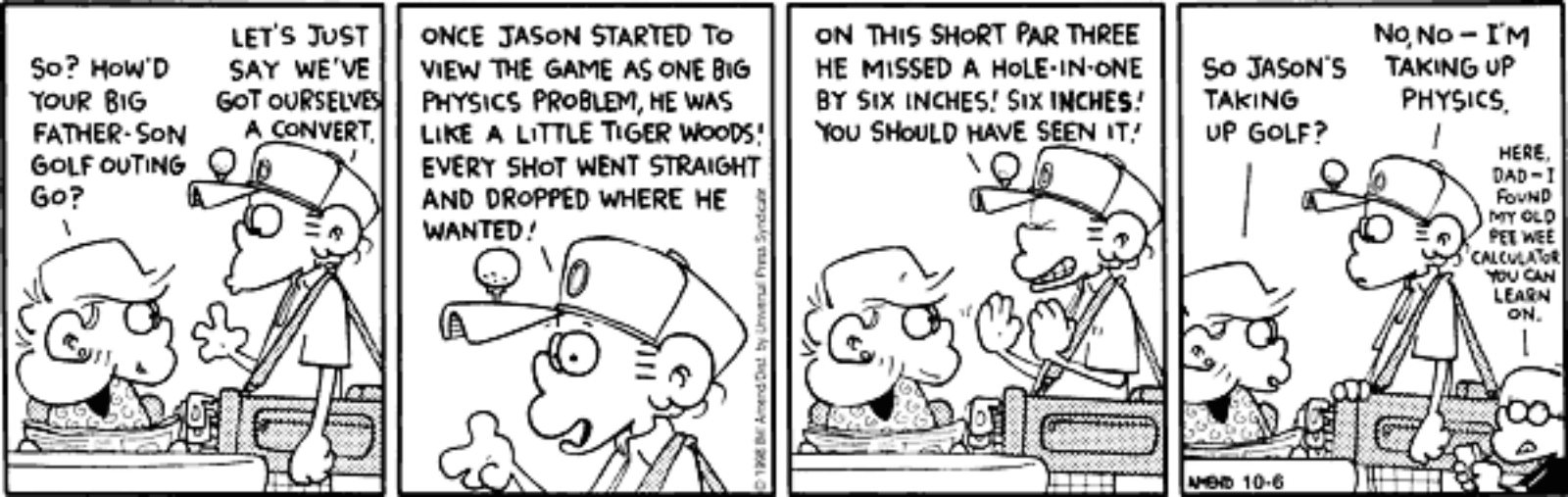
FORTUNATELY, I MEMORIZED THE CON-VERSION FORMULAE.
YOU KNOW, IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE THINKING A TAD TOO MUCH.


SO? HOW'D YOUR BIG FATHER-SON GOLF OUTING GO?
LET'S JUST SAY WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A CONVERT.
ONCE JASON STARTED TO VIEW THE GAME AS ONE BIG PHYSICS PROBLEM, HE WAS LIKE A LITTLE TIGER WOODS! EVERY SHOT WENT STRAIGHT AND DROPPED WHERE HE WANTED!
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ON THIS SHORT PAR THREE HE MISSED A HOLE-IN-ONE BY SIX INCHES! SIX INCHES! YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT!
SO JASON'S TAKING UP GOLF?
NO, NO – I'M TAKING UP PHYSICS.
HERE, DAD – I FOUND MY OLD PEE WEE CALCULATOR YOU CAN LEARN ON.
NEND 10-6

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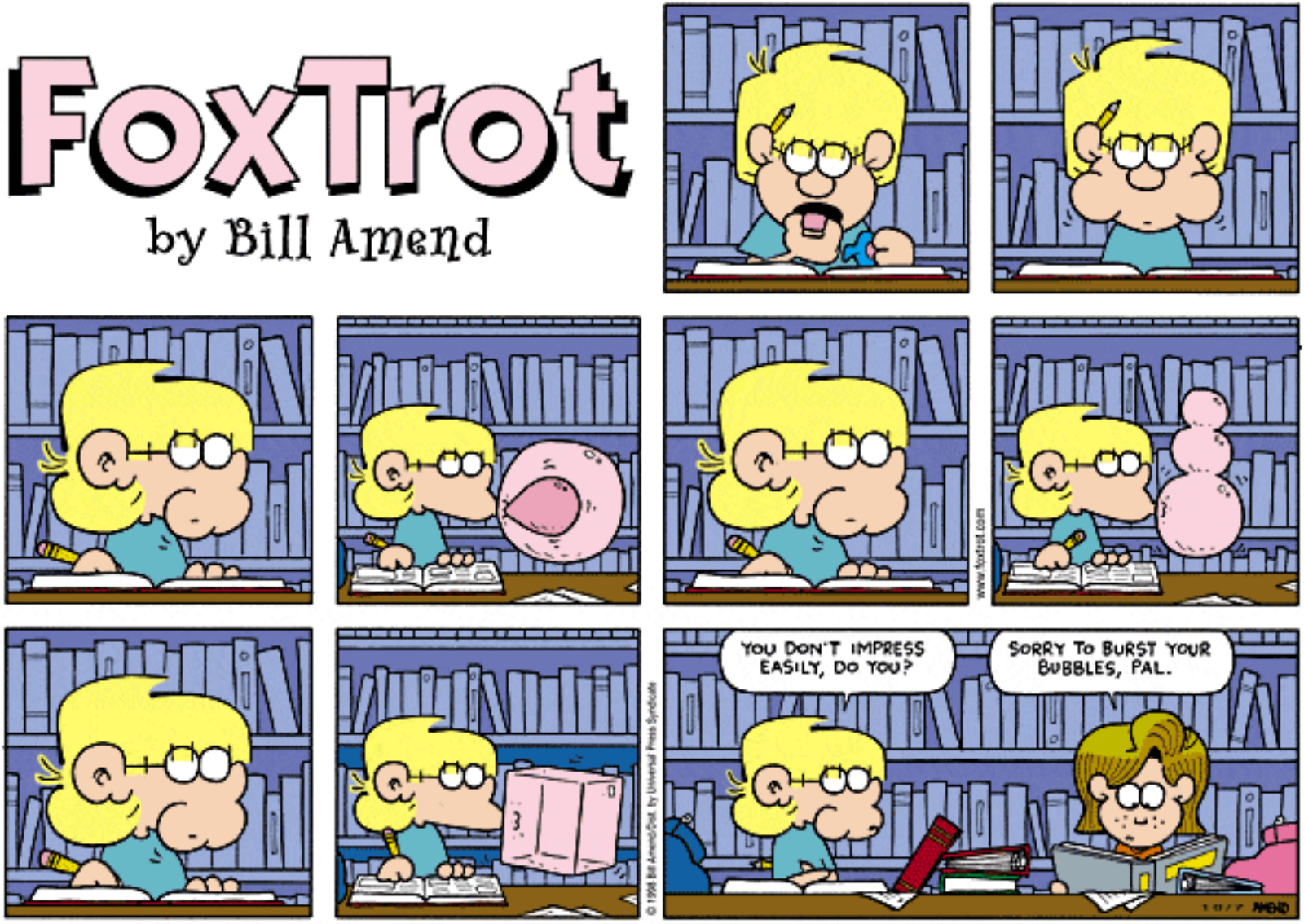

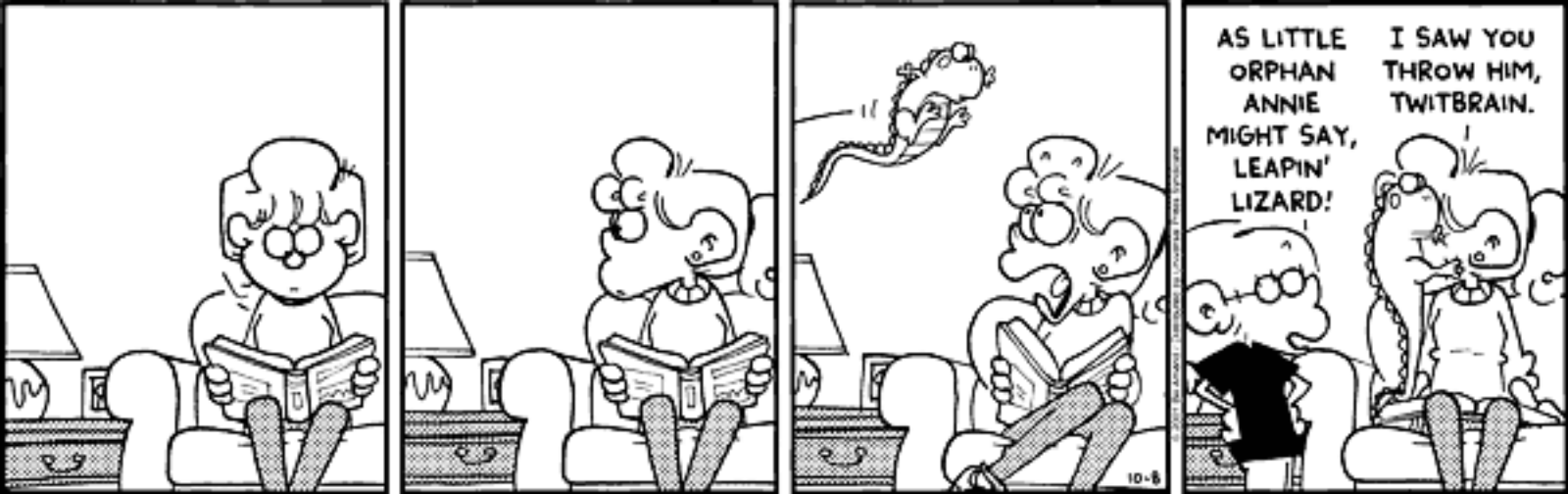
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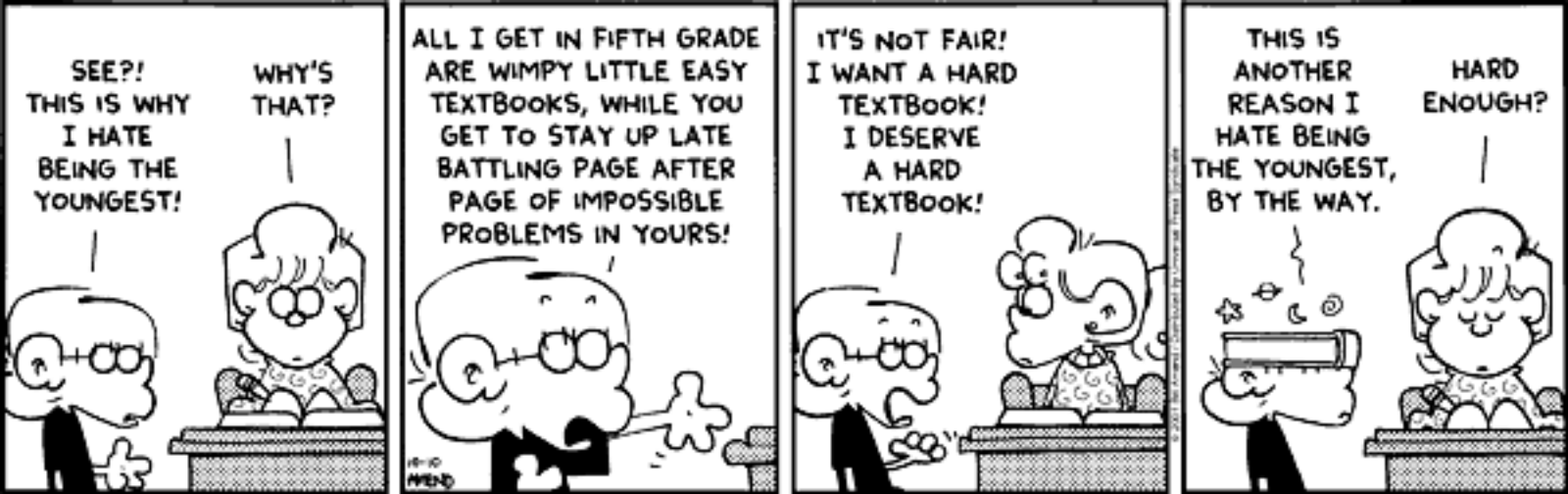
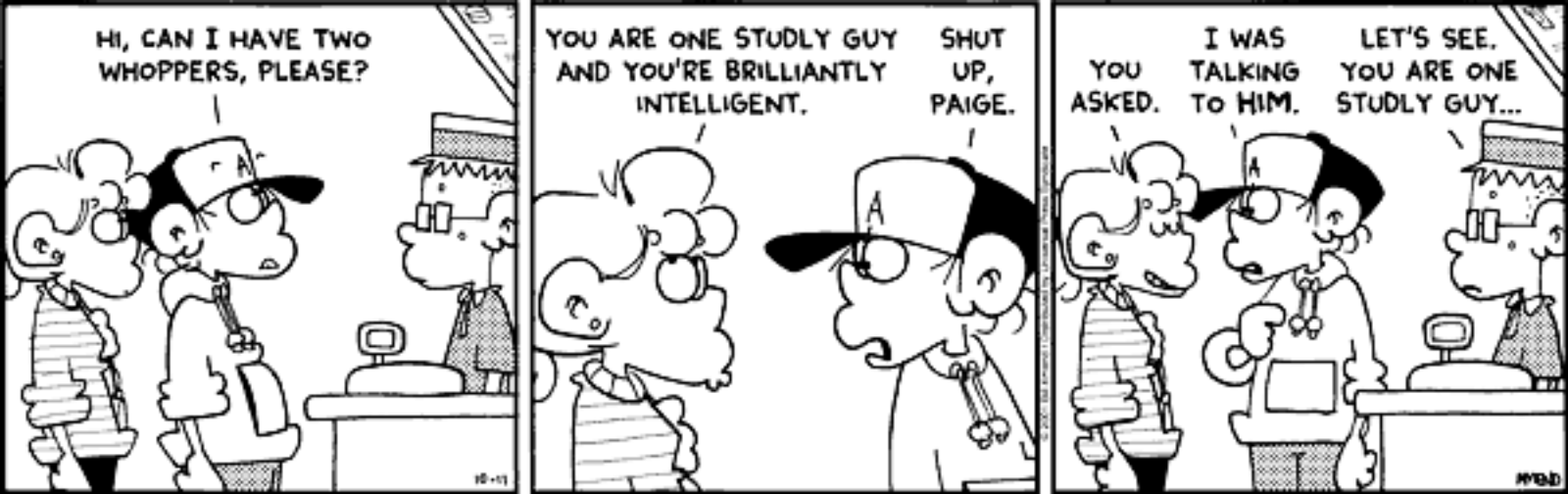
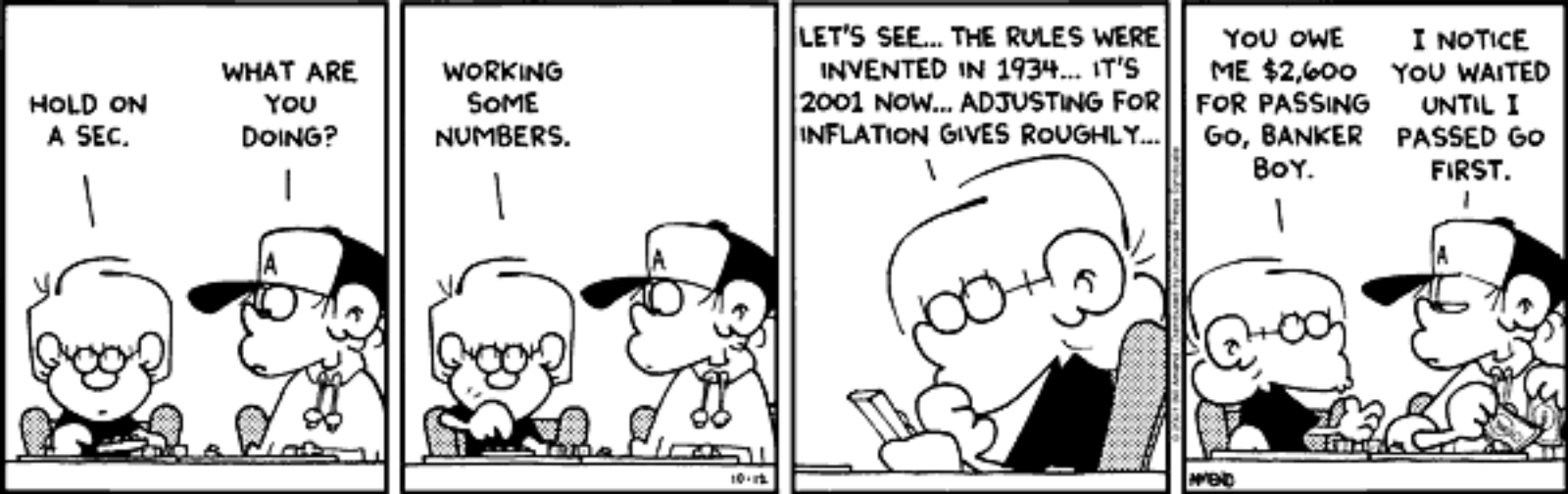
AS LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE MIGHT SAY, LEAPIN' LIZARD!
I SAW YOU THROW HIM, TWITBRAIN.

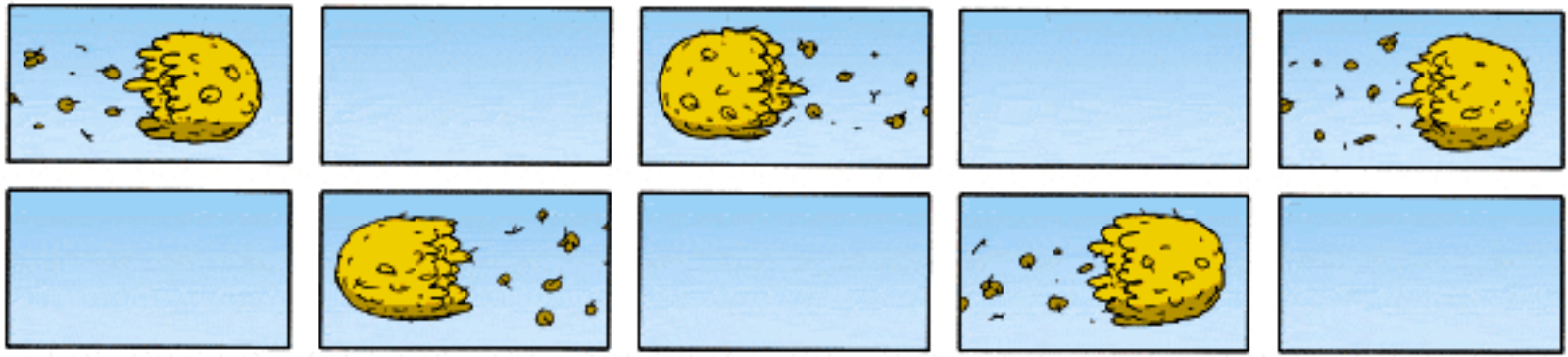
OW! OW! OW! OW! OW!
I TOLD YOU THE CASSEROLE WAS HOT, PETER.
YOU MIS-UNDERSTAND. THOSE WERE CRIES OF PAIN FROM MY TASTE BUDS.
REMIND ME AGAIN WHY WE STRESS "HONESTY" WITH OUR CHILDREN?
OW! OW! OW!


SEE?! THIS IS WHY I HATE BEING THE YOUNGEST!
WHY'S THAT?
ALL I GET IN FIFTH GRADE ARE WIMPY LITTLE EASY TEXTBOOKS, WHILE YOU GET TO STAY UP LATE BATTLING PAGE AFTER PAGE OF IMPOSSIBLE PROBLEMS IN YOURS!
IT'S NOT FAIR! I WANT A HARD TEXTBOOK! I DESERVE A HARD TEXTBOOK!
THIS IS ANOTHER REASON I HATE BEING THE YOUNGEST, BY THE WAY.
HARD ENOUGH?


HI, CAN I HAVE TWO WHOPPERS, PLEASE?
YOU ARE ONE STUDLY GUY AND YOU'RE BRILLIANTLY INTELLIGENT.
SHUT UP, PAIGE.
YOU ASKED.
I WAS TALKING TO HIM.
LET'S SEE. YOU ARE ONE STUDLY GUY...


HOLD ON A SEC.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WORKING SOME NUMBERS.
LET'S SEE... THE RULES WERE INVENTED IN 1934... IT'S 2001 NOW... ADJUSTING FOR INFLATION GIVES ROUGHLY...
YOU OWE ME $2,600 FOR PASSING GO, BANKER BOY.
I NOTICE YOU WAITED UNTIL I PASSED GO FIRST.

HACK! KHACK! KHACK! HACK!
HERE YOU GO, DAD.
WHAT'S THIS??
I'M THE COUGHER, WHICH MAKES THIS MUG THE COUGHEE.
IT'S WHAT YOU ASKED FOR.
SON, LET ME SPELL A FEW THINGS OUT FOR YOU...



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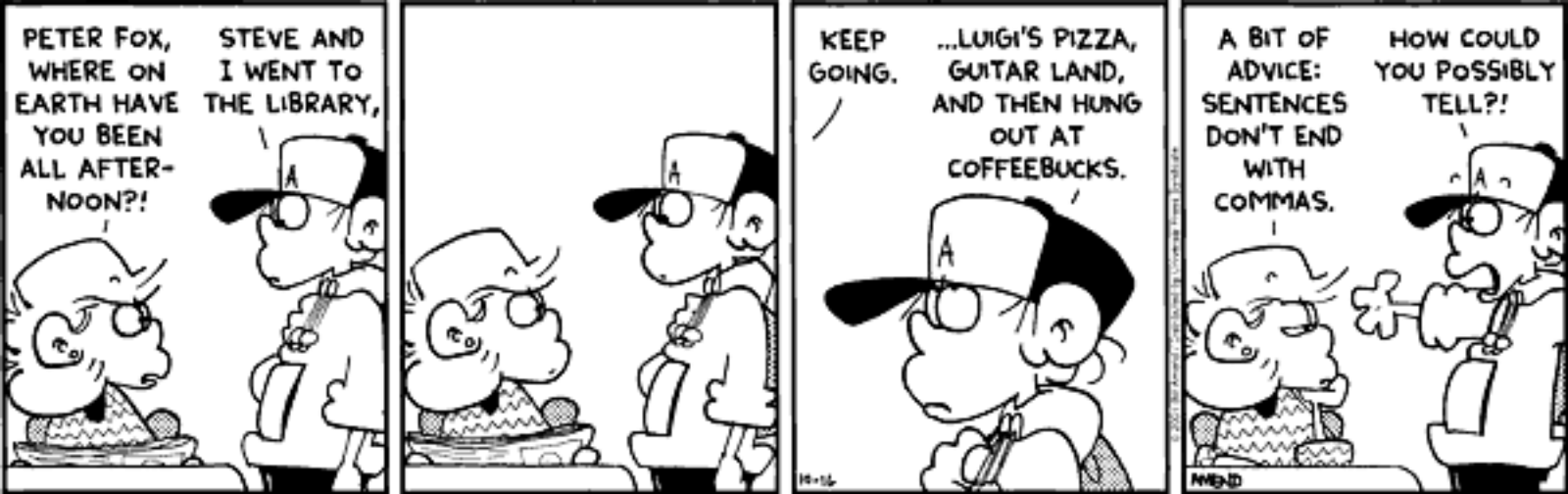
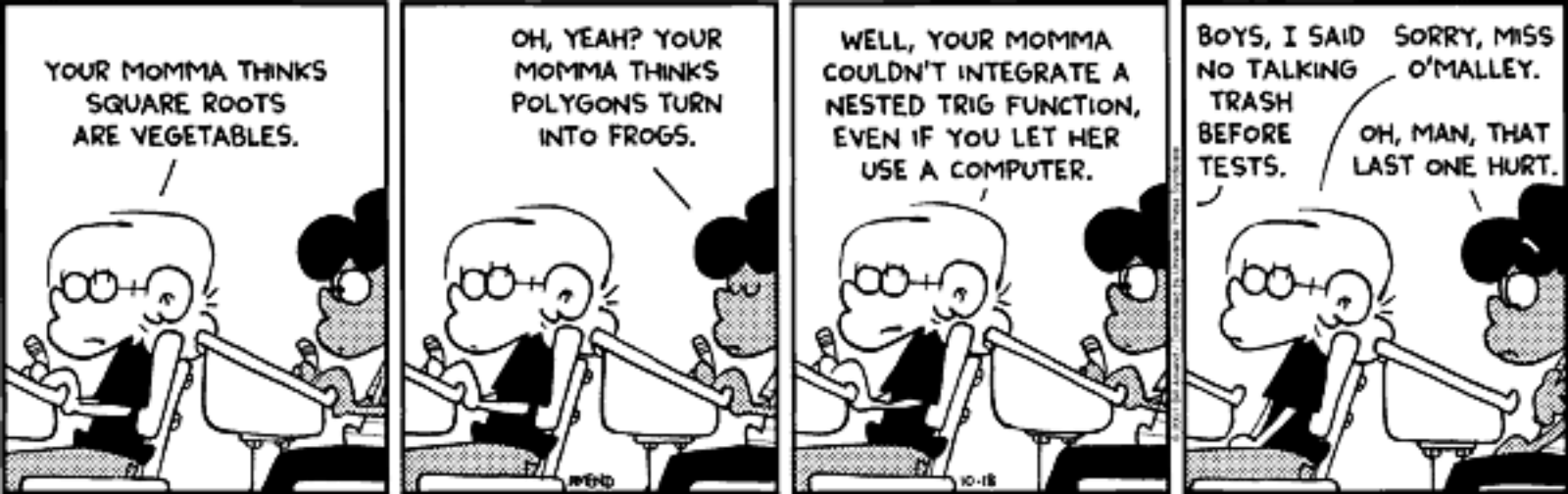
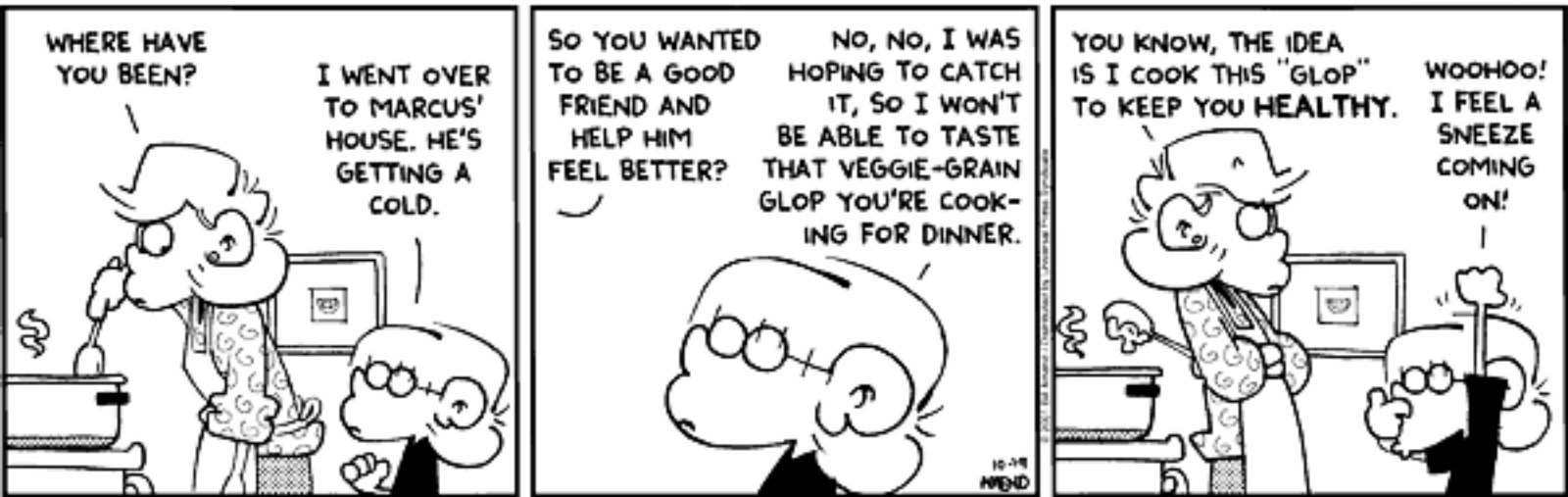
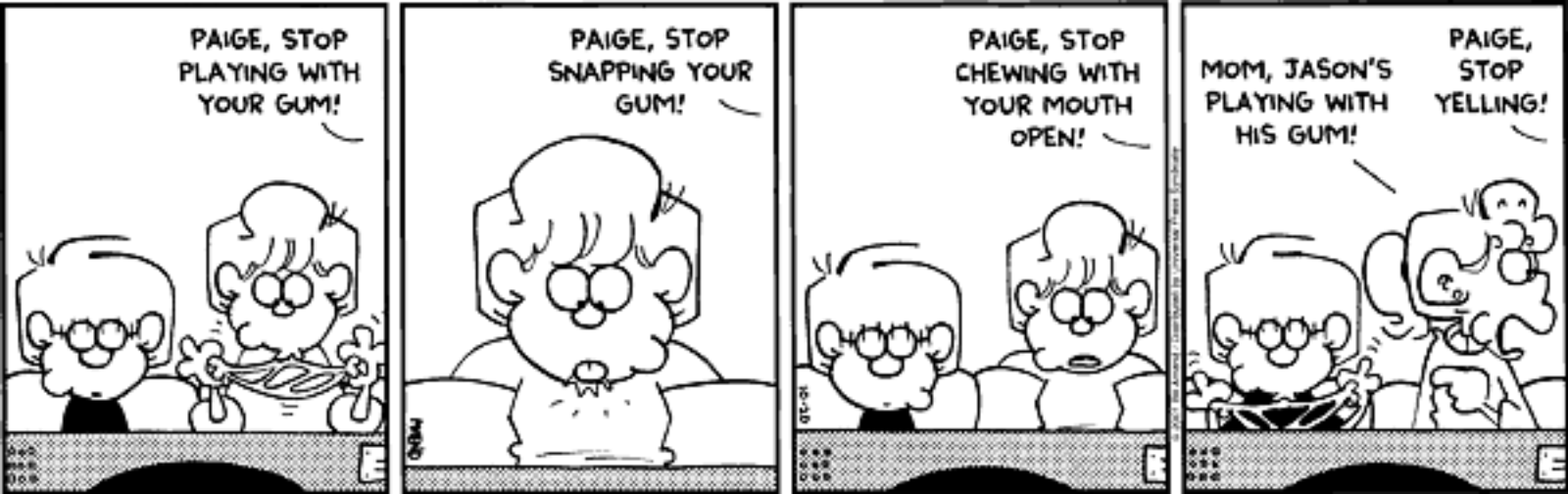
NINTENDO IS WARNING THEY WON'T HAVE ENOUGH GAMECUBES TO MEET INITIAL DEMAND WHEN THEY LAUNCH NEXT MONTH.
MICROSOFT IS SAYING THE SAME THING ABOUT ITS XBOX GAME SYSTEM.
VIDGAMER DIGEST
YOU DON'T SUPPOSE THEY TOOK OUR 20 MILLION PRE-ORDERS SERIOUSLY, DO YOU?
IT'S 25 MILLION NOW. I WAS BORED YESTERDAY.

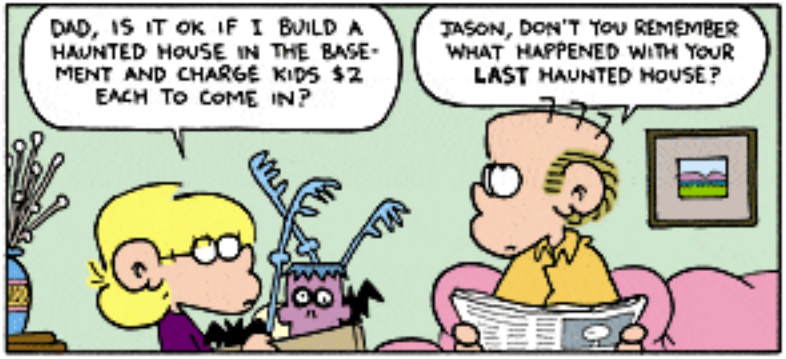

PETER FOX, WHERE ON EARTH HAVE YOU BEEN ALL AFTER-NOON?!
STEVE AND I WENT TO THE LIBRARY,
KEEP GOING.
...LUIGI'S PIZZA, GUITAR LAND, AND THEN HUNG OUT AT COFFEEBUCKS.
A BIT OF ADVICE: SENTENCES DON'T END WITH COMMAS.
HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY TELL?!

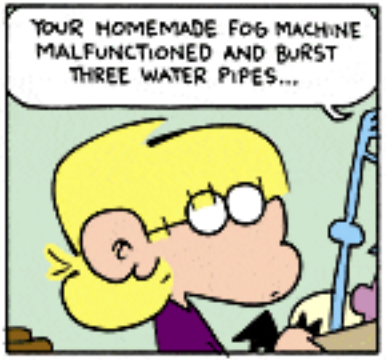
WELL, I GUESS I CAN'T PUT IT OFF ANY LONGER.
TIME TO GRAB A RAKE AND SOME LEAF BAGS AND DO MY DUTY AS LORD OF THE MANOR.
10-17
SON, GET TO WORK.
A
AMEND

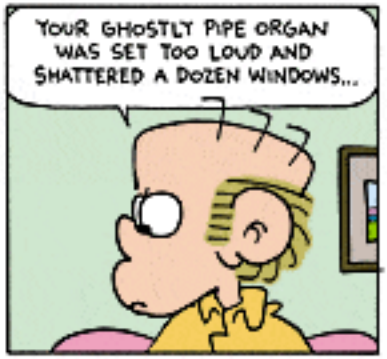

YOUR MOMMA THINKS SQUARE ROOTS ARE VEGETABLES.
OH, YEAH? YOUR MOMMA THINKS POLYGONS TURN INTO FROGS.
WELL, YOUR MOMMA COULDN'T INTEGRATE A NESTED TRIG FUNCTION, EVEN IF YOU LET HER USE A COMPUTER.
BOYS, I SAID NO TALKING TRASH BEFORE TESTS.
SORRY, MISS O'MALLEY.
OH, MAN, THAT LAST ONE HURT.

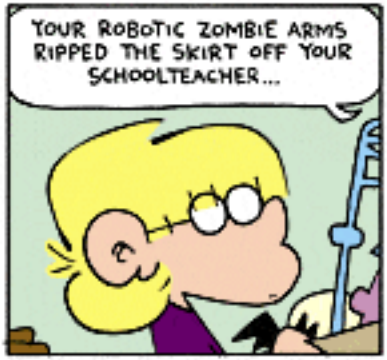

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I WENT OVER TO MARCUS' HOUSE. HE'S GETTING A COLD.
SO YOU WANTED TO BE A GOOD FRIEND AND HELP HIM FEEL BETTER?
NO, NO, I WAS HOPING TO CATCH IT, SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO TASTE THAT VEGGIE-GRAIN GLOP YOU'RE COOKING FOR DINNER.
10-19
YOU KNOW, THE IDEA IS I COOK THIS "GLOP" TO KEEP YOU HEALTHY.
WOOHOO! I FEEL A SNEEZE COMING ON!

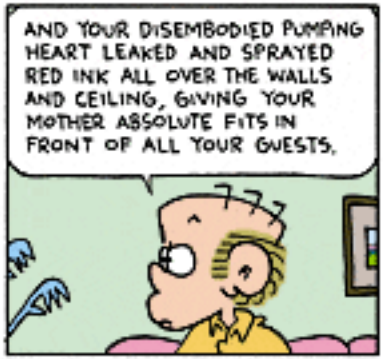

PAIGE, STOP PLAYING WITH YOUR GUM!
PAIGE, STOP SNAPPING YOUR GUM!
PAIGE, STOP CHEWING WITH YOUR MOUTH OPEN!
MOM, JASON'S PLAYING WITH HIS GUM!
PAIGE, STOP YELLING!











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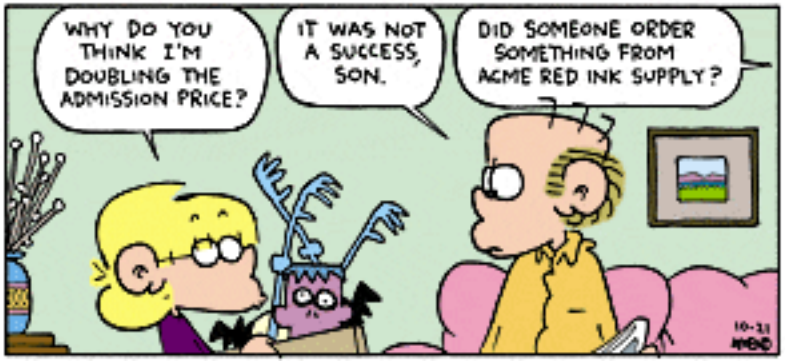

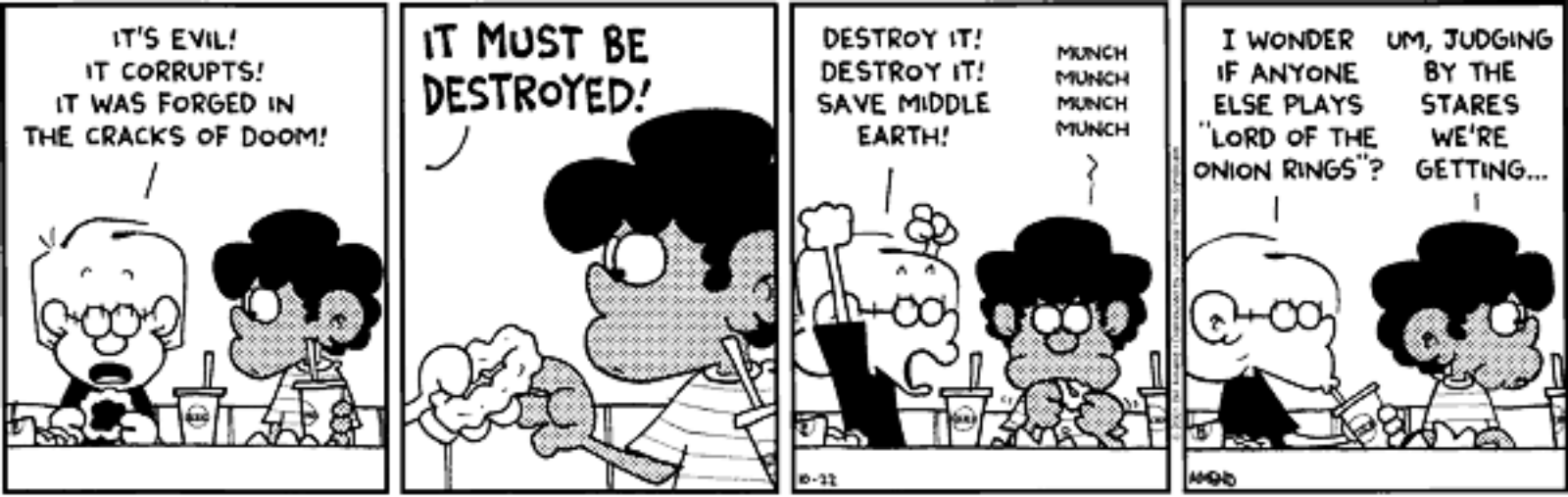
IT'S EVIL! IT CORRUPTS! IT WAS FORGED IN THE CRACKS OF DOOM!
IT MUST BE DESTROYED!
DESTROY IT! DESTROY IT! SAVE MIDDLE EARTH!
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
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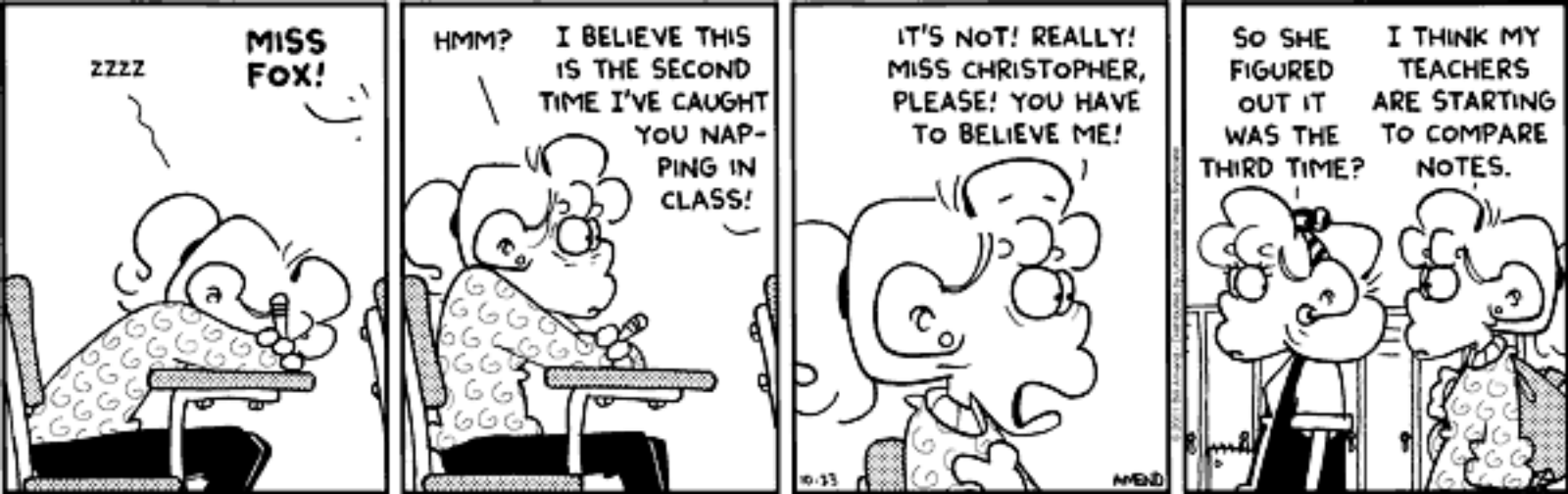
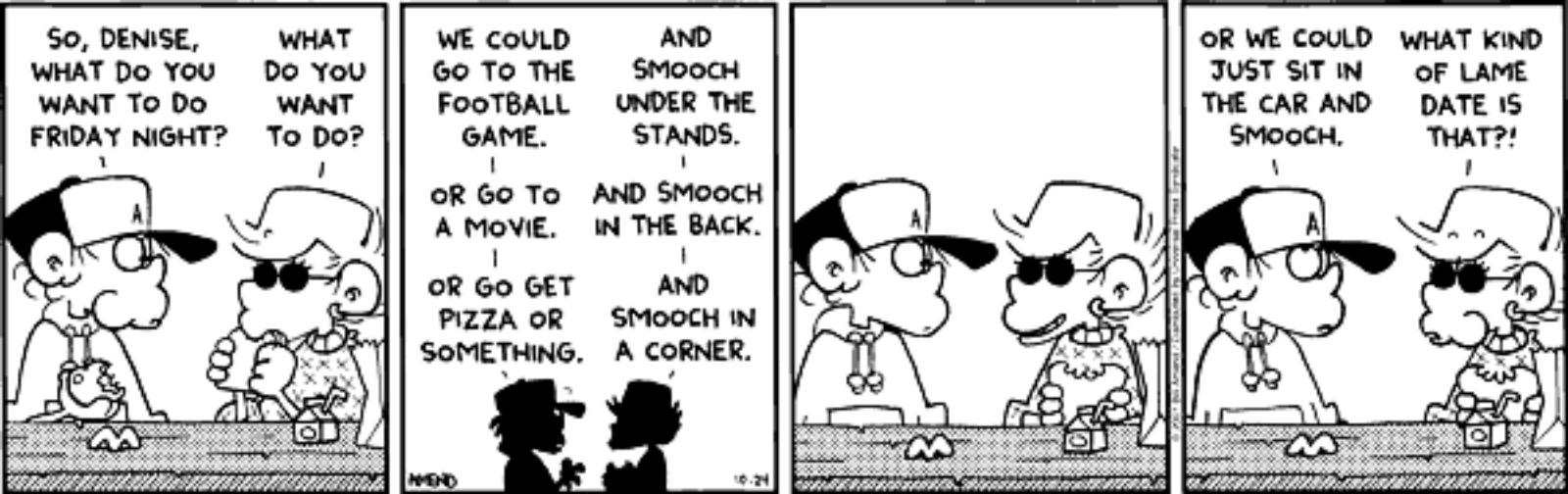
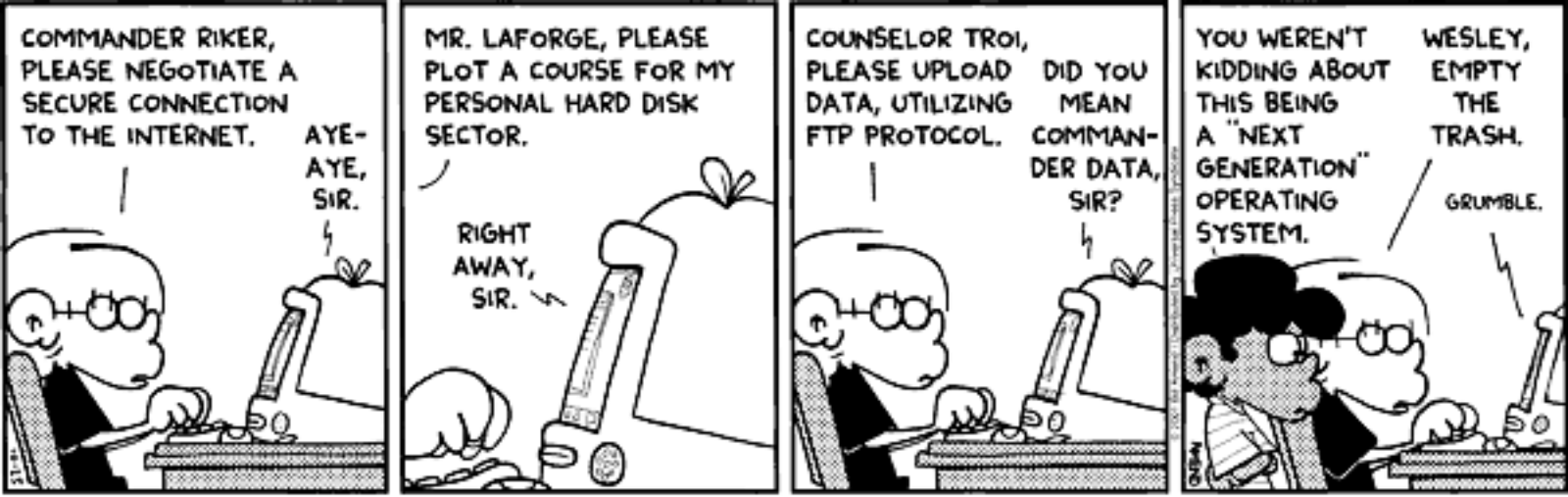
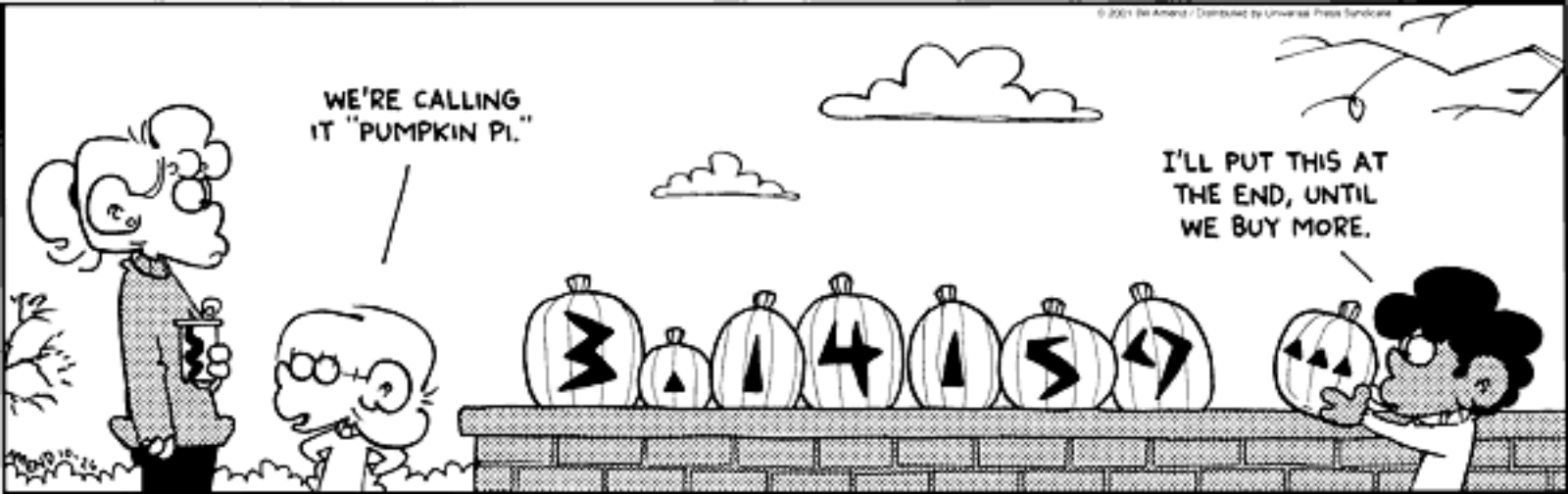
I WONDER IF ANYONE ELSE PLAYS "LORD OF THE ONION RINGS"?
UM, JUDGING BY THE STARES WE'RE GETTING...


ZZZZ
MISS FOX!
HMM?
I BELIEVE THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'VE CAUGHT YOU NAP-PING IN CLASS!
IT'S NOT! REALLY! MISS CHRISTOPHER, PLEASE! YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!
10-23
SO SHE FIGURED OUT IT WAS THE THIRD TIME?
I THINK MY TEACHERS ARE STARTING TO COMPARE NOTES.


SO, DENISE, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO FRIDAY NIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
WE COULD GO TO THE FOOTBALL GAME.
OR GO TO A MOVIE.
OR GO GET PIZZA OR SOMETHING.
AND SMOOCH UNDER THE STANDS.
AND SMOOCH IN THE BACK.
AND SMOOCH IN A CORNER.
OR WE COULD JUST SIT IN THE CAR AND SMOOCH.
WHAT KIND OF LAME DATE IS THAT?!


COMMANDER RIKER, PLEASE NEGOTIATE A SECURE CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET.
AYE-AYE, SIR.
MR. LAFORGE, PLEASE PLOT A COURSE FOR MY PERSONAL HARD DISK SECTOR.
RIGHT AWAY, SIR.
COUNSELOR TROI, PLEASE UPLOAD DATA, UTILIZING FTP PROTOCOL.
DID YOU MEAN COMMANDER DATA, SIR?
YOU WEREN'T KIDDING ABOUT THIS BEING A "NEXT GENERATION" OPERATING SYSTEM.
WESLEY, EMPTY THE TRASH.
GRUMBLE.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WE'RE CALLING IT "PUMPKIN PI."
I'LL PUT THIS AT THE END, UNTIL WE BUY MORE.
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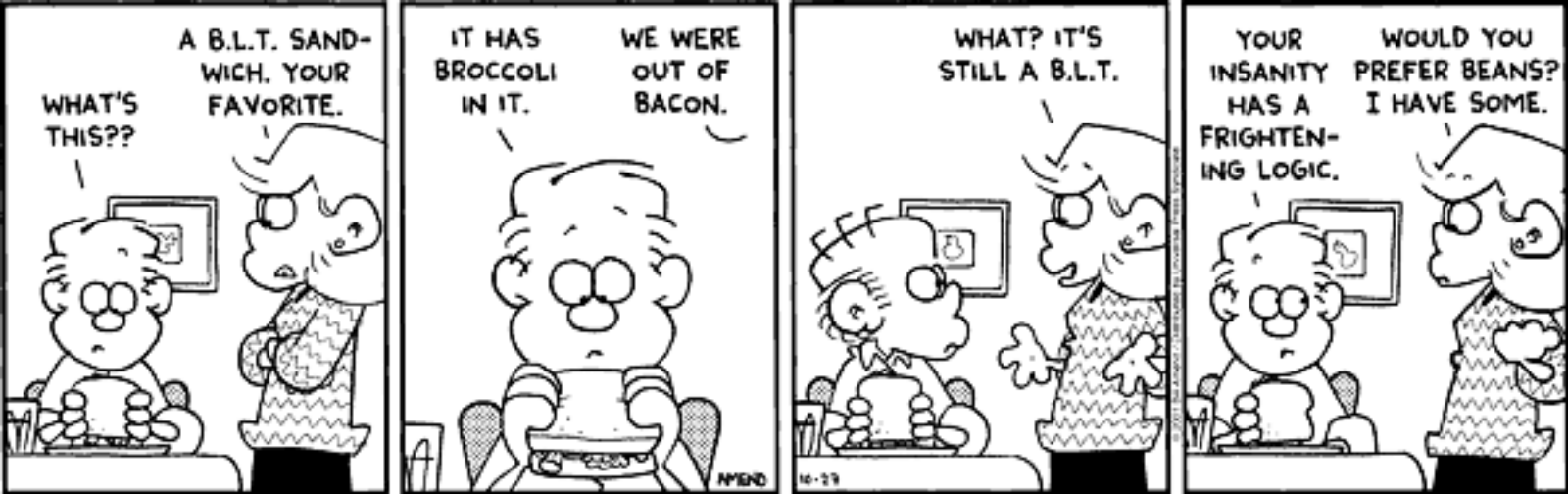
WHAT'S THIS??
A B.L.T. SANDWICH. YOUR FAVORITE.
IT HAS BROCCOLI IN IT.
WE WERE OUT OF BACON.
NPEND
WHAT? IT'S STILL A B.L.T.
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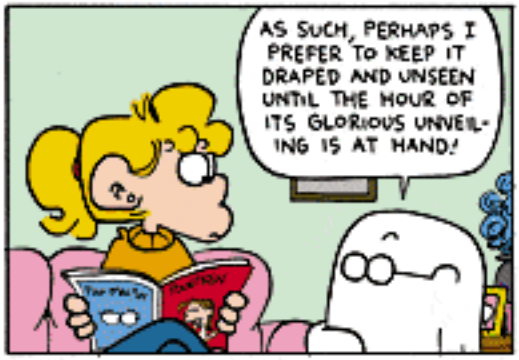
YOUR INSANITY HAS A FRIGHTENING LOGIC.
WOULD YOU PREFER BEANS? I HAVE SOME.



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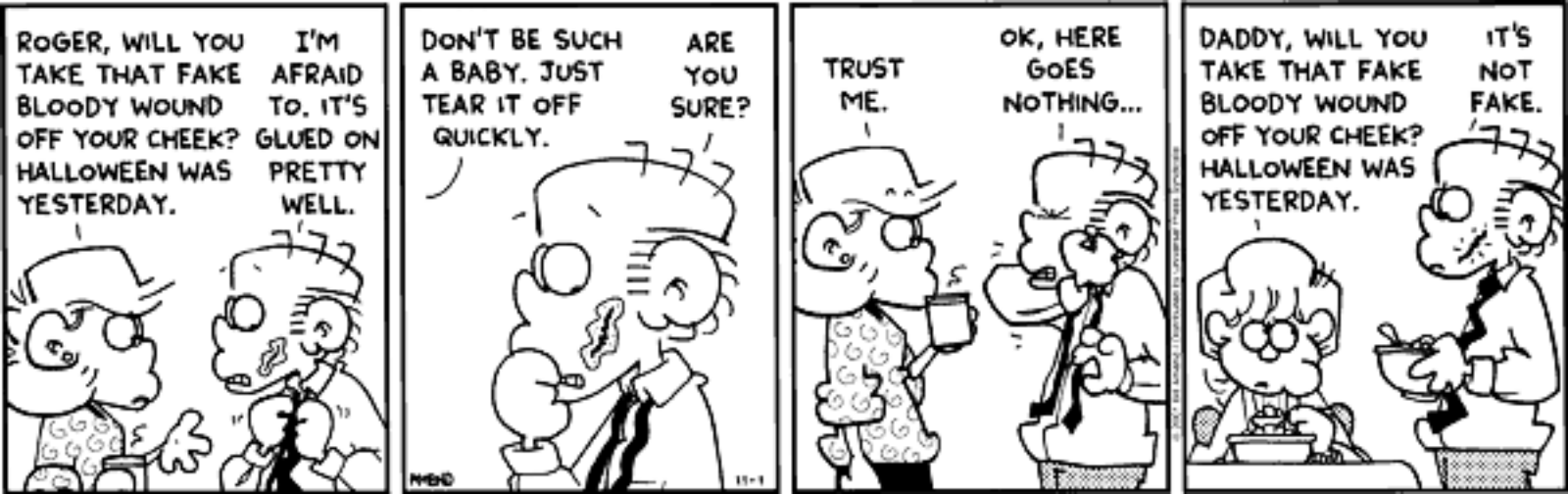
I FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHAT I'M DRESSING UP AS.
OH?
I'M GOING TO BE GANDALF THE GREY, KNOWN TO THE ELVES AS MITHRANDIR, WISEST OF THE ISTARI AND KEEPER OF NARYA, THE RED RING OF FIRE.
I WAS GETTING NERVOUS. TIME WAS RUNNING OUT TO MAKE A DECISION.
YOU'RE RIGHT. HALLOWEEN'S JUST TWO DAYS AWAY.
HALLOWEEN, SCHMALLOWEEN. THIS IS FOR DECEMBER 19.
ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH AIR THROUGH THAT BEARD OF YOURS, GANDALF?

I'M GOING TO A PARTY. HOW DO I LOOK?
BOW WOW.
WOOF. WOOF.
YOU ARE SUCH A DOG, PAIGE.
GREAT COSTUME IDEA, MOTHER.
YOU MIGHT WANT TO FRESHEN THAT BREATH WITH A MILKBONE OR SOMETHING.

BOOO! BOOO! BOOO!
EEK! THERE ARE GHOSTS AT MY DOOR!
BOOO! BOOO! BOOO!
I'M SO SCARED!
BOOO! BOOO! BOOO!
OK, KIDS, I GET THE POINT.
ACTUALLY, YOU DON'T. WE'RE COMMENTING ON YOUR HANDOUTS.
BUT THESE PRUNES WERE ORGANICALLY GROWN.


ROGER, WILL YOU TAKE THAT FAKE BLOODY WOUND OFF YOUR CHEEK? HALLOWEEN WAS YESTERDAY.
I'M AFRAID TO. IT'S GLUED ON PRETTY WELL.
DON'T BE SUCH A BABY. JUST TEAR IT OFF QUICKLY.
ARE YOU SURE?
TRUST ME.
OK, HERE GOES NOTHING...
DADDY, WILL YOU TAKE THAT FAKE BLOODY WOUND OFF YOUR CHEEK? HALLOWEEN WAS YESTERDAY.
IT'S NOT FAKE.

JASON, WHAT'S IN YOUR MOUTH?
HALLOWEEN CANDY.
IT'S 5:30! I'M COOKING SPAGHETTI! I THOUGHT I MADE IT CLEAR I WANT YOU KIDS EATING YOUR CANDY AFTER DINNER!
I AM.
I'M STILL CHEWING THE STUFF FROM LAST NIGHT.
I CAN VOUCH— HE PUT HALF HIS BAG IN THERE.

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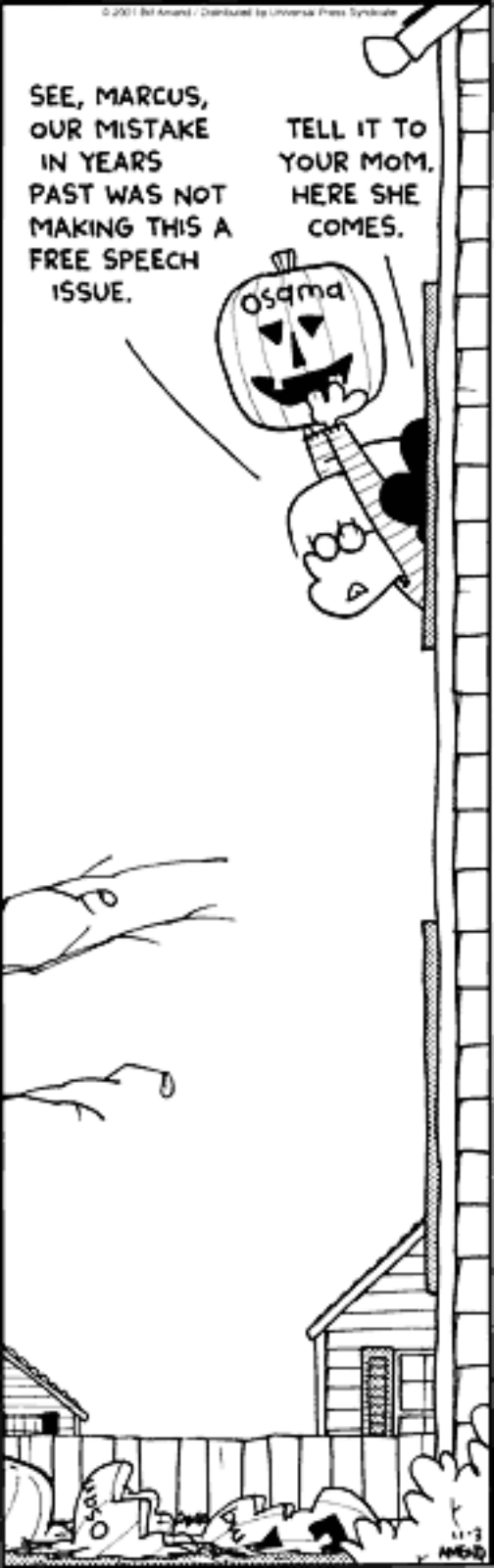

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HUTT ONE! HUTT TWO!

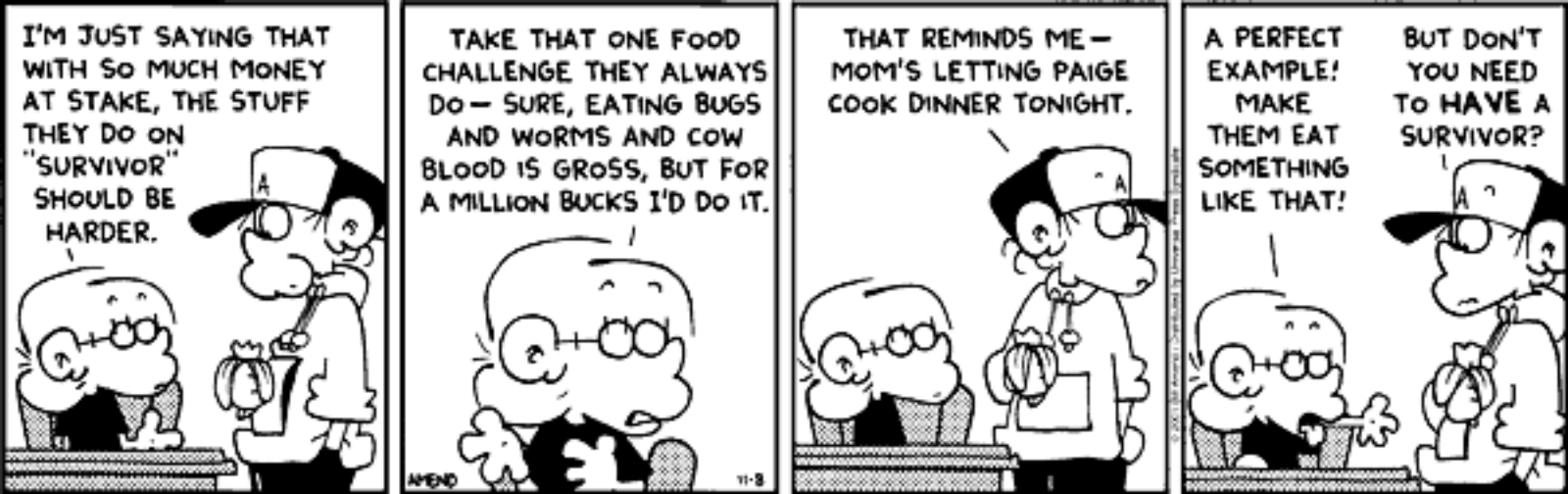
HUTT THREE! FIVE! SEVEN! 11! 13! 17! 19! 23! 29! 31! 37! 41! 43! 47! 53! 59! 61! 67!...

AND DEION SANDERS THOUGHT HE WAS "PRIME TIME"!
MIND IF I CALL YOU A FEW OTHER THINGS FIRST?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WRITING A LETTER TO CBS.
WHAT FOR?
"SURVIVOR 3: AFRICA" HASN'T BEEN DOING AS WELL AS ITS PREDECESSORS IN THE RATINGS, SO I THOUGHT I'D SHARE SOME IDEAS TO MAKE "SURVIVOR 4" MORE EXCITING.
11-5
DO YOU SUPPOSE AFGHANI-STAN IS OFF LIMITS?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THIS ROOM SHOULD BE.

ONE OF THE THINGS GETTING OLD ABOUT "SURVIVOR" IS HOW EACH SEASON STARTS OFF THE SAME WAY.
WE SPEND THE WHOLE FIRST EPISODE WATCHING THE TWO TRIBES TRY TO MAKE FIRE. THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE.
MY "SURVIVOR" WOULD HAVE FIRE FREELY AVAIL-ABLE AND MOVE ON TO NEW CHALLENGES.
SUCH AS?
GATHERING ASBESTOS.
WHOA. WHEN YOU SAY "FREELY AVAILABLE"...

ROGER, WOULD YOU MIND PUTTING A STOP TO JASON?
WHAT'S HE DOING?
HE'S BEEN DREAMING UP VARIOUS IDEAS TO MAKE THE TV SHOW "SURVIVOR" MORE EXCITING AND HE WANTS TO PASS THEM ALONG TO THE PRODUCERS.
WHERE'S THE HARM? WHO KNOWS—MAYBE THEY'LL EVEN USE ONE OR TWO!
THAT WOULD BE THE HARM, DEAR.
PEOPLE GET VOTED INTO THE ISLAND? SHOULDN'T THEY BE VOTED OFF IT?
NO, NO, SEE, IT'S A BIG VOLCANO, AND...


I'M JUST SAYING THAT WITH SO MUCH MONEY AT STAKE, THE STUFF THEY DO ON "SURVIVOR" SHOULD BE HARDER.
TAKE THAT ONE FOOD CHALLENGE THEY ALWAYS DO— SURE, EATING BUGS AND WORMS AND COW BLOOD IS GROSS, BUT FOR A MILLION BUCKS I'D DO IT.
AMEND
11-8
THAT REMINDS ME— MOM'S LETTING PAIGE COOK DINNER TONIGHT.
A PERFECT EXAMPLE! MAKE THEM EAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
BUT DON'T YOU NEED TO HAVE A SURVIVOR?

ANOTHER THING I'D CHANGE ABOUT "SURVIVOR" ARE THE LOUSY TRIBE NAMES.
KUCHA? PAGONG? BORAN? EXCUSE ME? I'D GIVE THESE TEAMS NAMES THAT INSPIRE FEAR!... DREAD!... TERROR!...
IMAGINE THE SITH TRIBE VERSUS THE BORG TRIBE.
YOU, UM, LEFT OUT "DERISION."
I SWEAR I GOT CHILLS JUST SAYING THAT.

WHAT'S WRONG?
I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD BACK FROM THE "SURVIVOR" PEOPLE.
I DON'T GET IT! MY IDEAS TO SPICE UP THE SHOW WERE GREAT! MY STEEL-CAGE-MATCH SYSTEM FOR SETTLING TRIBAL COUNCIL DEADLOCKS ALONE WOULD PROBABLY DOUBLE THEIR RATINGS!
MAYBE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE SO GOOD, THEY'RE STILL BUSY COUNTING ALL THE MONEY THEY'LL BE SENDING YOU.
I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT! THANKS, PETER!
YES, THANKS, PETER.
JUST KEEPING THINGS INTERESTING.
WOOHOO! I THINK I'LL MAIL THEM MORE IDEAS!

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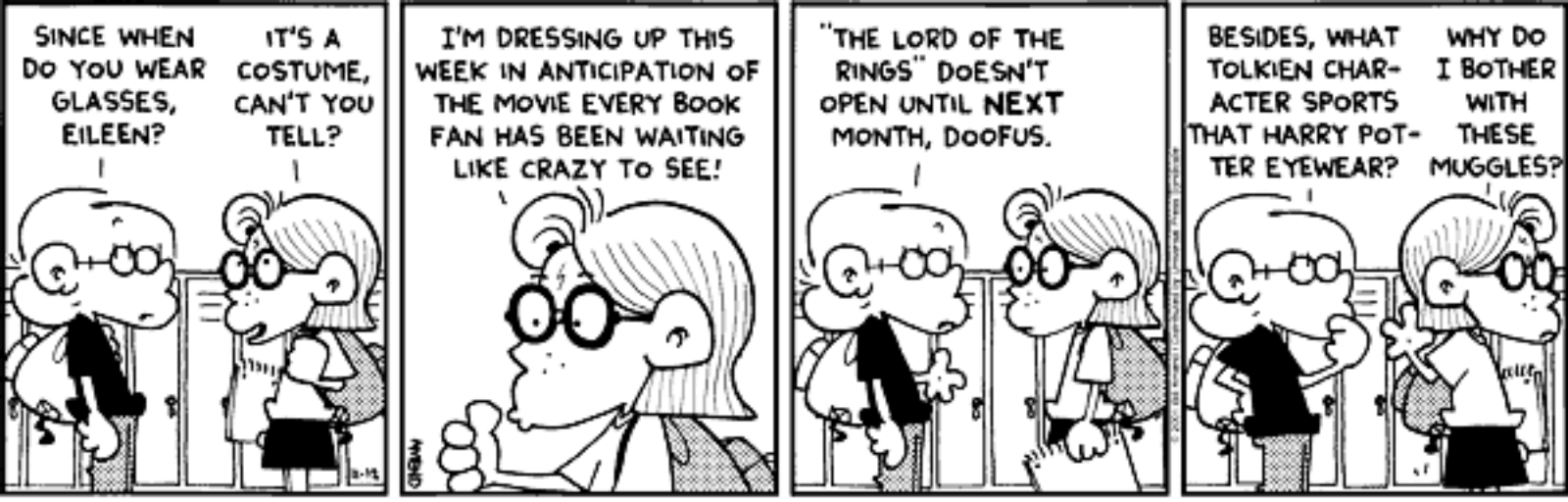
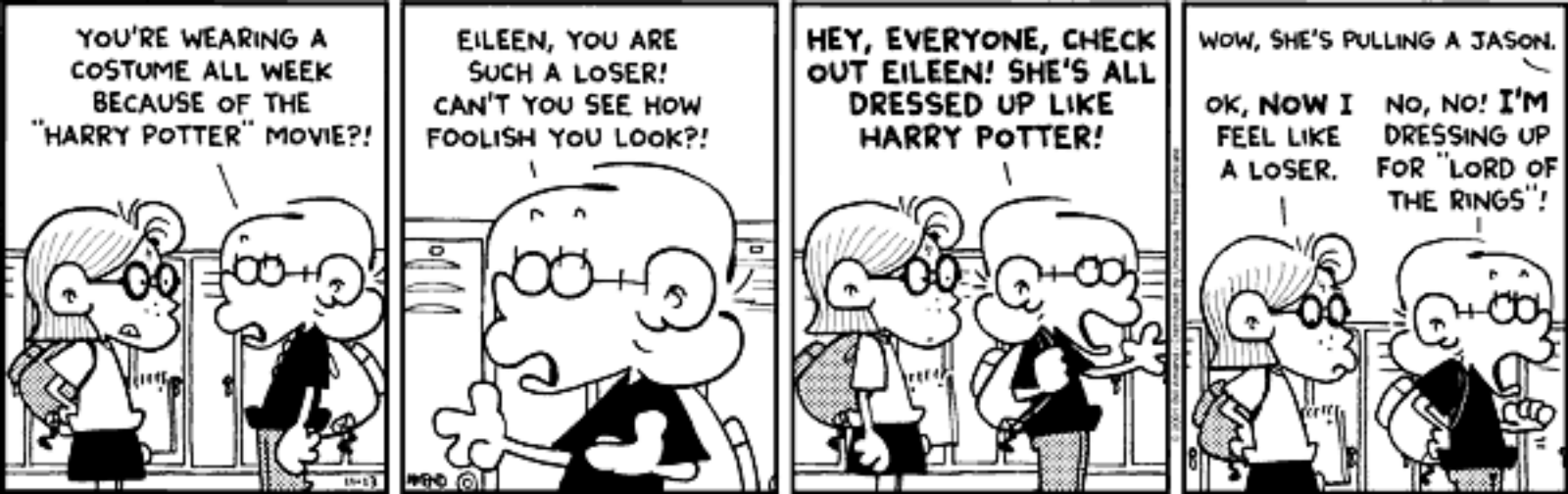
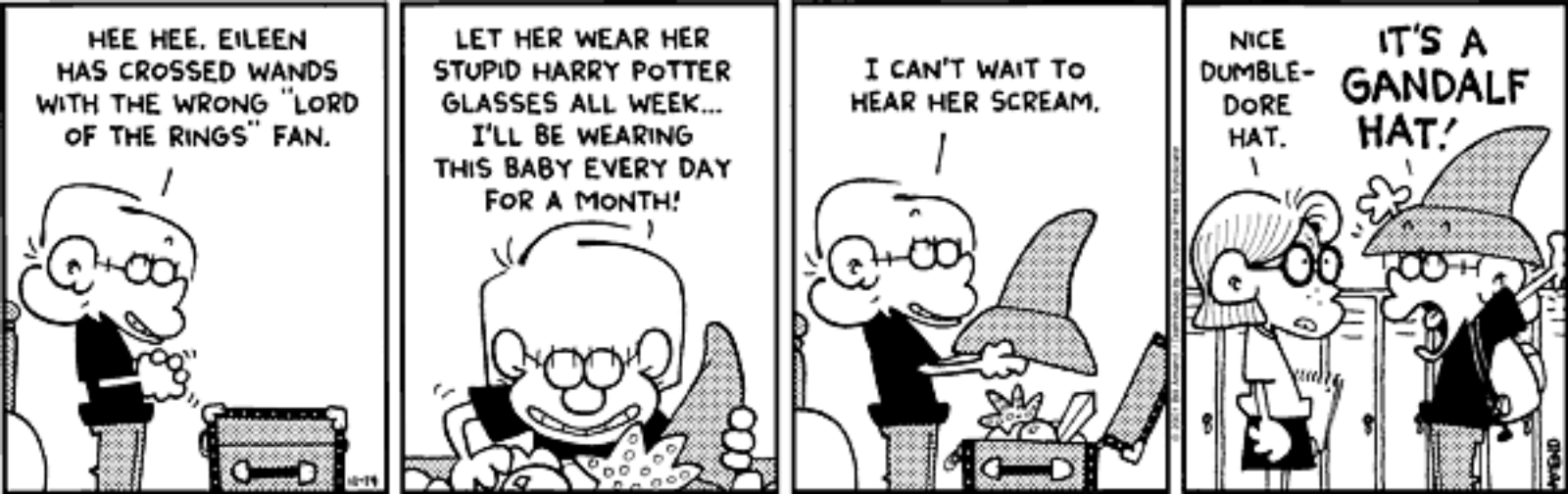
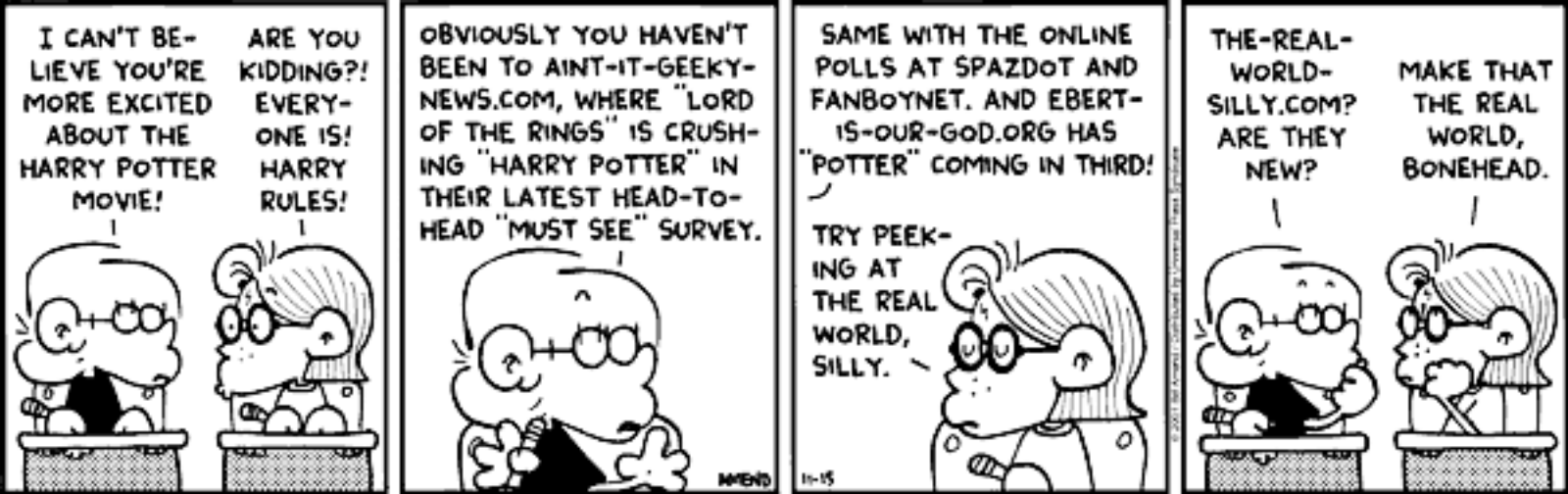
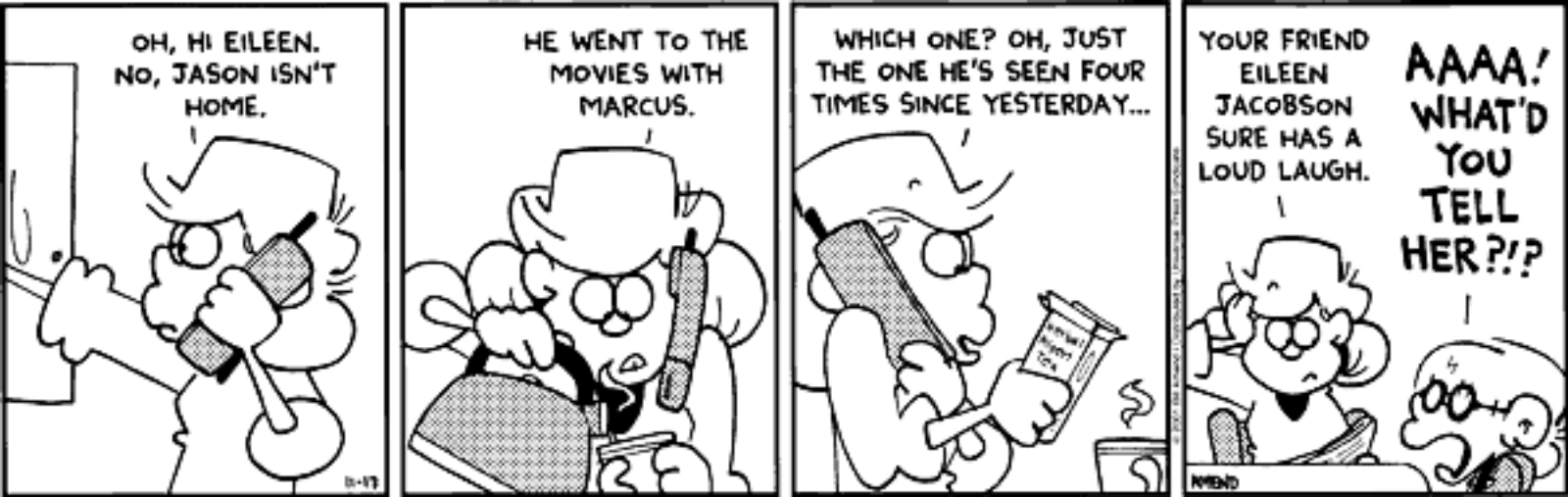

SINCE WHEN DO YOU WEAR GLASSES, EILEEN?
IT'S A COSTUME, CAN'T YOU TELL?
I'M DRESSING UP THIS WEEK IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MOVIE EVERY BOOK FAN HAS BEEN WAITING LIKE CRAZY TO SEE!
"THE LORD OF THE RINGS" DOESN'T OPEN UNTIL NEXT MONTH, DOOFUS.
BESIDES, WHAT TOLKIEN CHARACTER SPORTS THAT HARRY POTTER EYEWEAR?
WHY DO I BOTHER WITH THESE MUGGLES?

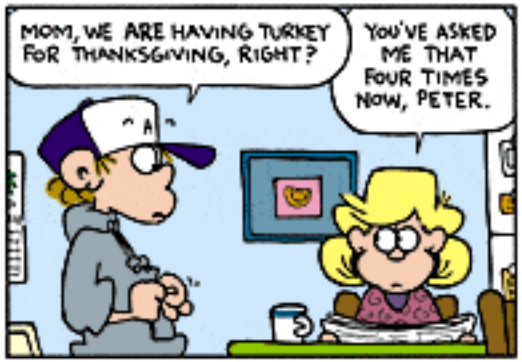

YOU'RE WEARING A COSTUME ALL WEEK BECAUSE OF THE "HARRY POTTER" MOVIE?!
EILEEN, YOU ARE SUCH A LOSER! CAN'T YOU SEE HOW FOOLISH YOU LOOK?!
HEY, EVERYONE, CHECK OUT EILEEN! SHE'S ALL DRESSED UP LIKE HARRY POTTER!
WOW, SHE'S PULLING A JASON.
OK, NOW I FEEL LIKE A LOSER.
NO, NO! I'M DRESSING UP FOR "LORD OF THE RINGS"!

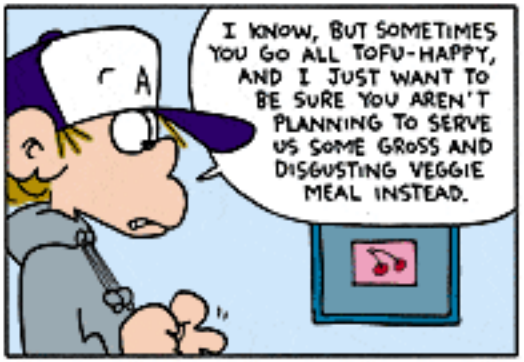

HEE HEE. EILEEN HAS CROSSED WANDS WITH THE WRONG "LORD OF THE RINGS" FAN.
LET HER WEAR HER STUPID HARRY POTTER GLASSES ALL WEEK... I'LL BE WEARING THIS BABY EVERY DAY FOR A MONTH!
I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR HER SCREAM.
NICE DUMBLE-DORE HAT.
IT'S A GANDALF HAT!

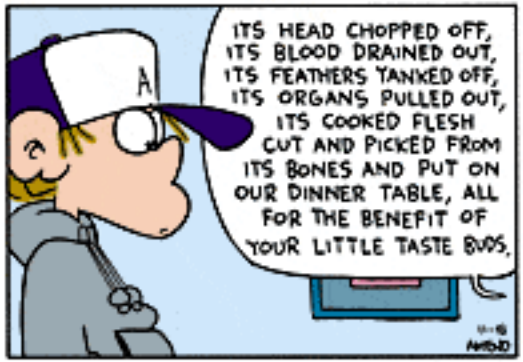

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE MORE EXCITED ABOUT THE HARRY POTTER MOVIE!
ARE YOU KIDDING?! EVERYONE IS! HARRY RULES!
OBVIOUSLY YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO AINT-IT-GEEKY-NEWS.COM, WHERE "LORD OF THE RINGS" IS CRUSHING "HARRY POTTER" IN THEIR LATEST HEAD-TO-HEAD "MUST SEE" SURVEY.
SAME WITH THE ONLINE POLLS AT SPAZDOT AND FANBOYNET. AND EBERT-IS-OUR-GOD.ORG HAS "POTTER" COMING IN THIRD!
TRY PEEKING AT THE REAL WORLD, SILLY.
THE-REAL-WORLD-SILLY.COM? ARE THEY NEW?
MAKE THAT THE REAL WORLD, BONEHEAD.

I DON'T SEE WHY YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT "HARRY POTTER" VERSUS "LORD OF THE RINGS," JASON.
THEY'RE BOOKS AND MOVIES, NOT SPORTS TEAMS!
CAN'T WE AS FANS JUST ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DIFFERING PREFERENCES AND CO-EXIST IN MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON-DEMEANING HARMONY?
AND I THOUGHT HOBBITS LIVED IN A FANTASY WORLD.
DON'T MAKE ME ZAP YOU.


OH, HI EILEEN. NO, JASON ISN'T HOME.
HE WENT TO THE MOVIES WITH MARCUS.
WHICH ONE? OH, JUST THE ONE HE'S SEEN FOUR TIMES SINCE YESTERDAY...
YOUR FRIEND EILEEN JACOBSON SURE HAS A LOUD LAUGH.
AAAA! WHAT'D YOU TELL HER?!?







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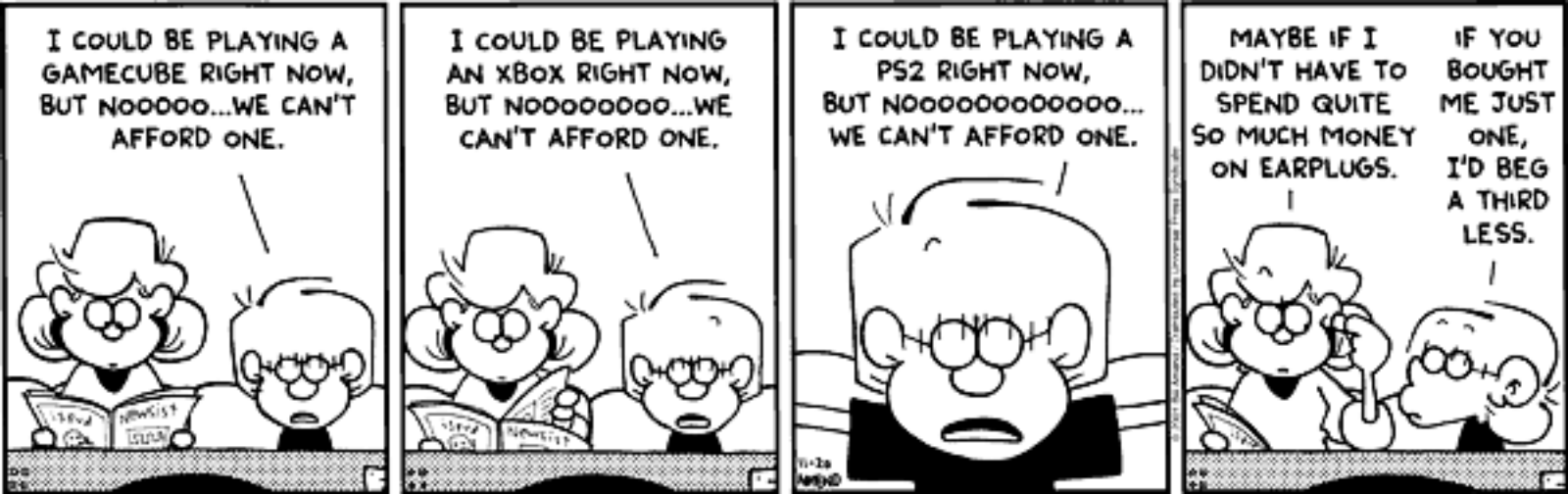
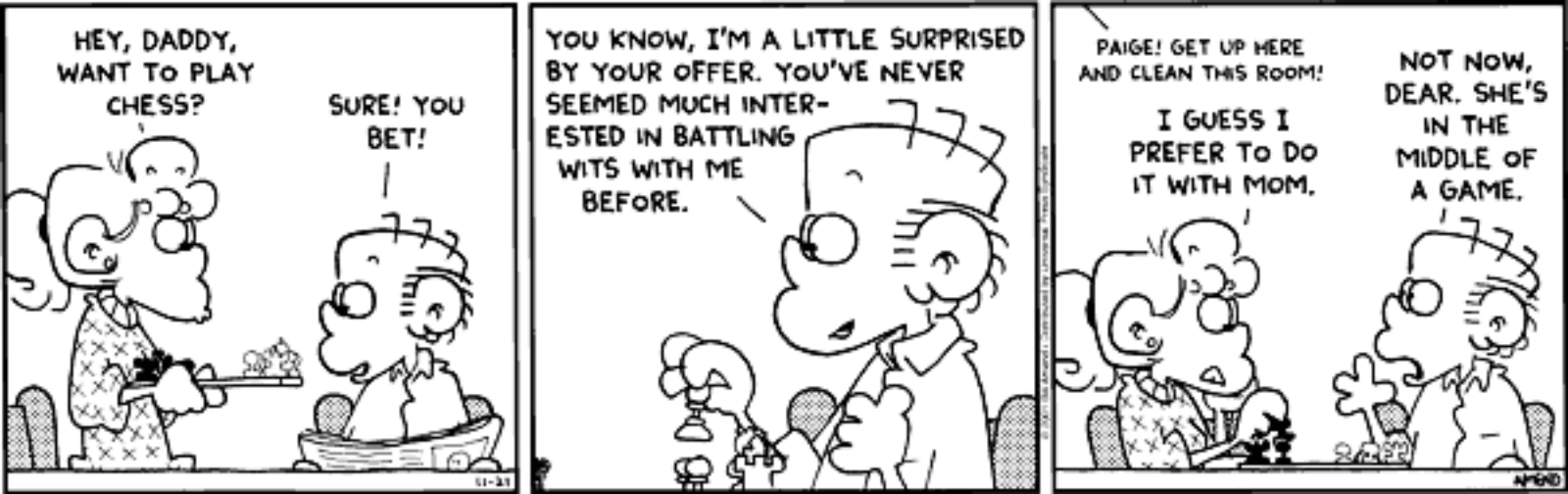
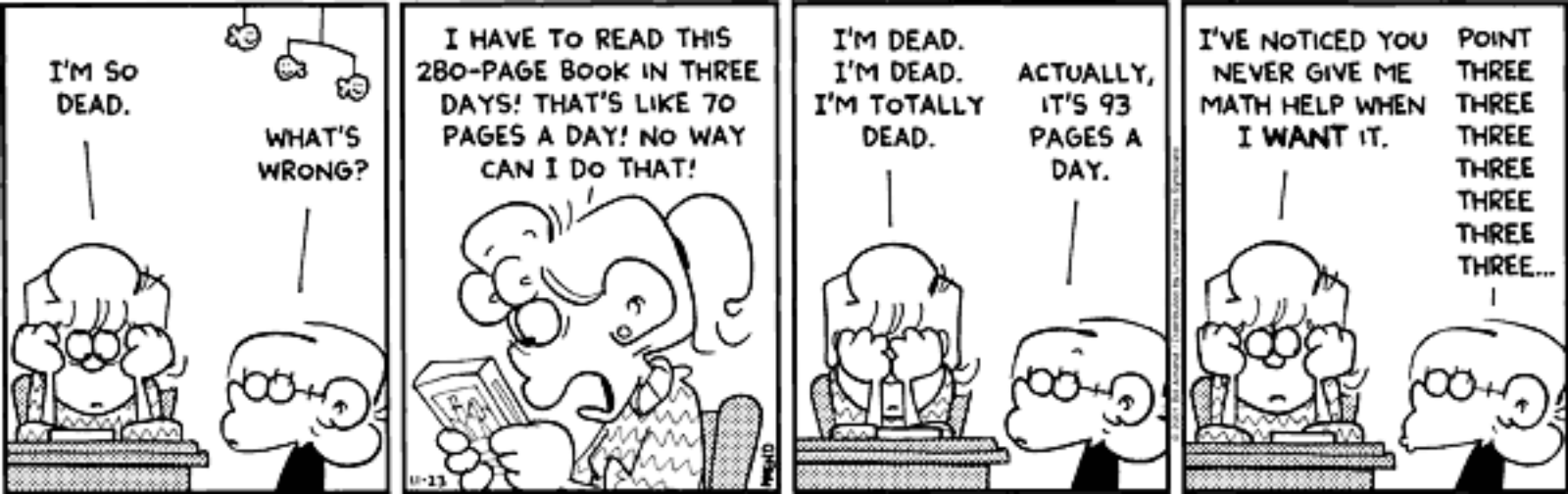
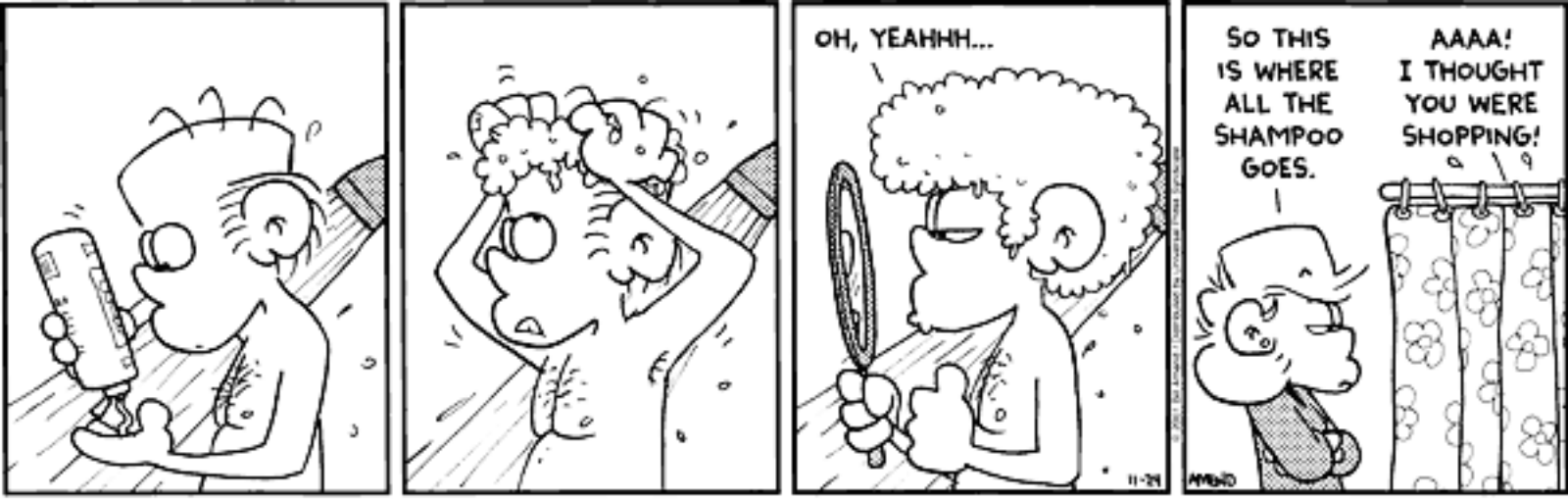
YOU'VE GOT MAIL!
OH, JOY.
HOLD ON. NEITHER NET CONGESTION NOR DROPPED PACKETS NOR ROUTER FAILURE NOR INFECTED ATTACHMENTS STAYS THIS COURIER FROM THE SWIFT COMPLETION OF HIS APPOINTED ROUNDS, AND ALL I GET IS "OH, JOY"?!
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO "THANK YOU"?!
...OR DID YOU NOT WANT THESE 7,526 MESSAGES FROM THE XXX-HOT PSYCHIC MORTGAGE CORPORATION?


I COULD BE PLAYING A GAMECUBE RIGHT NOW, BUT NOOOOO...WE CAN'T AFFORD ONE.
I COULD BE PLAYING AN XBOX RIGHT NOW, BUT NOOOOOOOO...WE CAN'T AFFORD ONE.
I COULD BE PLAYING A PS2 RIGHT NOW, BUT NOOOOOOOOOOOO... WE CAN'T AFFORD ONE.
MAYBE IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO SPEND QUITE SO MUCH MONEY ON EARPLUGS.
IF YOU BOUGHT ME JUST ONE, I'D BEG A THIRD LESS.


HEY, DADDY, WANT TO PLAY CHESS?
SURE! YOU BET!
YOU KNOW, I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED BY YOUR OFFER. YOU'VE NEVER SEEMED MUCH INTERESTED IN BATTLING WITS WITH ME BEFORE.
PAIGE! GET UP HERE AND CLEAN THIS ROOM!
I GUESS I PREFER TO DO IT WITH MOM.
NOT NOW, DEAR. SHE'S IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME.

PETER, I WISH YOU'D STOP NAPPING AND WOULD HELP OUT SOME.
11-23
DON'T BLAME ME. IT'S ALL THE TRYPTOPHAN IN THE TURKEY I ATE. IT'S LIKE NATURE'S KNOCK-OUT DRUG.
THAT'S A GOOD EXCUSE, EXCEPT THANKS-GIVING DINNER ISN'T FOR FOUR MORE HOURS.
I'M STILL DIGESTING LAST YEAR'S.
BY THE WAY, THIS YEAR YOU SERVE YOURSELF AFTER THE REST OF US.


I'M SO DEAD.
WHAT'S WRONG?
I HAVE TO READ THIS 280-PAGE BOOK IN THREE DAYS! THAT'S LIKE 70 PAGES A DAY! NO WAY CAN I DO THAT!
I'M DEAD. I'M DEAD. I'M TOTALLY DEAD.
ACTUALLY, IT'S 93 PAGES A DAY.
I'VE NOTICED YOU NEVER GIVE ME MATH HELP WHEN I WANT IT.
POINT THREE THREE THREE THREE THREE THREE THREE...


OH, YEAHHH...
11-29
SO THIS IS WHERE ALL THE SHAMPOO GOES.
AAAA! I THOUGHT YOU WERE SHOPPING!

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SNAP!
CONSERVATION, SCHMONSERVATION. I'M RAISING THE THERMOSTAT.
HONESTLY, ROGER, YOU'RE AS BAD AS THE KIDS.
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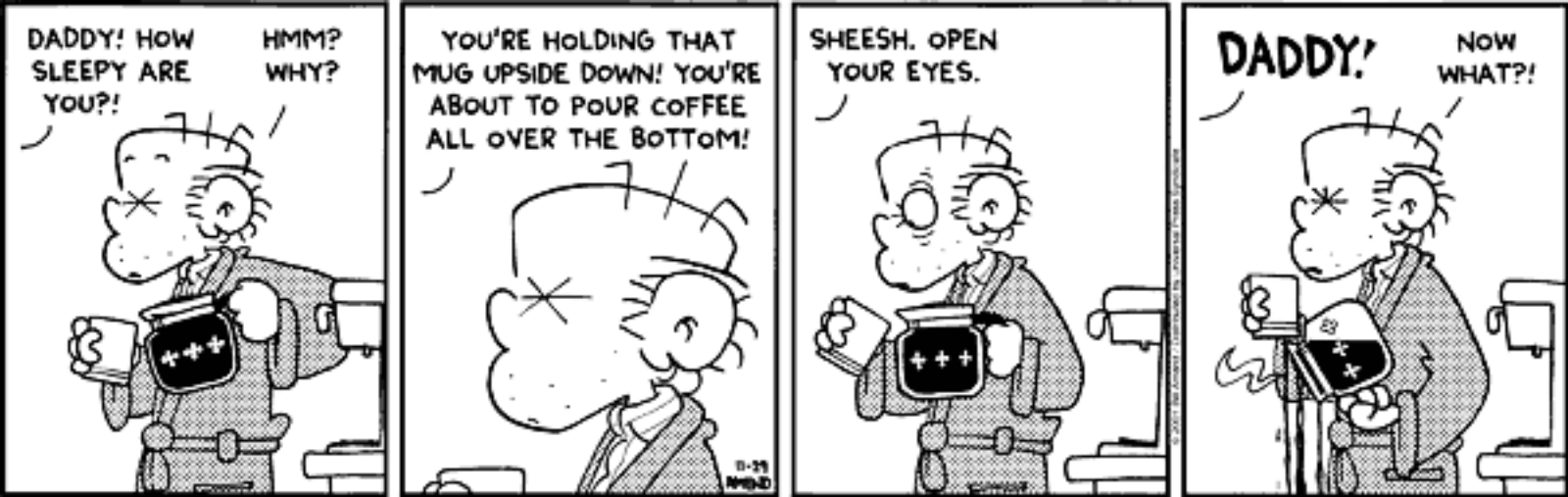
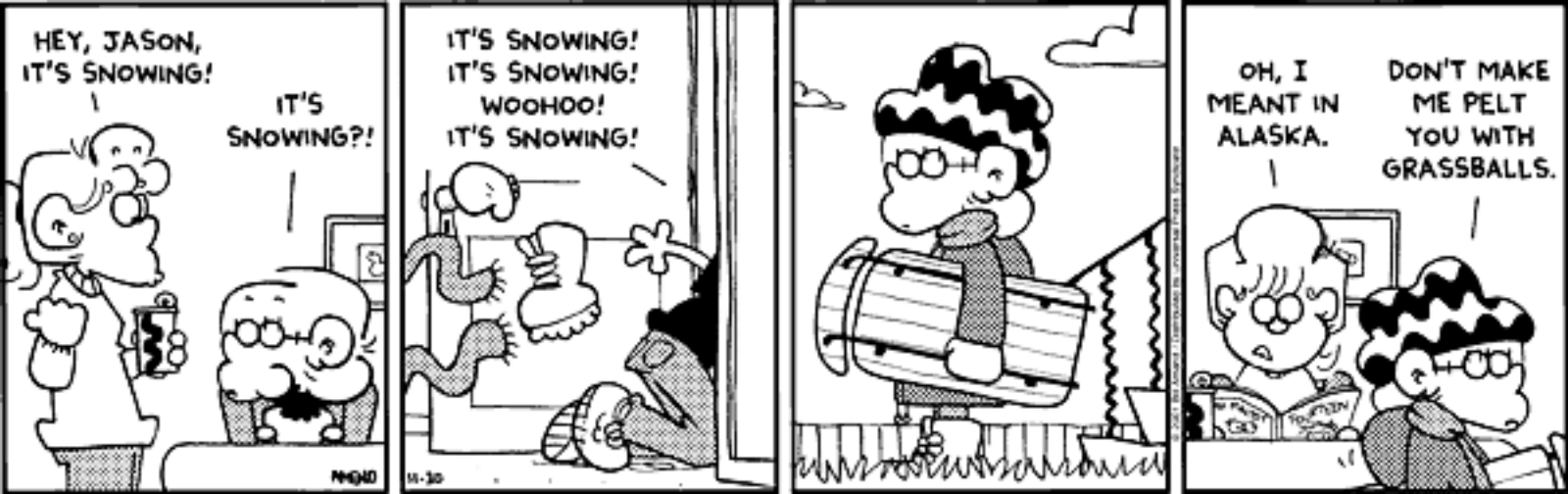
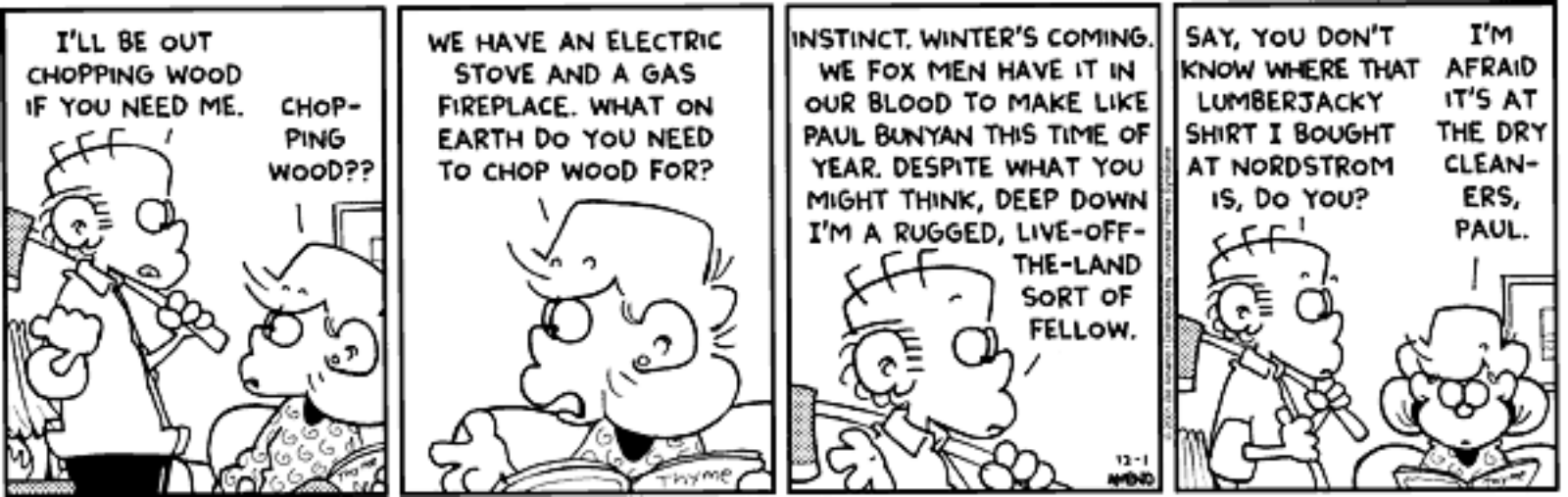
OK, I'VE WRITTEN NOTES IN ALL THE CHRISTMAS CARDS, ATTACHED A PHOTO OF THE KIDS, AND STAMPED AND ADDRESSED ALL THE ENVELOPES.
ALL THAT'S LEFT TO DO IS FOR YOU TO SIGN THEM.
IT'S NOT EVEN DECEMBER YET. WHAT'S THE RUSH?
THIS IS WHY TWO PROCRASTINATORS SHOULDN'T MARRY.
SAY, WHY IS JASON WEARING A DIAPER IN THIS PHOTO?

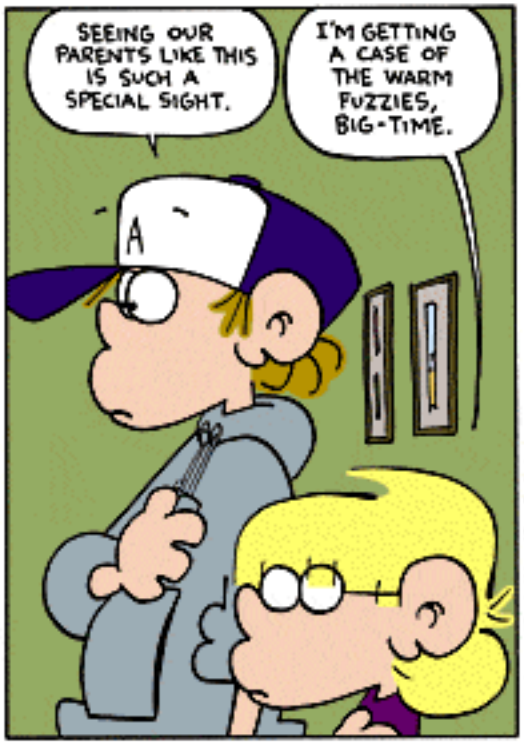
HAVE YOUR GUY USE THE FLAME THROWER.
FWOOOOSH!
SPRAY IT ALL OVER THE PLACE.
FWOOOOSH! FWOOOOSH! FWOOOOSH!
KEEP USING IT! WHY ARE YOU STOPPING?!
PAIGE, ALL THE MONSTERS ARE DEAD.
WHO CARES ABOUT THE GAME?! I'M FREEZING!

YOU WANT ME TO WHAT??
HOLD THE BALL WHILE I KICK IT.
ARE YOU INSANE?!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? IT'S THE EASIEST THING IN FOOTBALL!
THIS GAME IS INSANE, THEN.
I MEANT HOLD IT LOOSELY.


DADDY! HOW SLEEPY ARE YOU?!
HMM? WHY?
YOU'RE HOLDING THAT MUG UPSIDE DOWN! YOU'RE ABOUT TO POUR COFFEE ALL OVER THE BOTTOM!
SHEESH. OPEN YOUR EYES.
DADDY!
NOW WHAT?!


HEY, JASON, IT'S SNOWING!
IT'S SNOWING?!
IT'S SNOWING! IT'S SNOWING! WOOHOO! IT'S SNOWING!
OH, I MEANT IN ALASKA.
DON'T MAKE ME PELT YOU WITH GRASSBALLS.


I'LL BE OUT CHOPPING WOOD IF YOU NEED ME.
CHOP-PING WOOD??
WE HAVE AN ELECTRIC STOVE AND A GAS FIREPLACE. WHAT ON EARTH DO YOU NEED TO CHOP WOOD FOR?
Thyme
INSTINCT. WINTER'S COMING. WE FOX MEN HAVE IT IN OUR BLOOD TO MAKE LIKE PAUL BUNYAN THIS TIME OF YEAR. DESPITE WHAT YOU MIGHT THINK, DEEP DOWN I'M A RUGGED, LIVE-OFF-THE-LAND SORT OF FELLOW.
12-1
SAY, YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT LUMBERJACKY SHIRT I BOUGHT AT NORDSTROM IS, DO YOU?
I'M AFRAID IT'S AT THE DRY CLEAN-ERS, PAUL.



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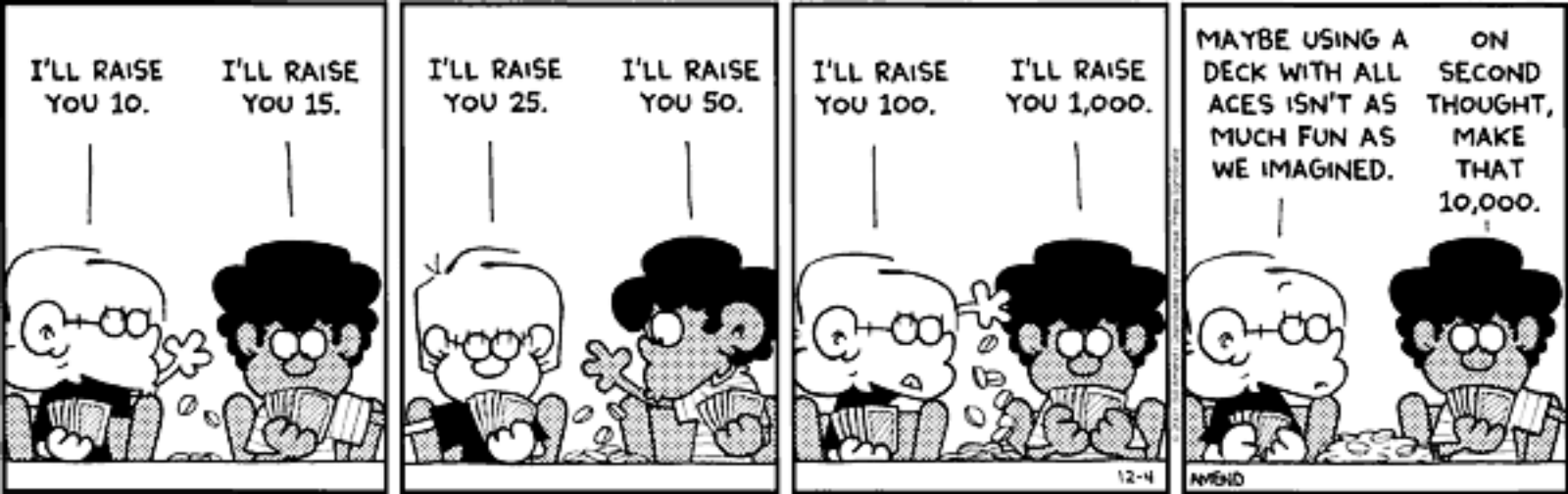
SPIT! SPIT! SPIT!
AT LEAST YOU'RE GETTING THEM TO BRUSH AFTER MEALS.
THE EGGPLANT WAS NOT THAT BAD, KIDS!


I'LL RAISE YOU 10.
I'LL RAISE YOU 15.
I'LL RAISE YOU 25.
I'LL RAISE YOU 50.
I'LL RAISE YOU 100.
I'LL RAISE YOU 1,000.
12-4
MAYBE USING A DECK WITH ALL ACES ISN'T AS MUCH FUN AS WE IMAGINED.
ON SECOND THOUGHT, MAKE THAT 10,000.
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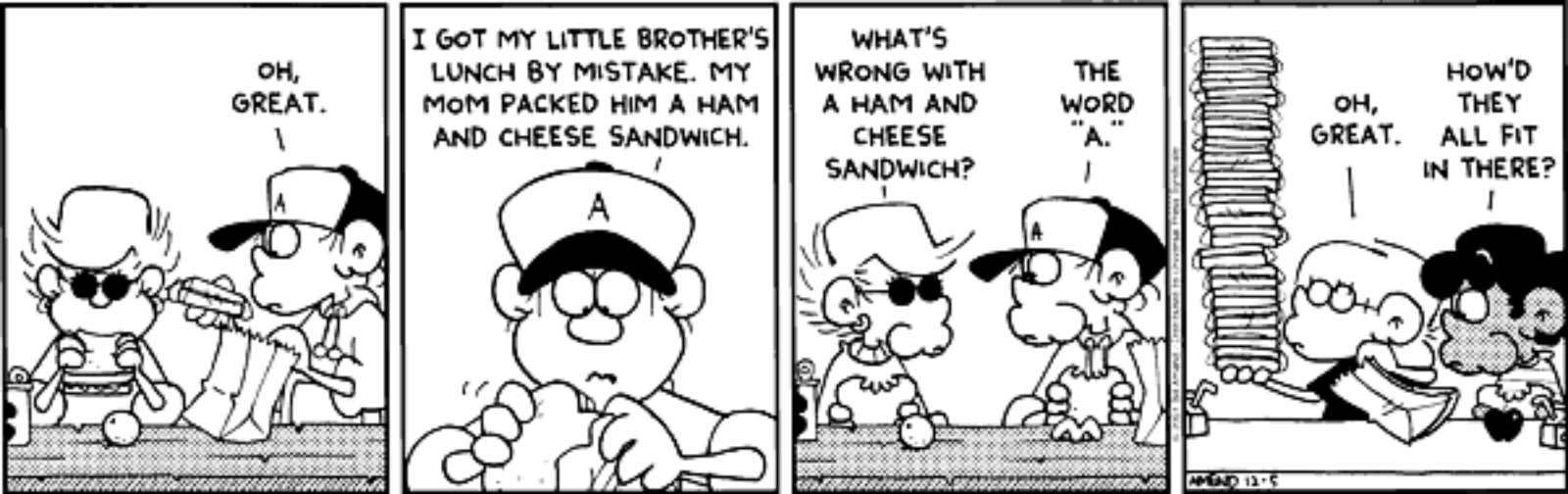
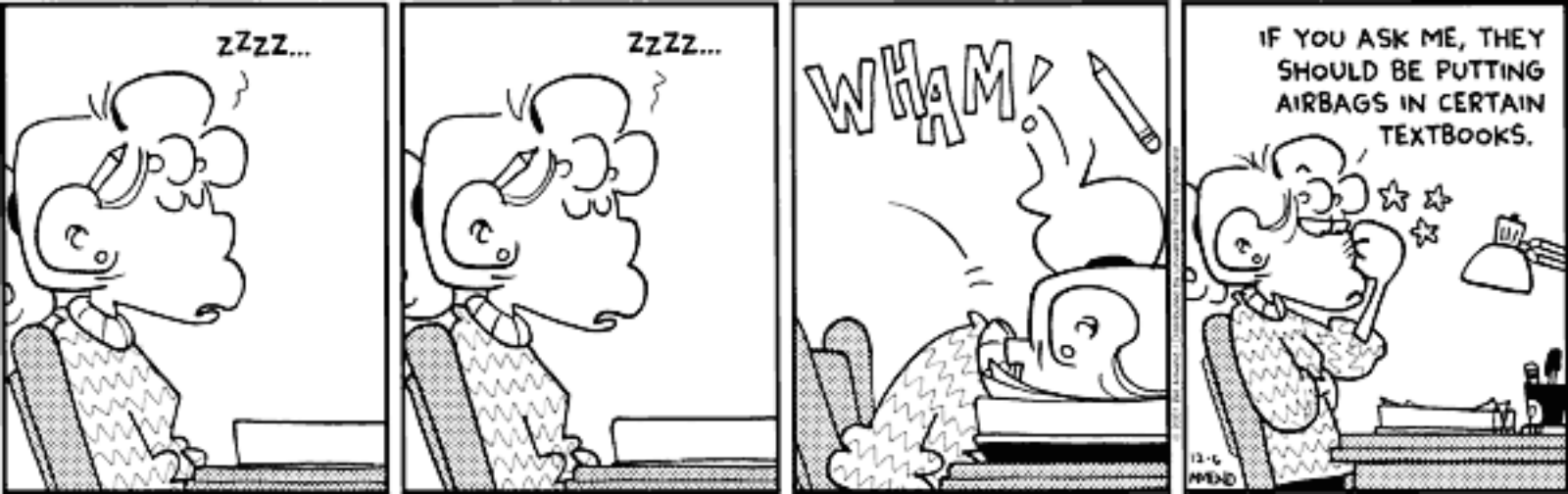

OH, GREAT.
I GOT MY LITTLE BROTHER'S LUNCH BY MISTAKE. MY MOM PACKED HIM A HAM AND CHEESE SANDWICH.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH A HAM AND CHEESE SANDWICH?
THE WORD "A."
OH, GREAT.
HOW'D THEY ALL FIT IN THERE?


ZZZZ...
ZZZZ...
WHAM!
IF YOU ASK ME, THEY SHOULD BE PUTTING AIRBAGS IN CERTAIN TEXTBOOKS.
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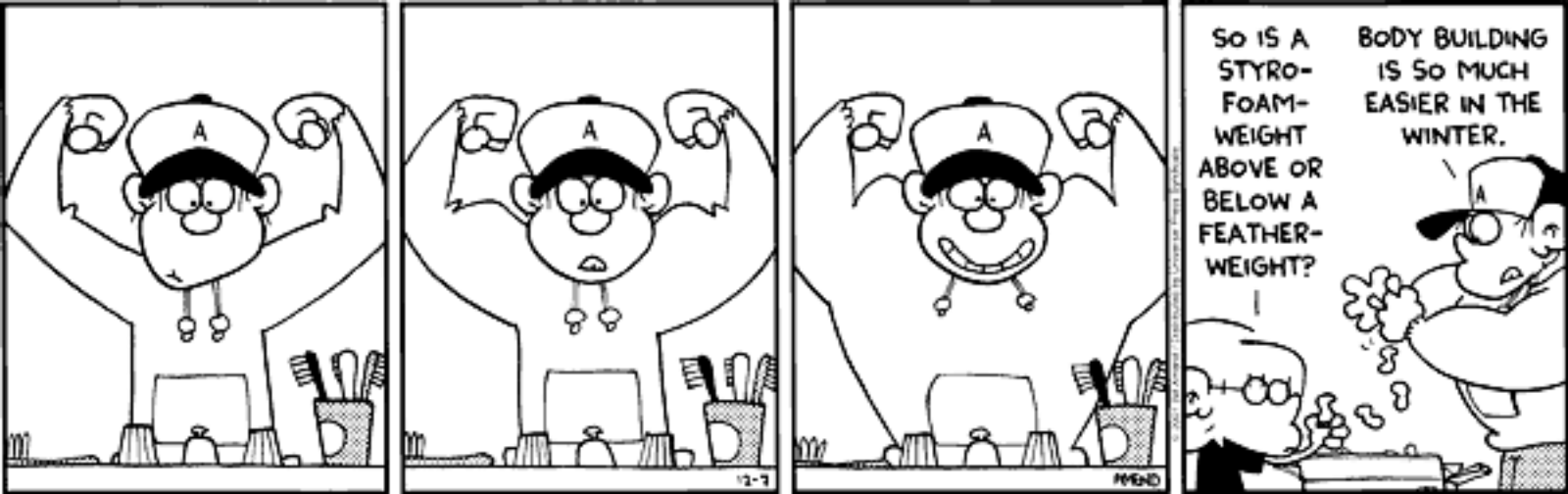
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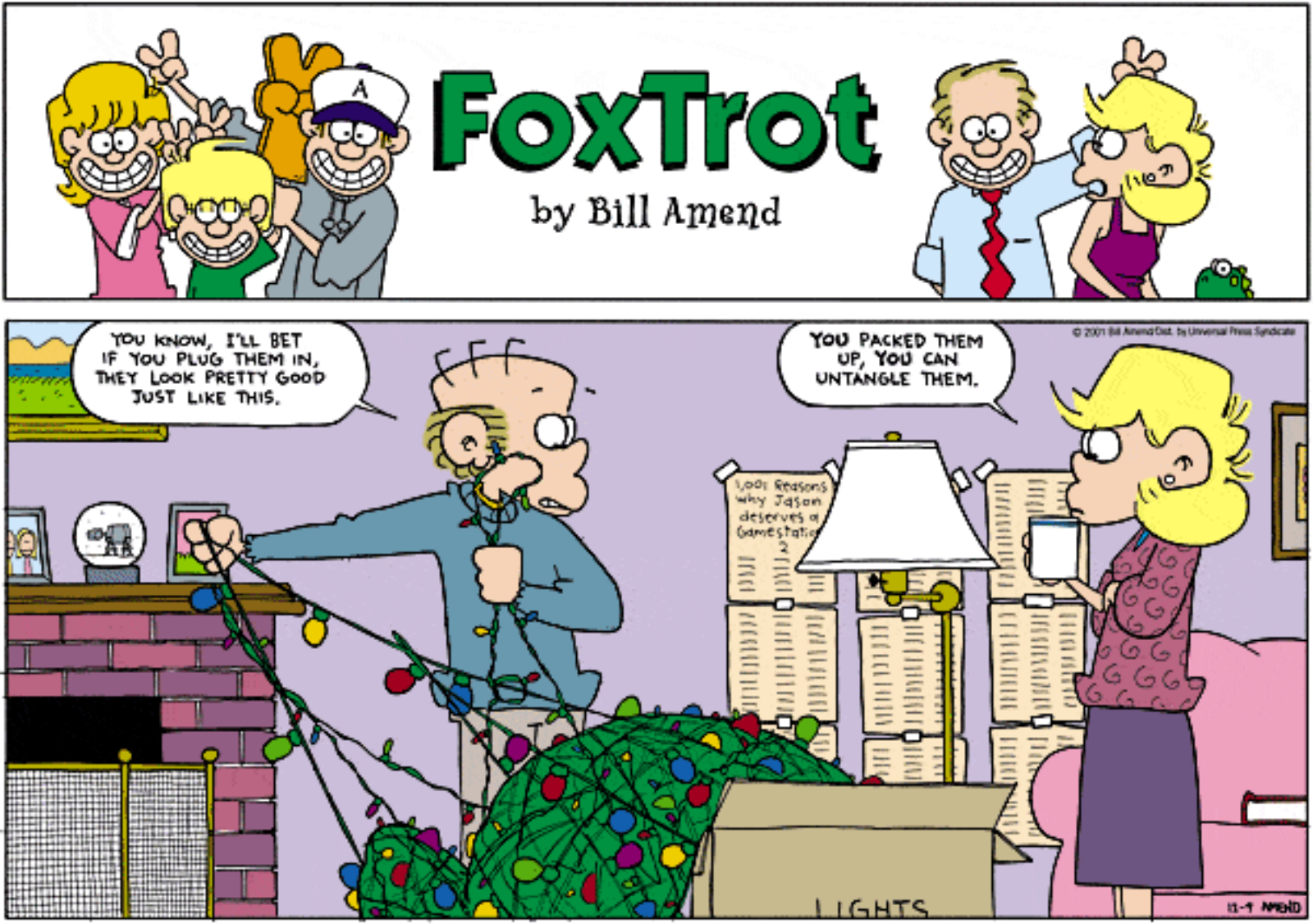
SO IS A STYRO-FOAM-WEIGHT ABOVE OR BELOW A FEATHER-WEIGHT?
BODY BUILDING IS SO MUCH EASIER IN THE WINTER.

SO, ANY IDEA WHAT THE KIDS WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?
OF COURSE.
PETER WANTS A SPORTS CAR, PAIGE WANTS A DATE WITH JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE, AND JASON WANTS A COPY OF EVERY VIDEO GAME EVER MADE.
SO, ANY IDEA WHAT WE'LL BE GETTING THE KIDS FOR CHRISTMAS?
NOT A CLUE.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YOU KNOW, I'LL BET IF YOU PLUG THEM IN, THEY LOOK PRETTY GOOD JUST LIKE THIS.
YOU PACKED THEM UP, YOU CAN UNTANGLE THEM.
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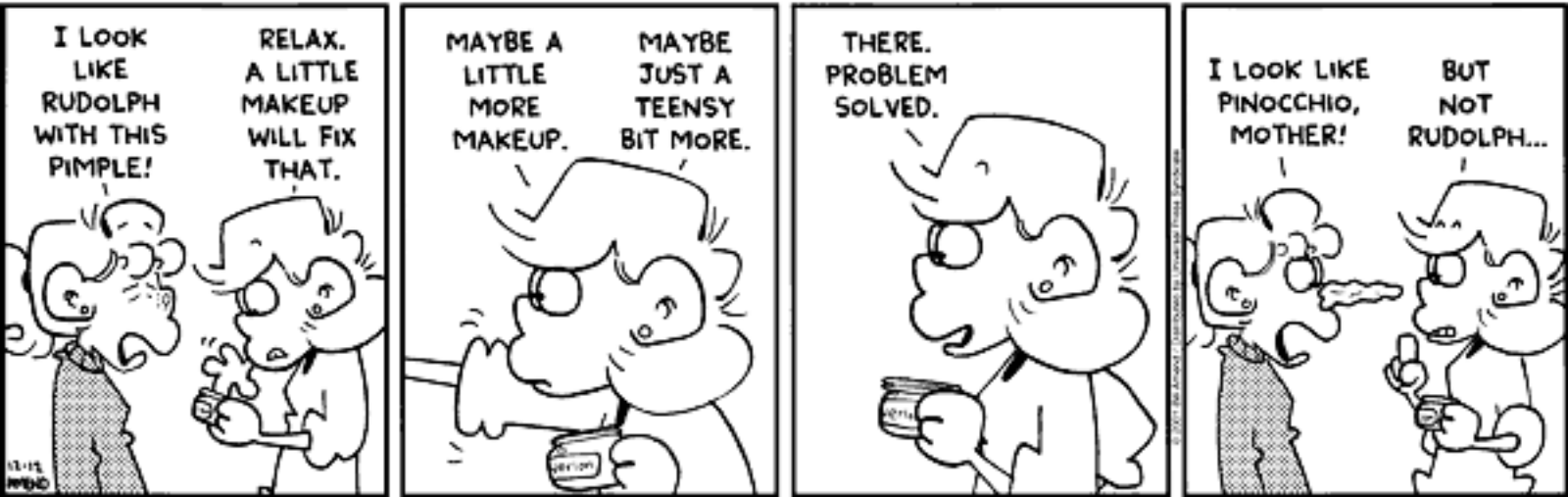
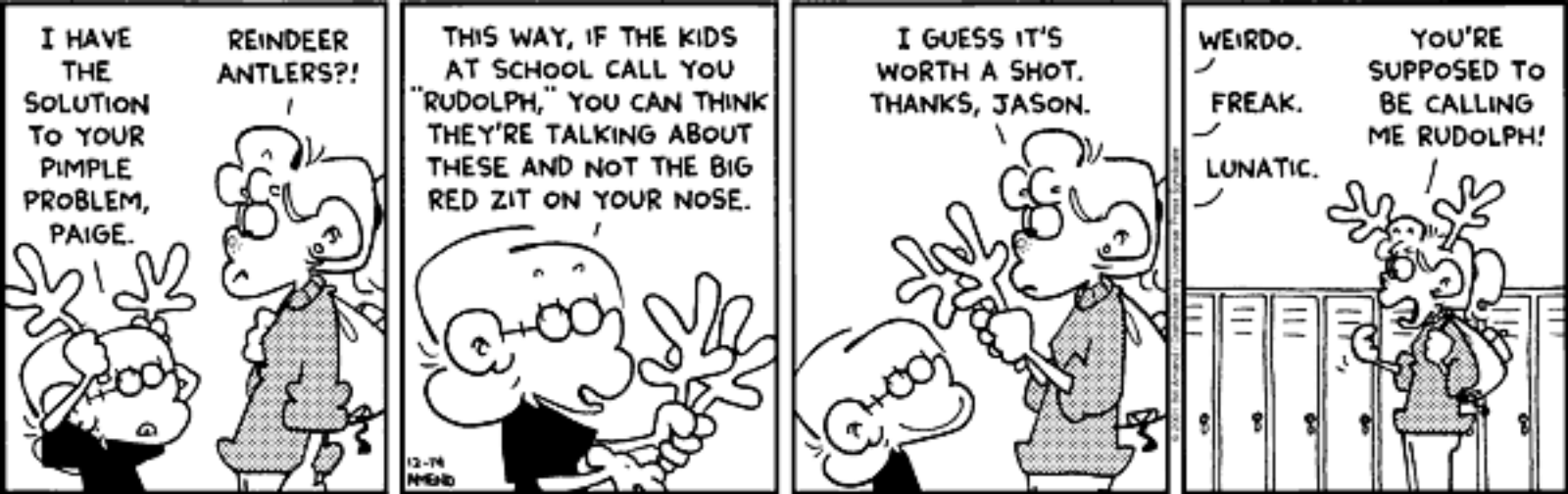
AAAAAAAA!
I WISH YOU'D NOTICE YOUR PIMPLES BEFORE FILLING YOUR MOUTH WITH TOOTHPASTE.
WHY NOW?! WHY NOW?!

PAIGE, WILL YOU CALM DOWN?
CALM DOWN?!
IT'S THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER AND I'VE GOT A BIG RED ZIT ON MY NOSE, MOTHER!
WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT DECEMBER?
JASON, COME HERE, PLEASE.
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, RUDOLPH?
JASON, GO AWAY, PLEASE.
SEE?!? SEE?!?


I LOOK LIKE RUDOLPH WITH THIS PIMPLE!
RELAX. A LITTLE MAKEUP WILL FIX THAT.
MAYBE A LITTLE MORE MAKEUP.
MAYBE JUST A TEENSY BIT MORE.
THERE. PROBLEM SOLVED.
I LOOK LIKE PINOCCHIO, MOTHER!
BUT NOT RUDOLPH...

I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL LIKE THIS, MOTHER!
PAIGE, IT'S JUST A PIMPLE!
EVERYBODY GETS THEM — THEY'RE A PART OF GROWING UP. THE TRICK IS TO ACCEPT IT WITH MATURITY AND SHOW HOW MUCH YOU'RE GROWING UP.
12-13
SAY, IS THAT A NEW GRAY HAIR?
AAAA! WHERE?! WHERE?!
NO COMMENT.
MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL — YOU'RE GETTING TOO SMART.


I HAVE THE SOLUTION TO YOUR PIMPLE PROBLEM, PAIGE.
REINDEER ANTLERS?!
THIS WAY, IF THE KIDS AT SCHOOL CALL YOU "RUDOLPH," YOU CAN THINK THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THESE AND NOT THE BIG RED ZIT ON YOUR NOSE.
12-14
I GUESS IT'S WORTH A SHOT. THANKS, JASON.
WEIRDO.
FREAK.
LUNATIC.
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CALLING ME RUDOLPH!

SO HOW WAS SCHOOL?
IT WASN'T THAT BAD, ACTUALLY.
KIDS DIDN'T MAKE FUN OF YOUR PIMPLE?
THEY DID, BUT I KEPT IT ALL IN PERSPECTIVE...
THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY TEASED ME AND CALLED ME RUDOLPH, I'D BE COMING HOME TO MY FAMILY AT THE END OF THE DAY.
WHERE YOU'D BE ACCEPTED AND LOVED, ZITS AND ALL.
NO, NO — WHERE I'D BE TEASED EVEN WORSE.
WORSE?! YOU MEAN BETTER.

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by Bill Amend
COME ON — THIS IS HOW ROBERT DE NIRO WOULD PREP FOR THE ROLE!
YOU'RE THE OFFICE PARTY SANTA CLAUS. NO ONE WILL CARE IF YOU WEAR PADDING.
OUT OF THE WAY, MOM — CHEESE BLOCK COMING THROUGH.
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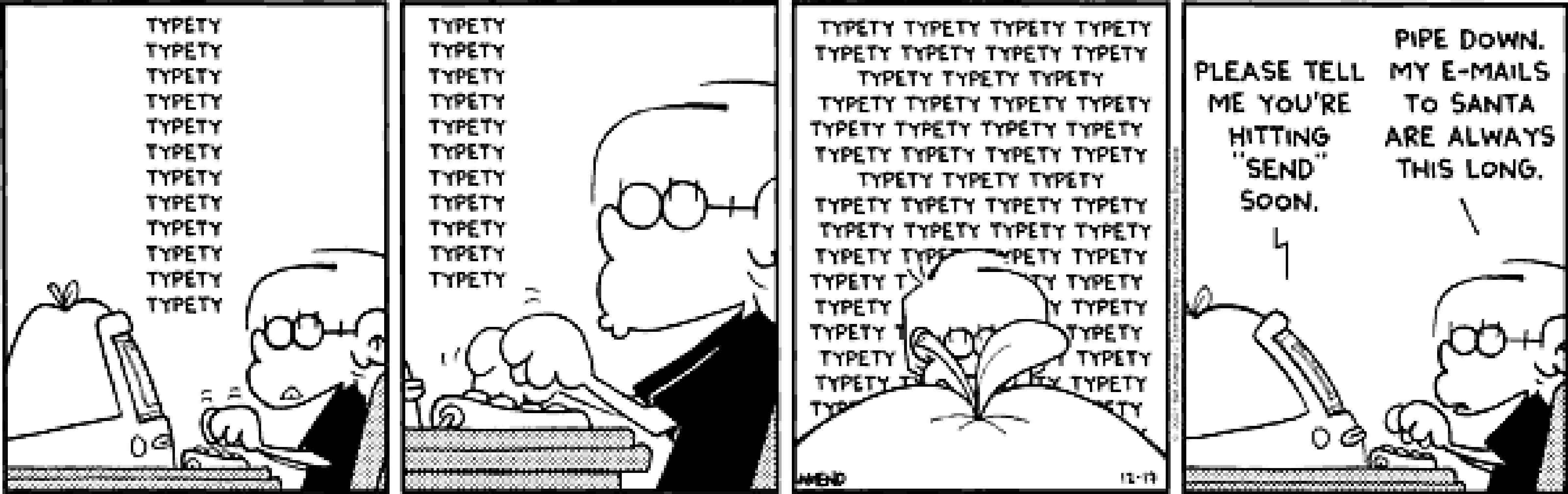

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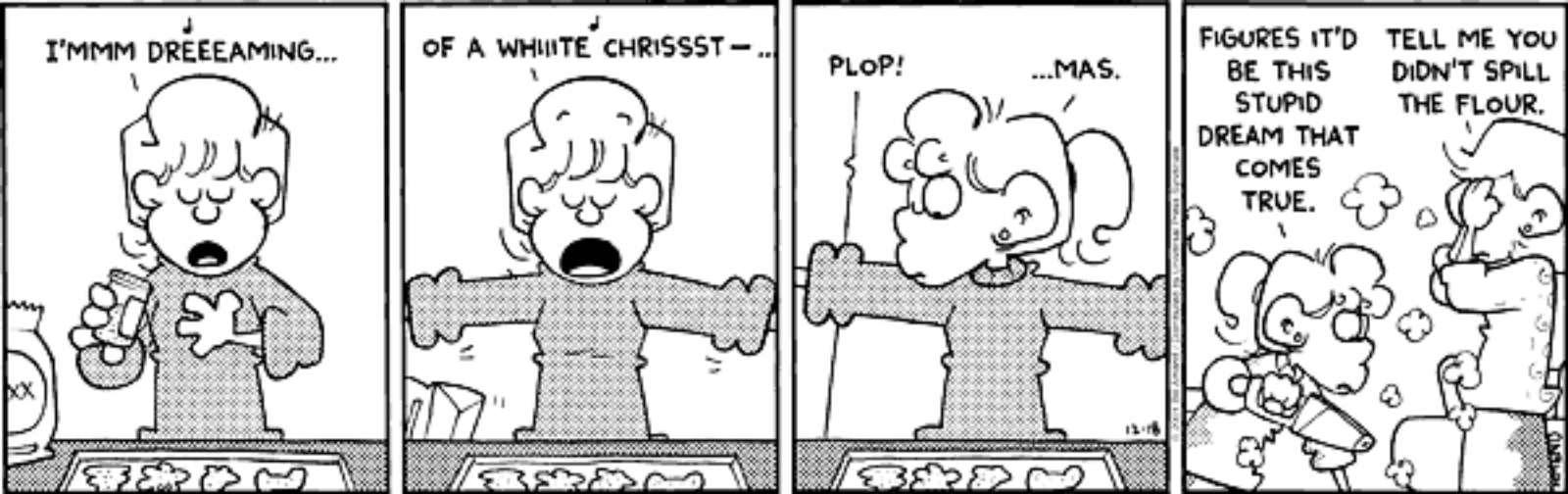
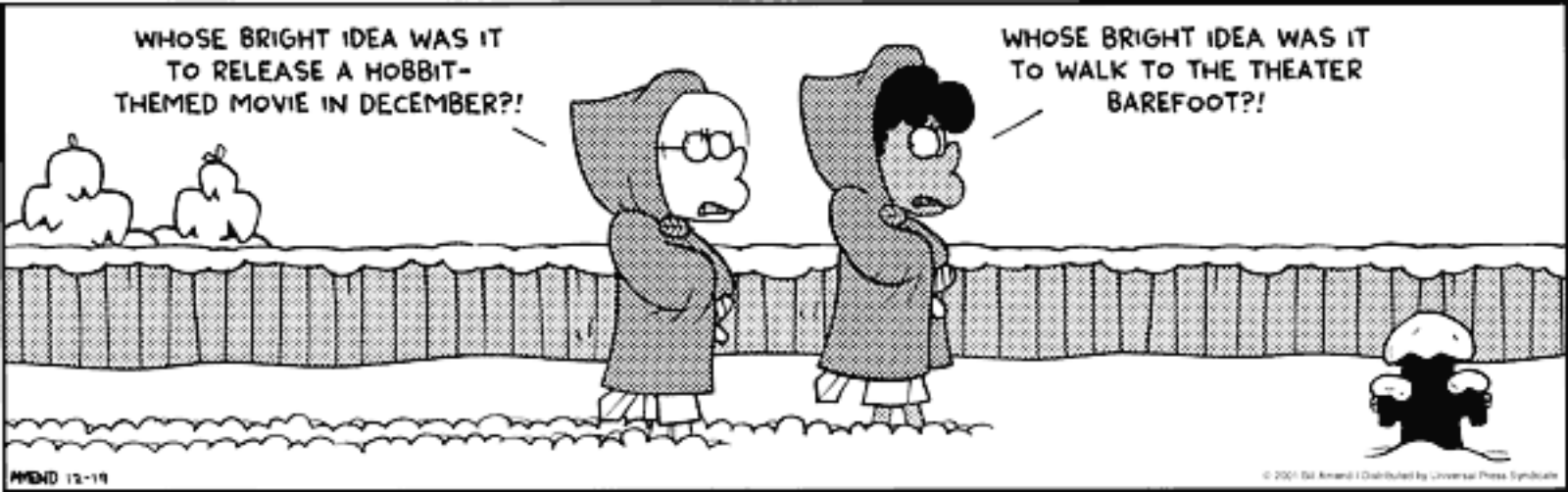
PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE HITTING "SEND" SOON.
PIPE DOWN. MY E-MAILS TO SANTA ARE ALWAYS THIS LONG.


I'MMM DREEEAMING...
OF A WHIITE CHRISSST—...
PLOP!
...MAS.
FIGURES IT'D BE THIS STUPID DREAM THAT COMES TRUE.
TELL ME YOU DIDN'T SPILL THE FLOUR.


WHOSE BRIGHT IDEA WAS IT TO RELEASE A HOBBIT-THEMED MOVIE IN DECEMBER?!
WHOSE BRIGHT IDEA WAS IT TO WALK TO THE THEATER BAREFOOT?!
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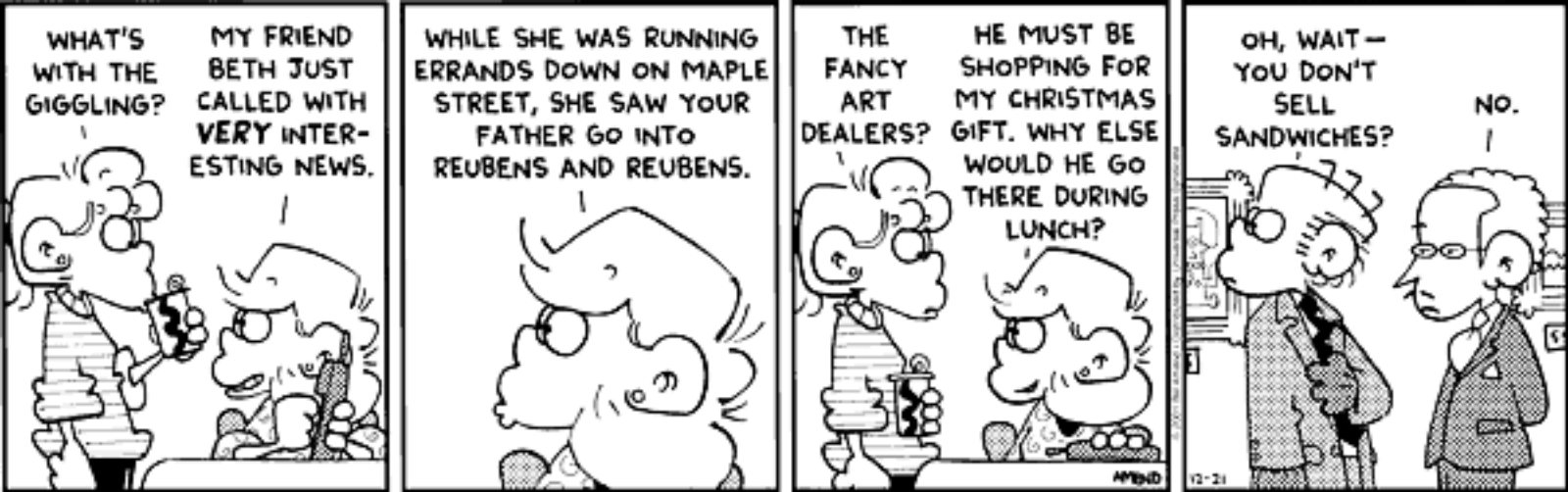
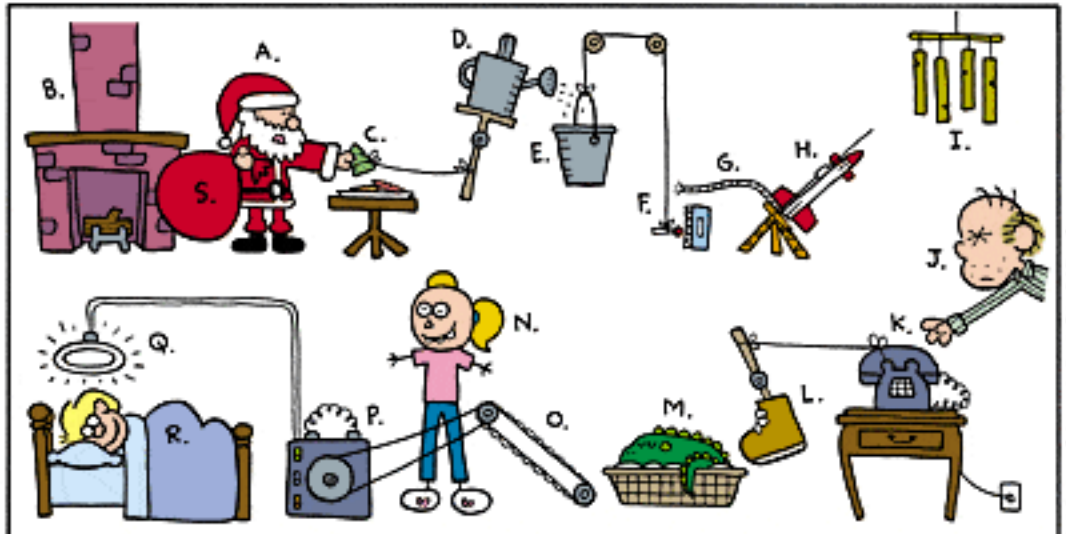
PETER, GET UP-STAIRS! YOU HAVE HOMEWORK TO DO!
BUT "A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS" JUST CAME ON.
IT'S A HOLIDAY STAPLE! A TOUCH-STONE FOR GENERATIONS! NOT WATCHING IT WOULD BE DOWNRIGHT UNAMERICAN!
WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE IT ON VIDEOTAPE. GO.
WHO SAYS MODERN CONVENIENCES ARE CONVENIENT?


WHAT'S WITH THE GIGGLING?
MY FRIEND BETH JUST CALLED WITH VERY INTERESTING NEWS.
WHILE SHE WAS RUNNING ERRANDS DOWN ON MAPLE STREET, SHE SAW YOUR FATHER GO INTO REUBENS AND REUBENS.
THE FANCY ART DEALERS?
HE MUST BE SHOPPING FOR MY CHRISTMAS GIFT. WHY ELSE WOULD HE GO THERE DURING LUNCH?
OH, WAIT — YOU DON'T SELL SANDWICHES?
NO.
12-21

HEY! WHO ATE ALL THE COOKIES I PUT IN HERE?!
12-21
AND HOW'D THIS SANTA COOKIE GET SO FAT?



Santa Claus (A) enters through chimney (B) and spots Christmas cookies (C) pulling string causing watering can (D) to fill bucket (E) striking match (F) lighting fuse (G) to rocket (H) which flies into wind chimes (I) that sound like a phone ringing, causing a groggy Dad (J) to lift receiver (K) pulling string and kicking boot (L) waking iguana (M) who sees ponytail (N) to attack and runs on treadmill (O) which cranks generator (P) powering angelic halo light (Q) above sleeping Jason (R) encouraging Santa (A) to give him lots and lots of presents (S).

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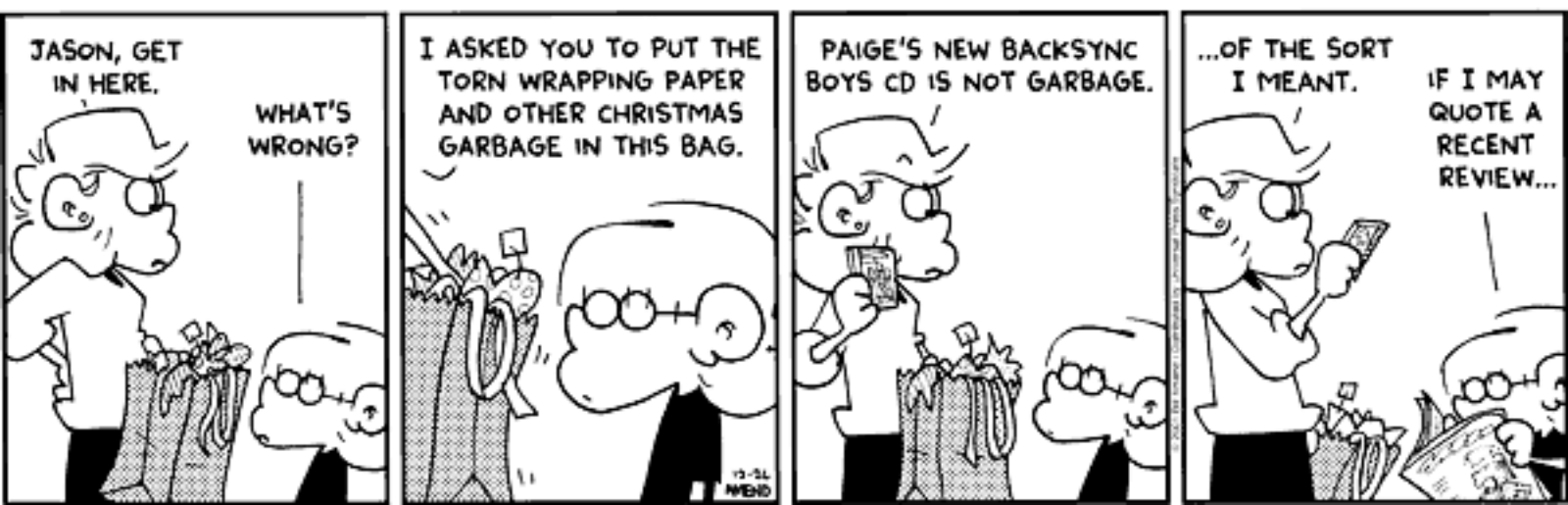
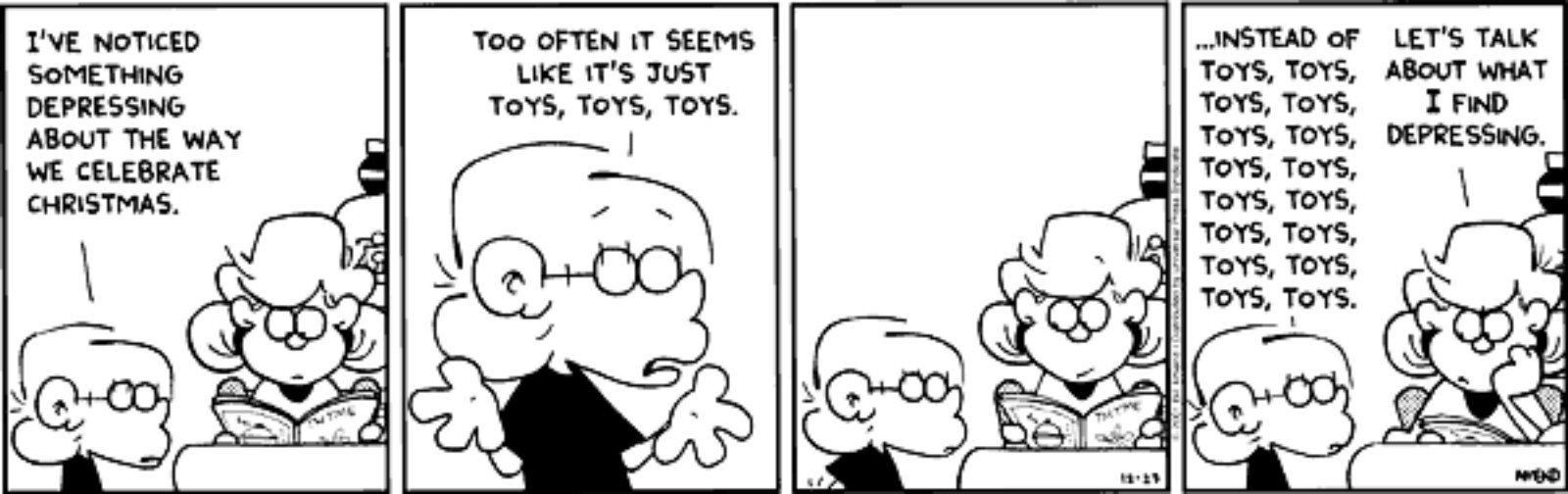
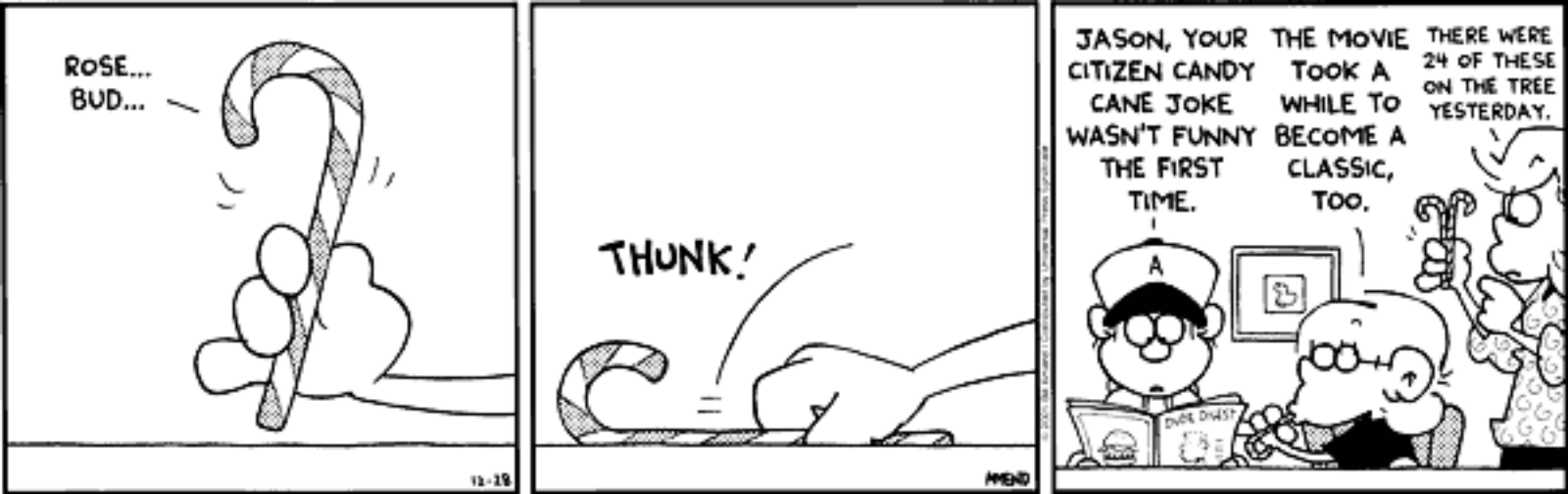
OOO— AN OPTICAL MOUSE!
JASON, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
RIP! RIP! RIP!
OPENING MY PRESENTS.
CHRISTMAS ISN'T UNTIL TOMORROW!
12-24
YES, BUT IT'S ALREADY TOMORROW IN AFGHANISTAN, AND WITH SO MANY U.S. AND ALLIED TROOPS DEPLOYED THERE, I FEEL IT'S MY PATRIOTIC DUTY TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY RIGHT ALONG WITH THEM.
NO NO— I MEANT WITH THEM IN SPIRIT!
HELLO, I'D LIKE TO SHIP MY SON TO ASIA...

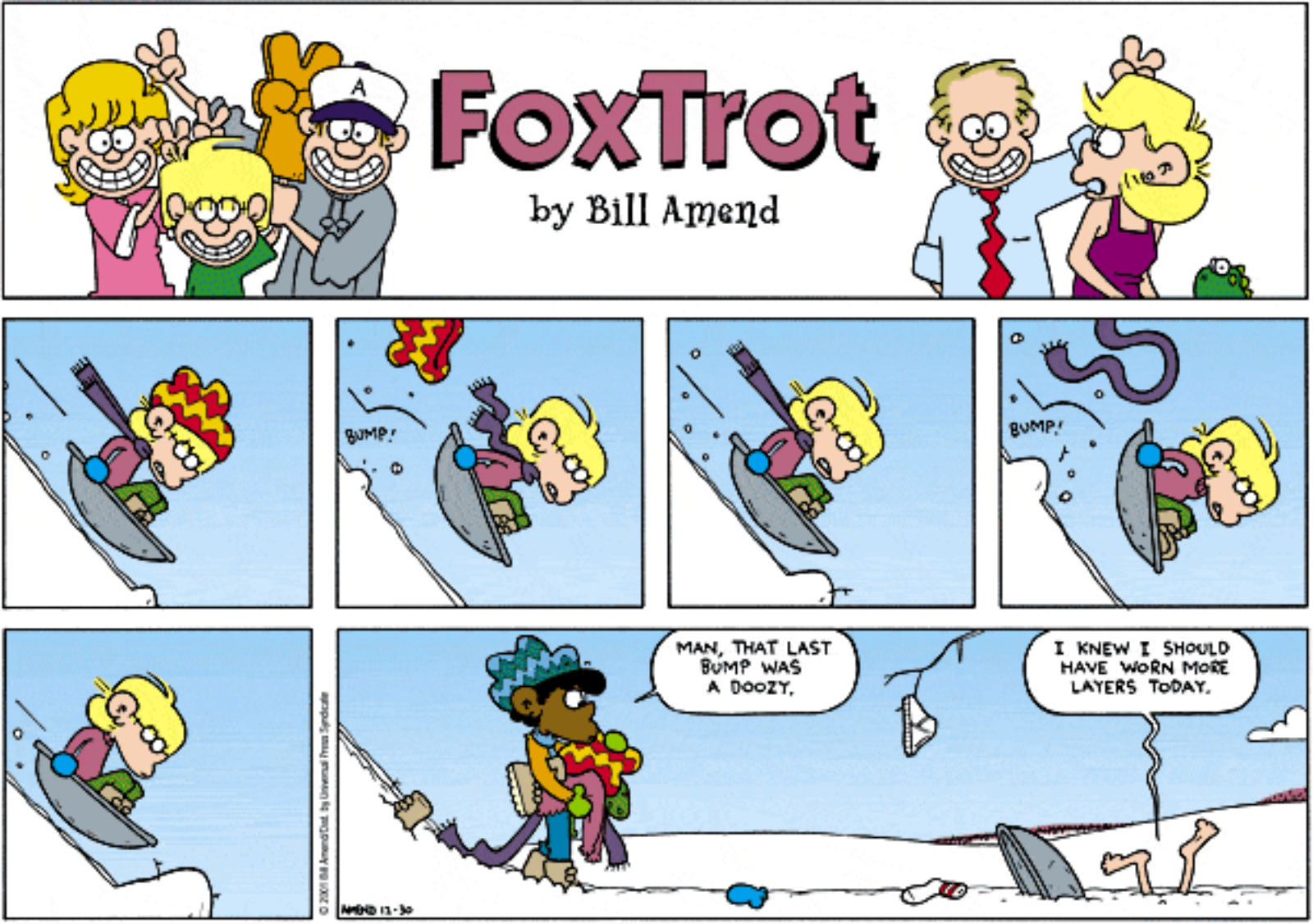
I DIDN'T GET A G.I. JIM MOBILE ROCKET LAUNCHER!
I DIDN'T GET A GOD-OF-THUNDER ELECTRIC BASS GUITAR!
I DIDN'T GET MY VERY OWN PLATINUM VISA AND MASTERCARD!
IT SEEMS FOR ONCE SANTA LOOKED AT MY CHRISTMAS GIFT WISH LIST.
HEY, KIDS— YOU DIDN'T OPEN THESE!


JASON, GET IN HERE.
WHAT'S WRONG?
I ASKED YOU TO PUT THE TORN WRAPPING PAPER AND OTHER CHRISTMAS GARBAGE IN THIS BAG.
12-21
PAIGE'S NEW BACKSYNC BOYS CD IS NOT GARBAGE.
...OF THE SORT I MEANT.
IF I MAY QUOTE A RECENT REVIEW...


I'VE NOTICED SOMETHING DEPRESSING ABOUT THE WAY WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS.
TOO OFTEN IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S JUST TOYS, TOYS, TOYS.
...INSTEAD OF TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS.
LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT I FIND DEPRESSING.


ROSE...
BUD...
12-28
THUNK!
AMEND
JASON, YOUR CITIZEN CANDY CANE JOKE WASN'T FUNNY THE FIRST TIME.
THE MOVIE TOOK A WHILE TO BECOME A CLASSIC, TOO.
THERE WERE 24 OF THESE ON THE TREE YESTERDAY.
A
DIVE DIGEST

I CAN'T HELP IT IF MY AIM IS REALLY, REALLY BAD.
MYERS 12-19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BUMP!
BUMP!
MAN, THAT LAST BUMP WAS A DOOZY.
I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE WORN MORE LAYERS TODAY.
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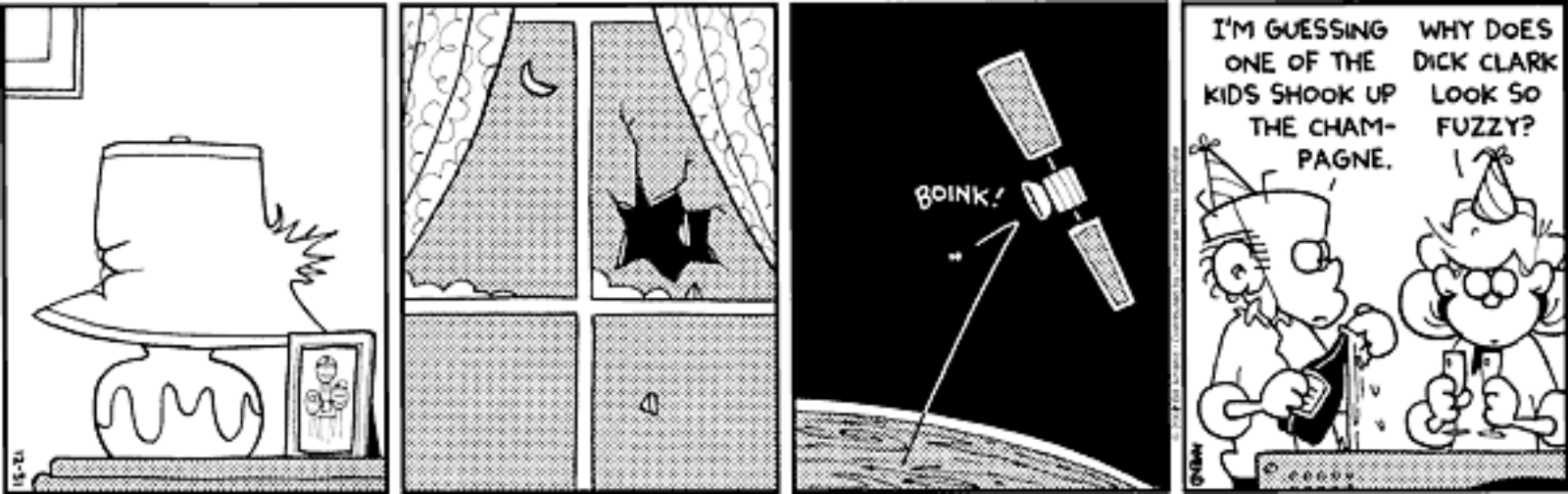
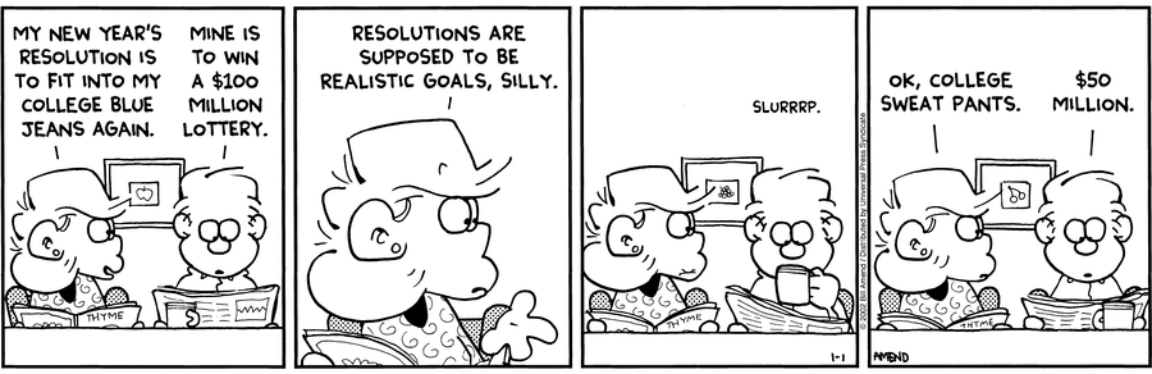

BOINK!
I'M GUESSING ONE OF THE KIDS SHOOK UP THE CHAMPAGNE.
WHY DOES DICK CLARK LOOK SO FUZZY?


MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS TO FIT INTO MY COLLEGE BLUE JEANS AGAIN.
MINE IS TO WIN A $100 MILLION LOTTERY.
THYME
RESOLUTIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE REALISTIC GOALS, SILLY.
SLURRRP.
THYME
1-1
OK, COLLEGE SWEAT PANTS.
$50 MILLION.
THYME
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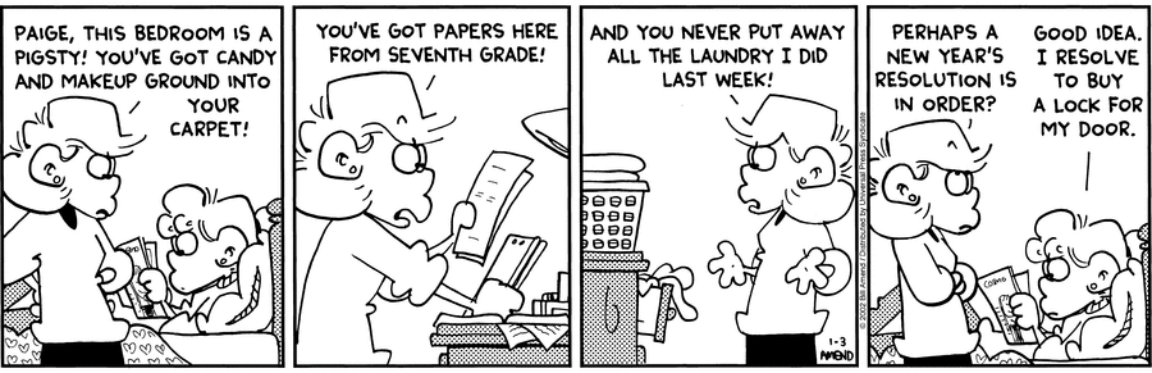
PAIGE, THIS BEDROOM IS A PIGSTY! YOU'VE GOT CANDY AND MAKEUP GROUND INTO YOUR CARPET!
YOU'VE GOT PAPERS HERE FROM SEVENTH GRADE!
AND YOU NEVER PUT AWAY ALL THE LAUNDRY I DID LAST WEEK!
PERHAPS A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS IN ORDER?
GOOD IDEA. I RESOLVE TO BUY A LOCK FOR MY DOOR.
1-3
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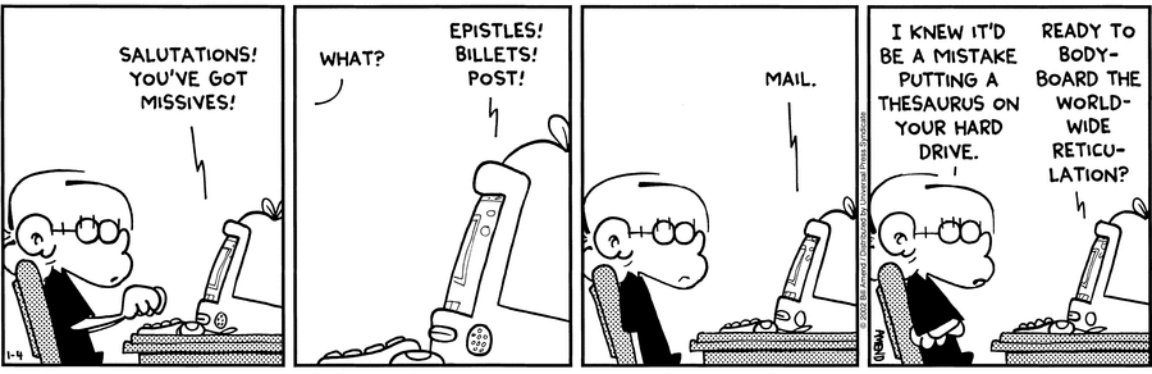
SALUTATIONS! YOU'VE GOT MISSIVES!
1-4
WHAT?
EPISTLES! BILLETS! POST!
MAIL.
I KNEW IT'D BE A MISTAKE PUTTING A THESAURUS ON YOUR HARD DRIVE.
READY TO BODY-BOARD THE WORLD-WIDE RETICU-LATION?
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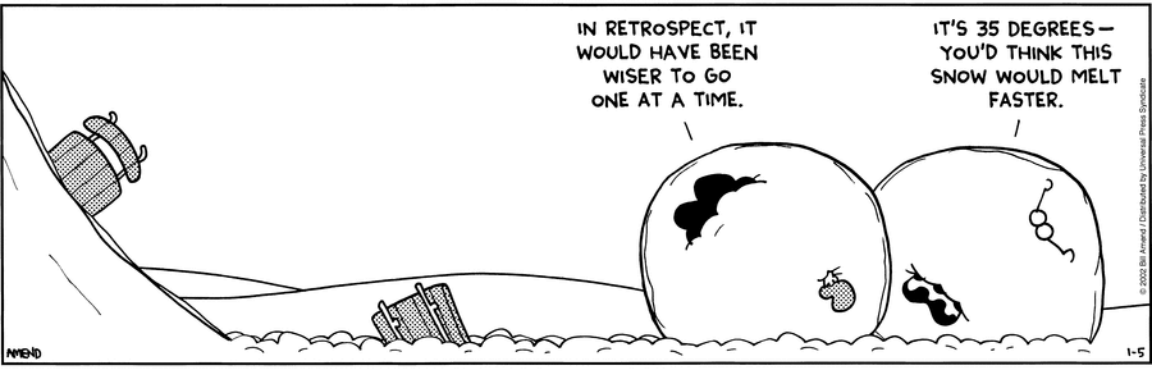
IN RETROSPECT, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WISER TO GO ONE AT A TIME.
IT'S 35 DEGREES— YOU'D THINK THIS SNOW WOULD MELT FASTER.
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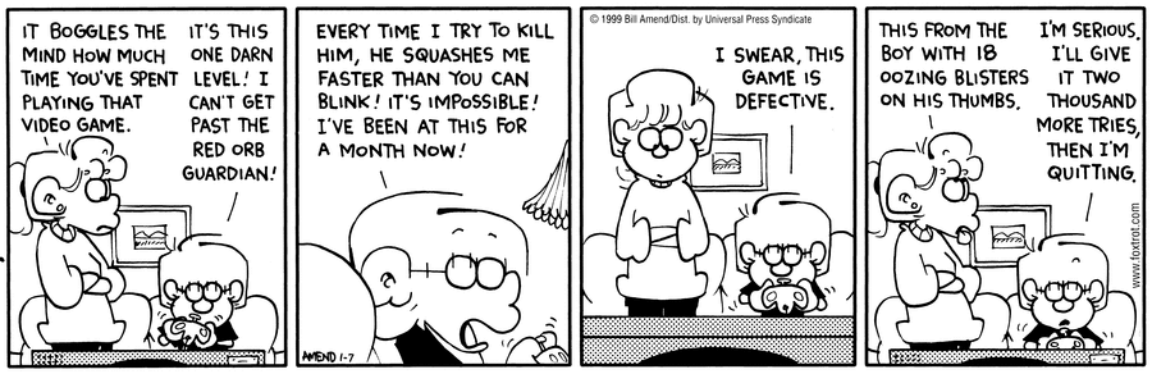
IT BOGGLES THE MIND HOW MUCH TIME YOU'VE SPENT PLAYING THAT VIDEO GAME.
IT'S THIS ONE DARN LEVEL! I CAN'T GET PAST THE RED ORB GUARDIAN!
EVERY TIME I TRY TO KILL HIM, HE SQUASHES ME FASTER THAN YOU CAN BLINK! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I'VE BEEN AT THIS FOR A MONTH NOW!
AMEND 1-7
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I SWEAR, THIS GAME IS DEFECTIVE.
THIS FROM THE BOY WITH 18 OOZING BLISTERS ON HIS THUMBS.
I'M SERIOUS. I'LL GIVE IT TWO THOUSAND MORE TRIES, THEN I'M QUITTING.
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HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME!
OOPS, SORRY. I THOUGHT YOU WERE DONE.
DONE?! COULDN'T YOU SEE I WAS JUST ABOUT TO DO BATTLE WITH THE RED ORB GUARDIAN?! I JUST PAUSED IT SO I COULD GET SOME MORE SUGAR IN MY BLOODSTREAM!
1-8
THIS WAS GOING TO BE MY 10,000TH ATTEMPT! I WAS FEELING EXTRA-LUCKY! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU RESET IT!
WHO SAID I RESET IT?
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AMEND
THEN WHERE'S THE RED ORB GUARDIAN?
AAAA! YOU GOT PAST HIM?! HOW?! HOW?! WHAT'D YOU DO?!
WELL, LET'S SEE... THE FIRST TIME I SNEEZED, I THINK I PUSHED THIS BUTTON... OR THIS ONE...

PAIGE, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO DEFEAT THE RED ORB GUARDIAN FOR OVER A MONTH! HE'S THE TOUGHEST VIDEO GAME FOE I'VE EVER FACED!
HOW ON EARTH DID YOU GET PAST HIM?! YOU STINK!
IF YOU WANT AN ANSWER, THAT'S NO WAY TO ASK.
OK, OK, YOU DON'T STINK.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
HOW ON EARTH DID YOU GET PAST HIM?! MORE COOKIES?
MUCH BETTER. BUT I SAID "FRESH-BAKED."
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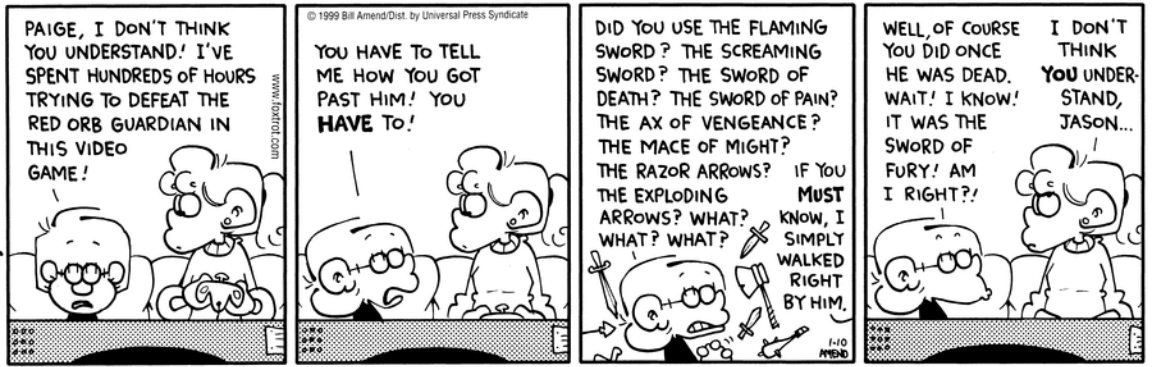
PAIGE, I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND! I'VE SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS TRYING TO DEFEAT THE RED ORB GUARDIAN IN THIS VIDEO GAME!
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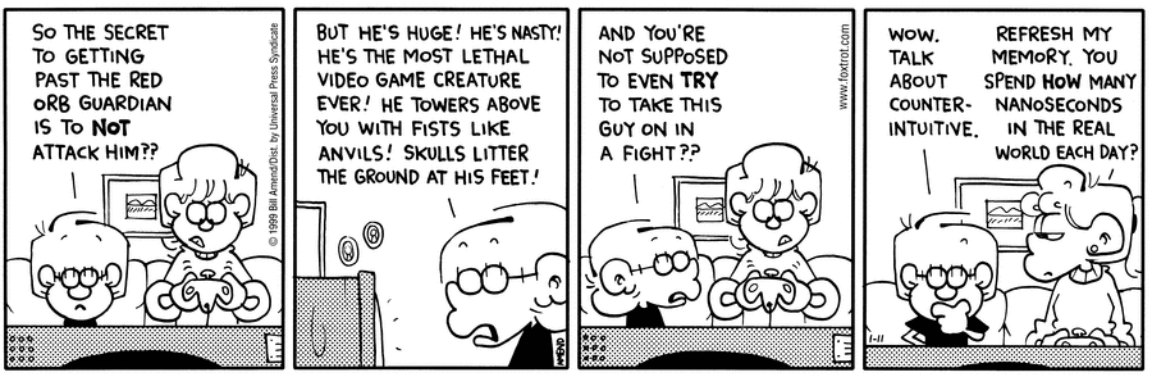
YOU HAVE TO TELL ME HOW YOU GOT PAST HIM! YOU HAVE TO!
DID YOU USE THE FLAMING SWORD? THE SCREAMING SWORD? THE SWORD OF DEATH? THE SWORD OF PAIN? THE AX OF VENGEANCE? THE MACE OF MIGHT? THE RAZOR ARROWS? THE EXPLODING ARROWS? WHAT? WHAT? WHAT?
IF YOU MUST KNOW, I SIMPLY WALKED RIGHT BY HIM.
1-10 AMEND
WELL, OF COURSE YOU DID ONCE HE WAS DEAD. WAIT! I KNOW! IT WAS THE SWORD OF FURY! AM I RIGHT?!
I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND, JASON...


SO THE SECRET TO GETTING PAST THE RED ORB GUARDIAN IS TO **NOT** ATTACK HIM??
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BUT HE'S HUGE! HE'S NASTY! HE'S THE MOST LETHAL VIDEO GAME CREATURE EVER! HE TOWERS ABOVE YOU WITH FISTS LIKE ANVILS! SKULLS LITTER THE GROUND AT HIS FEET!
AND YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO EVEN **TRY** TO TAKE THIS GUY ON IN A FIGHT??
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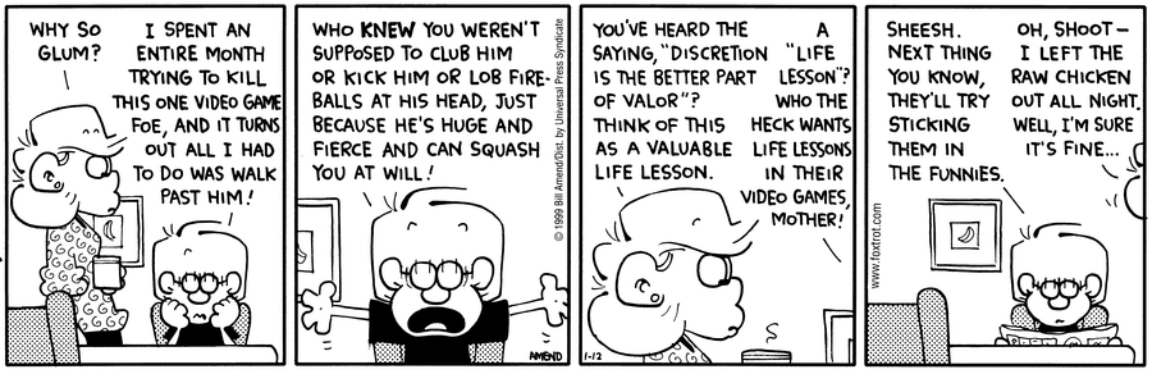
WOW. TALK ABOUT COUNTER-INTUITIVE.
REFRESH MY MEMORY. YOU SPEND **HOW** MANY NANOSECONDS IN THE REAL WORLD EACH DAY?


WHY SO GLUM?
I SPENT AN ENTIRE MONTH TRYING TO KILL THIS ONE VIDEO GAME FOE, AND IT TURNS OUT ALL I HAD TO DO WAS WALK PAST HIM!
WHO KNEW YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO CLUB HIM OR KICK HIM OR LOB FIRE BALLS AT HIS HEAD, JUST BECAUSE HE'S HUGE AND FIERCE AND CAN SQUASH YOU AT WILL!
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AMEND
YOU'VE HEARD THE SAYING, "DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR"? THINK OF THIS AS A VALUABLE LIFE LESSON.
A "LIFE LESSON"? WHO THE HECK WANTS LIFE LESSONS IN THEIR VIDEO GAMES, MOTHER!
1-12
SHEESH. NEXT THING YOU KNOW, THEY'LL TRY STICKING THEM IN THE FUNNIES.
OH, SHOOT – I LEFT THE RAW CHICKEN OUT ALL NIGHT. WELL, I'M SURE IT'S FINE...
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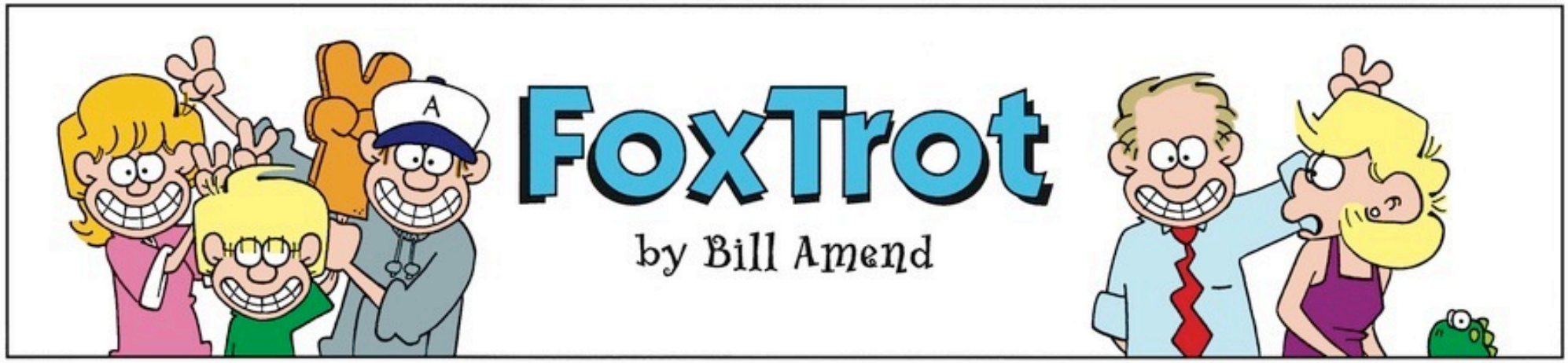

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GREAT JOB ON YOUR REPORT CARD, PAIGE!
THANK YOU.
GREAT JOB ON YOUR REPORT CARD, PETER!
THANK YOU.
GREAT JOB ON YOUR REPORT CARD, JASON!
AHEM.
OKAY, FINE. SUPER-DUPER-DUPER-DUPER-DUPER-GREAT.
HEY, YOU ESTAB-LISHED THE BASELINE, NOT ME.
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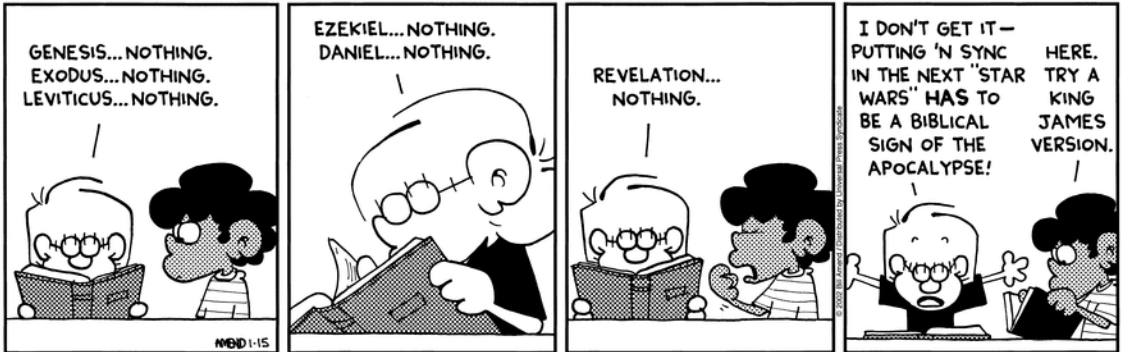
GENESIS... NOTHING.
EXODUS... NOTHING.
LEVITICUS... NOTHING.
MBD 1-15
EZEKIEL... NOTHING.
DANIEL... NOTHING.
REVELATION...
NOTHING.
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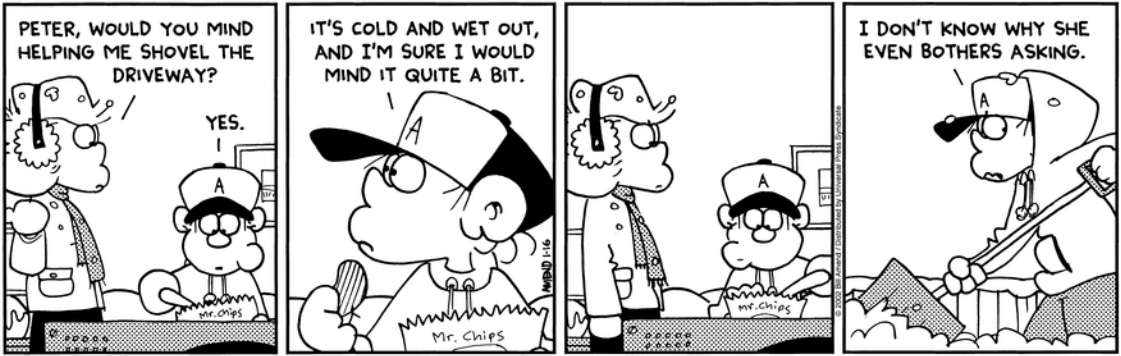
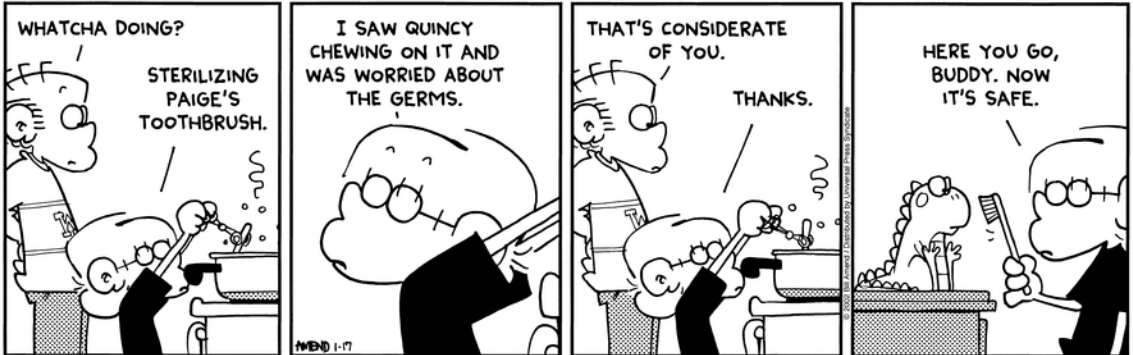
I DON'T GET IT—
PUTTING 'N SYNC
IN THE NEXT "STAR
WARS" HAS TO
BE A BIBLICAL
SIGN OF THE
APOCALYPSE!
HERE.
TRY A
KING
JAMES
VERSION.


PETER, WOULD YOU MIND HELPING ME SHOVEL THE DRIVEWAY?
YES.
mr.chips
IT'S COLD AND WET OUT, AND I'M SURE I WOULD MIND IT QUITE A BIT.
Mr. Chips
mr.chips
I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE EVEN BOTHERS ASKING.



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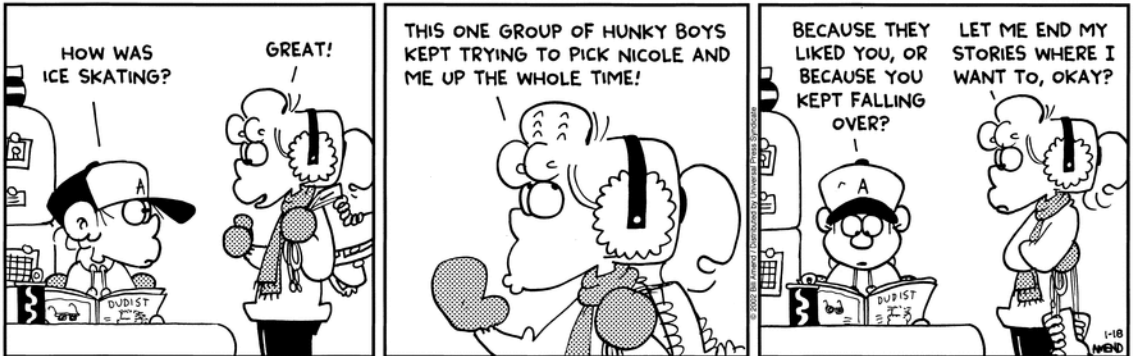

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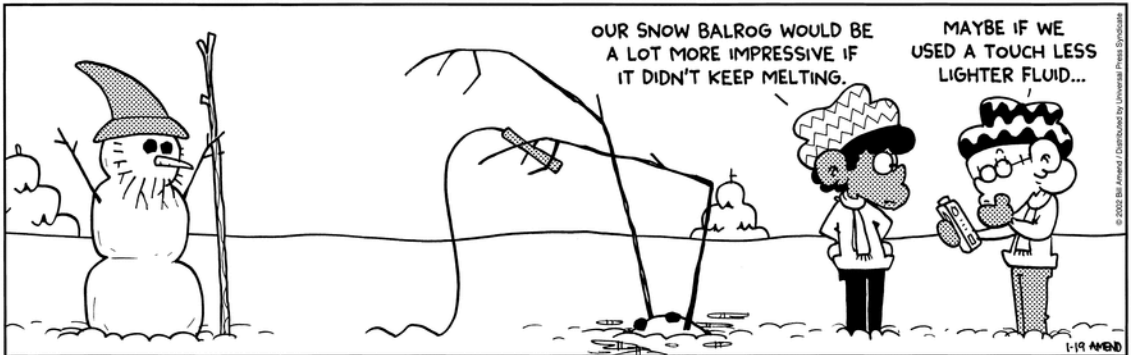
OUR SNOW BALROG WOULD BE A LOT MORE IMPRESSIVE IF IT DIDN'T KEEP MELTING.
MAYBE IF WE USED A TOUCH LESS LIGHTER FLUID...
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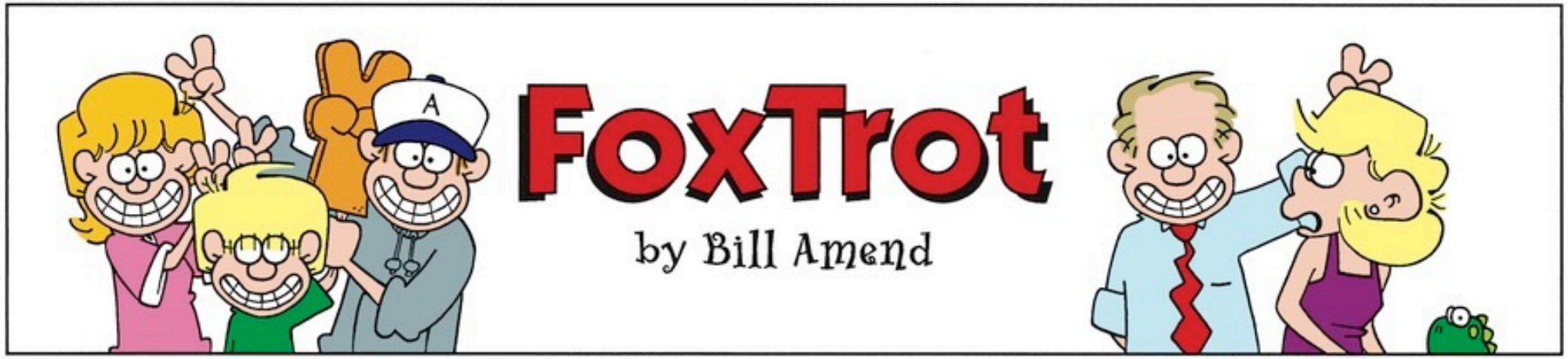

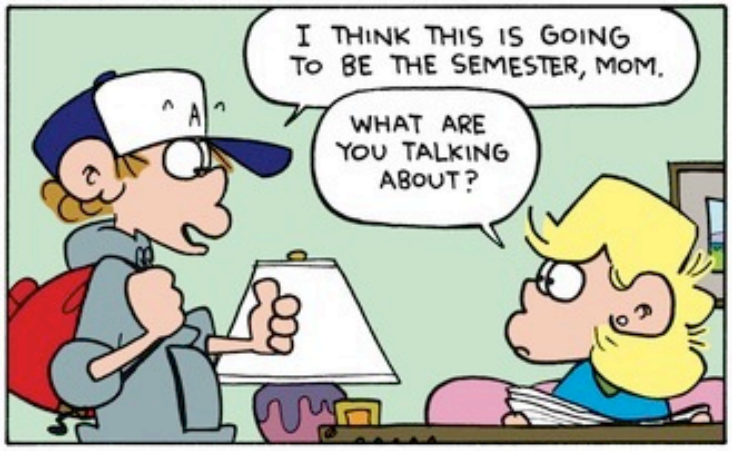

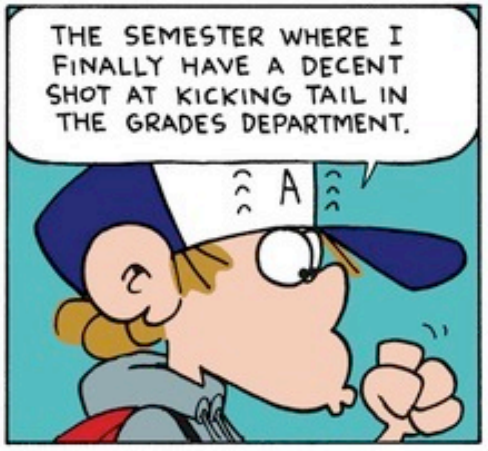

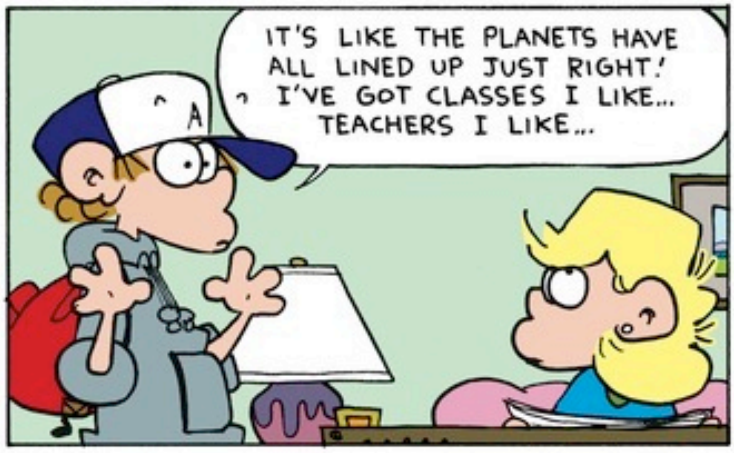

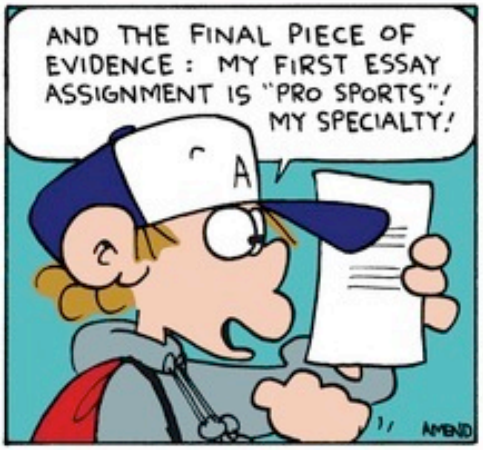

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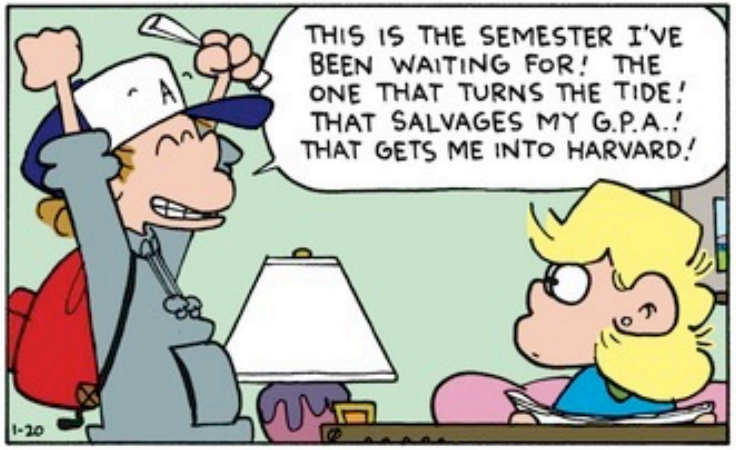

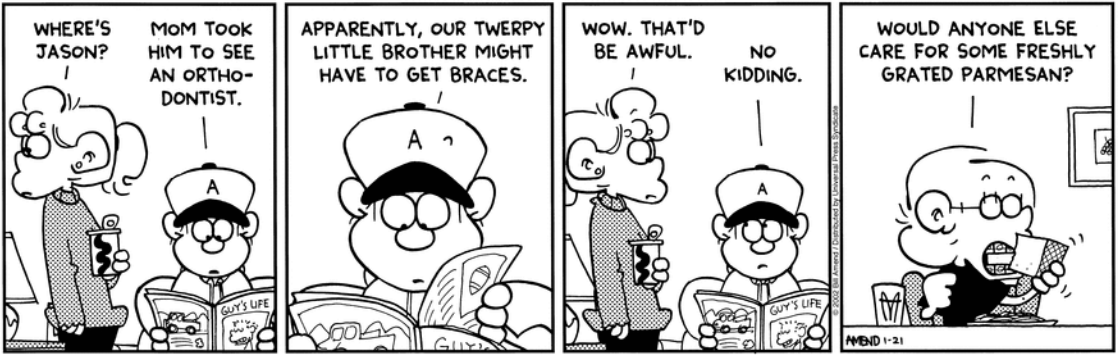

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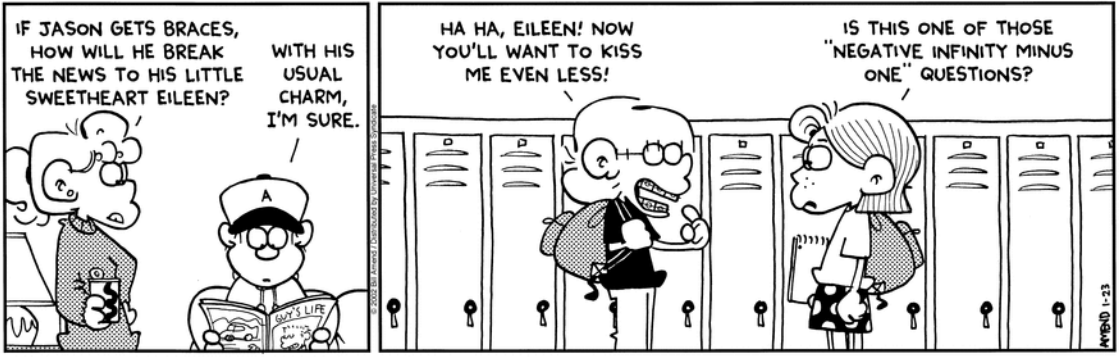
IF JASON GETS BRACES, HOW WILL HE BREAK THE NEWS TO HIS LITTLE SWEETHEART EILEEN?
WITH HIS USUAL CHARM, I'M SURE.
A
GUY'S LIFE
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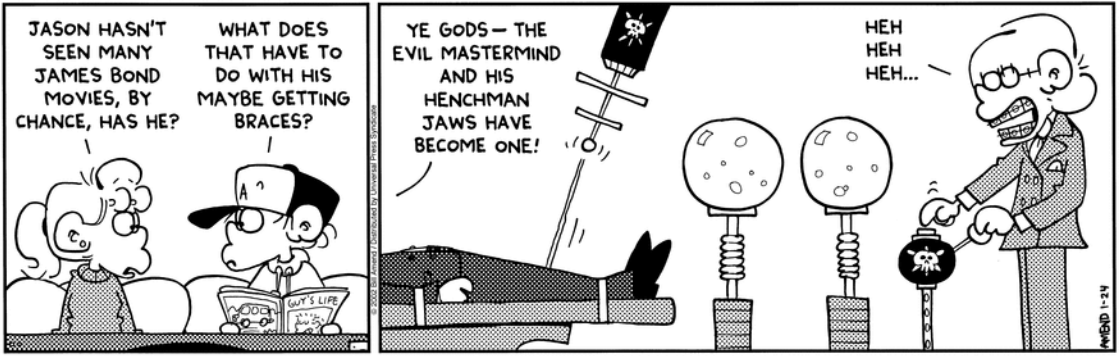
HA HA, EILEEN! NOW YOU'LL WANT TO KISS ME EVEN LESS!
IS THIS ONE OF THOSE "NEGATIVE INFINITY MINUS ONE" QUESTIONS?
MYBAD 1-23


JASON HASN'T SEEN MANY JAMES BOND MOVIES, BY CHANCE, HAS HE?
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH HIS MAYBE GETTING BRACES?
GUY'S LIFE
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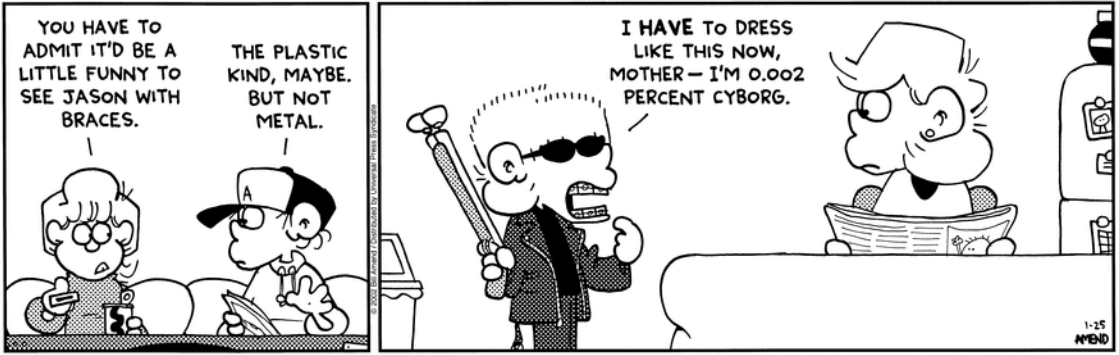
YE GODS— THE EVIL MASTERMIND AND HIS HENCHMAN JAWS HAVE BECOME ONE!
HEH HEH HEH...
MEGID 1-24



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SO WHAT'S THE VERDICT?
DOES JASON NEED BRACES?
NOT FOR NOW.
THE ORTHODONTIST WANTS TO SEE HIM AGAIN IN SIX MONTHS, THOUGH.
AMEND 1-26
YOU MEAN WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS ANXIETY AGAIN?!
WHAT ANXIETY IS THERE FOR YOU TWO??
DANG, I'D HAVE MADE SUCH A GOOD PARTIAL CYBORG...
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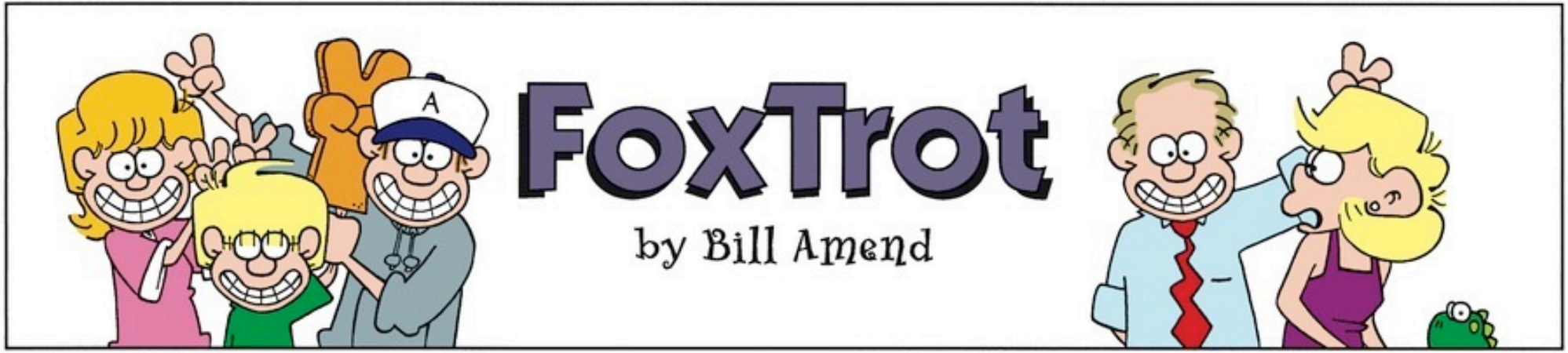

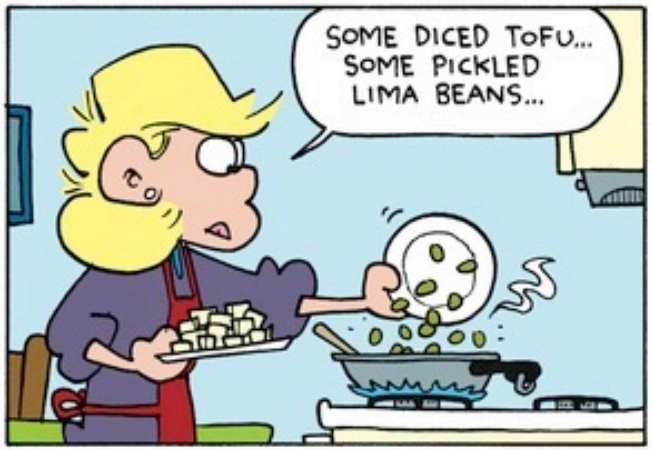

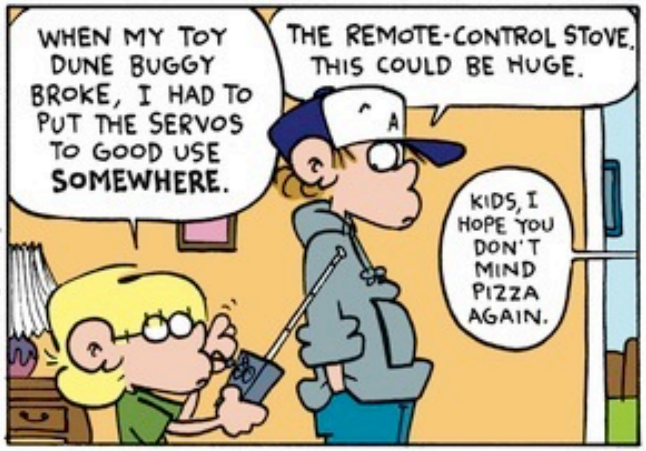

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WHERE ARE WE GOING?
MY FRIEND STEVE GOT A JOB AT LUIGI'S PIZZA.
TODAY'S HIS FIRST DAY. I FIGURED WE'D DROP BY AND SEE HOW HE'S DOING.
YOU MEAN, DROP BY AND SEE IF HE'LL GIVE US FREE FOOD.
WELL, YEAH, THAT TOO.
ANGIN 1-28
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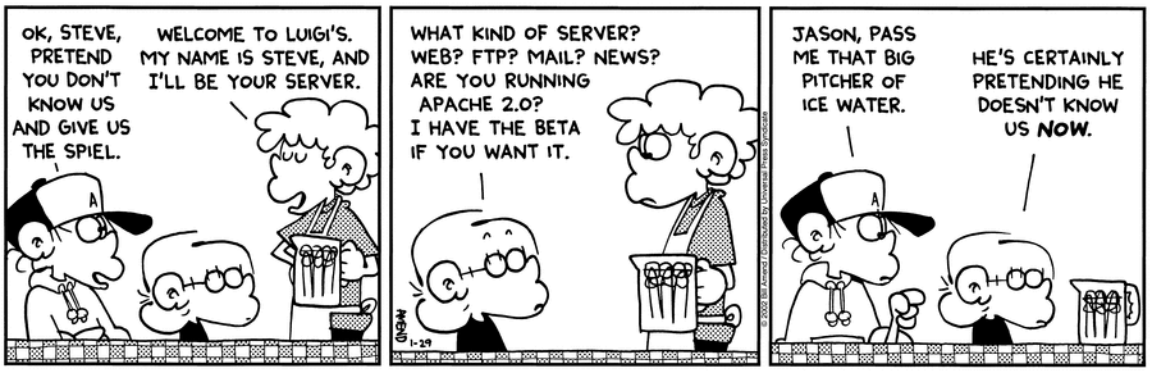

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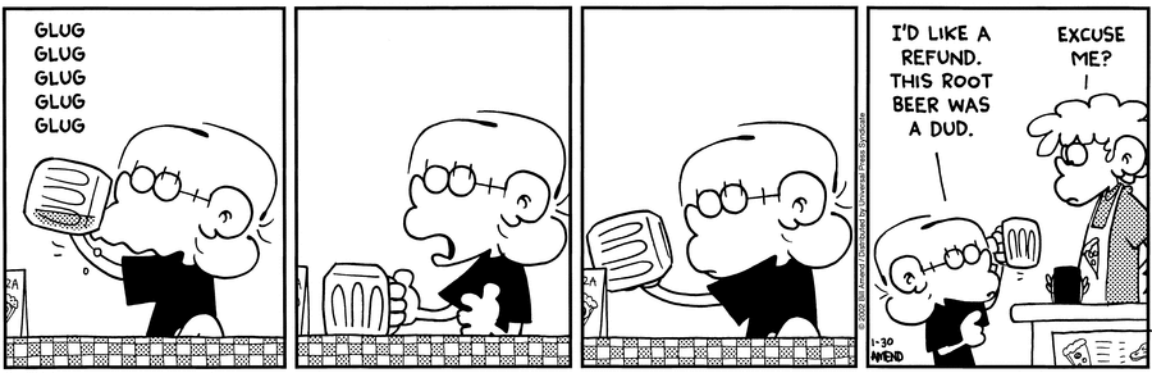
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I'D LIKE A REFUND. THIS ROOT BEER WAS A DUD.
EXCUSE ME?
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1-30
AMEND

WHERE'D YOUR LITTLE BROTHER GO?
HE'S ADMIRING YOUR RESTAURANT'S ANTIQUE COLLECTION.
ANTIQUE COLLECTION? I DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD ONE.
DUH. WHAT'S ALL THAT STUFF IN THE BACK ROOM?
MYERS 1-31
DINGUS, LET'S GO. PIZZA'S READY.
WHOA! THESE SPACE INVADERS DON'T EVEN BLEED!
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I ALMOST FORGOT, PETE— HERE'S YOUR CHECK.
OH. YEAH. THANKS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE STEVE IS MAKING US PAY FOR OUR FOOD!
BEST FRIENDS ARE SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER! BEST FRIENDS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE GENEROUS! BEST FRIENDS ARE SUPPOSED TO DO EACH OTHER RIGHT!
2-1 MWEND
OH, WELL. AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE TO TIP HIM.
OF COURSE NOT. YOU'RE HIS BEST FRIEND.
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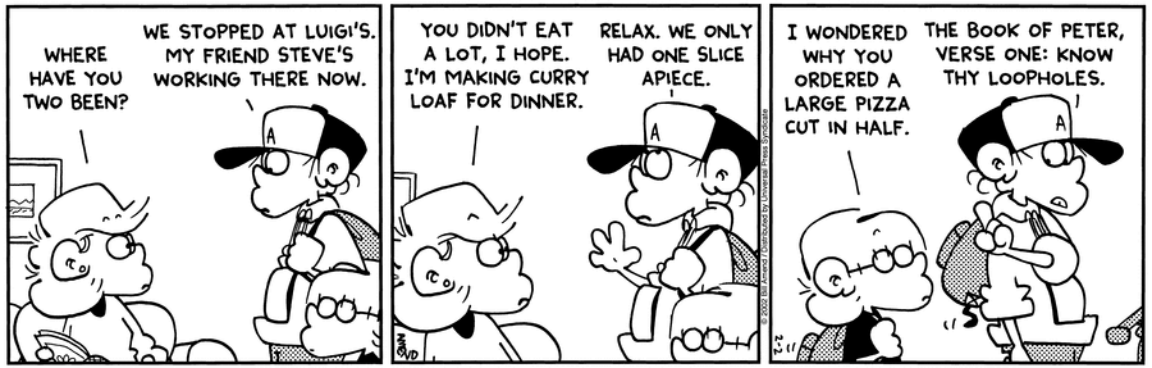
WHERE HAVE YOU TWO BEEN?
WE STOPPED AT LUIGI'S. MY FRIEND STEVE'S WORKING THERE NOW.
YOU DIDN'T EAT A LOT, I HOPE. I'M MAKING CURRY LOAF FOR DINNER.
RELAX. WE ONLY HAD ONE SLICE APIECE.
I WONDERED WHY YOU ORDERED A LARGE PIZZA CUT IN HALF.
THE BOOK OF PETER, VERSE ONE: KNOW THY LOOPHOLES.
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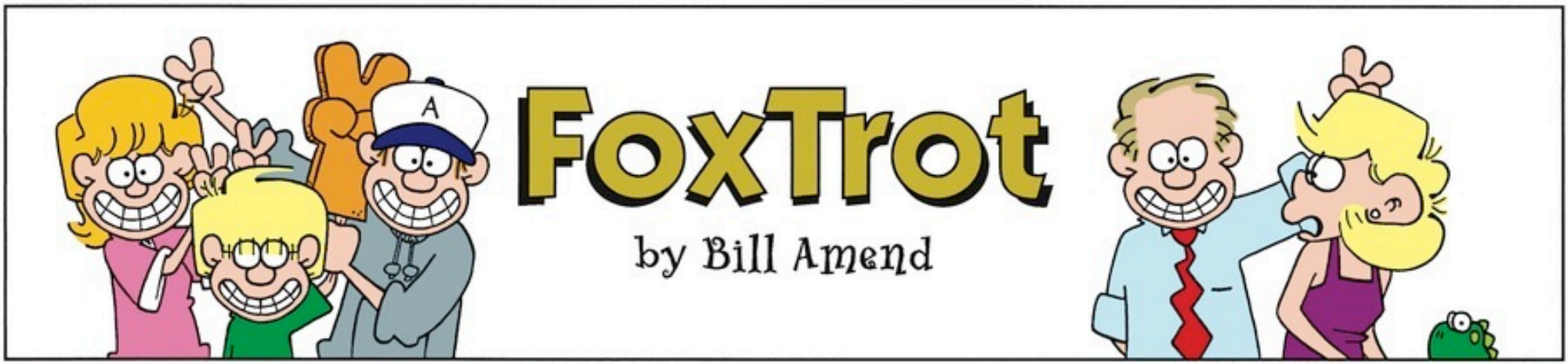

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I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO WRITE THIS "MACBETH" ESSAY.
DON'T ASK.
PERSONALLY, I USE 100-WATT BULBS FOR SHAKESPEARE.
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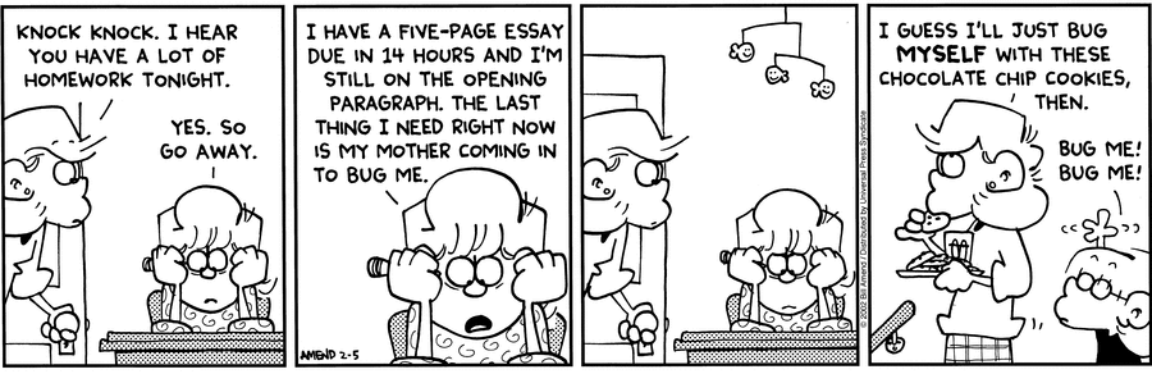
KIRKMAN


KNOCK KNOCK. I HEAR YOU HAVE A LOT OF HOMEWORK TONIGHT.
YES. SO GO AWAY.
I HAVE A FIVE-PAGE ESSAY DUE IN 14 HOURS AND I'M STILL ON THE OPENING PARAGRAPH. THE LAST THING I NEED RIGHT NOW IS MY MOTHER COMING IN TO BUG ME.
AMEND 2-5
I GUESS I'LL JUST BUG MYSELF WITH THESE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES, THEN.
BUG ME! BUG ME!
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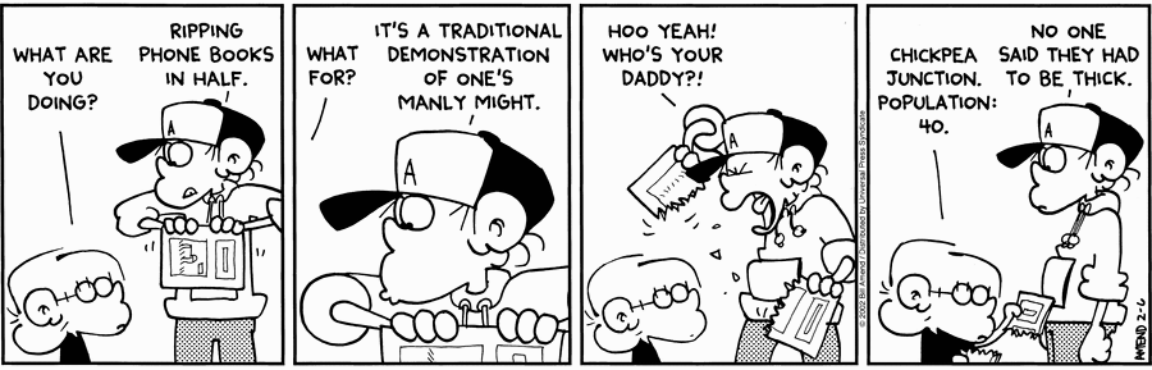
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
RIPPING PHONE BOOKS IN HALF.
WHAT FOR?
IT'S A TRADITIONAL DEMONSTRATION OF ONE'S MANLY MIGHT.
HOO YEAH! WHO'S YOUR DADDY?!
CHICKPEA JUNCTION. POPULATION: 40.
NO ONE SAID THEY HAD TO BE THICK.
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AHREND 2-6

I DON'T GET IT. YOU BACKFLIP SO WELL WITH YOUR VIDEO GAME SNOWBOARD.
I THINK I'LL JUST LIE HERE A WHILE TO KEEP THE SWELLING DOWN.
AMEND 2-7
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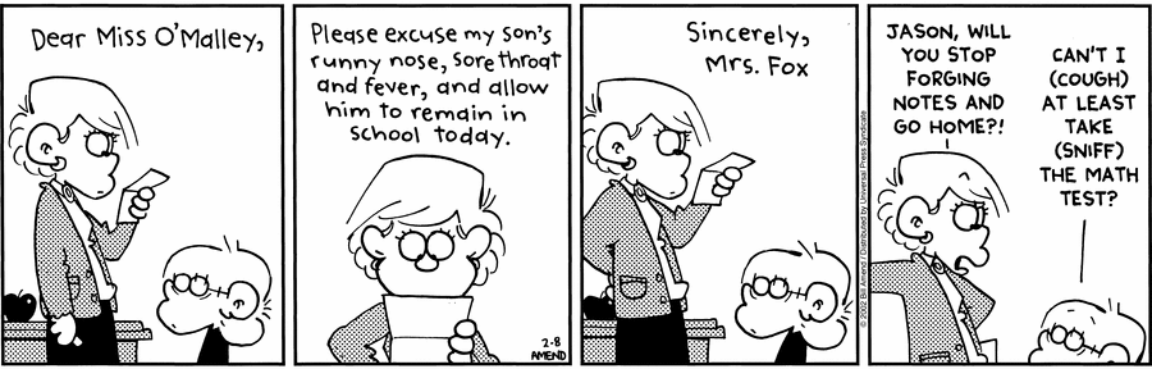
Dear Miss O'Malley,
Please excuse my son's runny nose, sore throat and fever, and allow him to remain in school today.
2-8
AMEND
Sincerely, Mrs. Fox
JASON, WILL YOU STOP FORGING NOTES AND GO HOME?!
CAN'T I (COUGH) AT LEAST TAKE (SNIFF) THE MATH TEST?
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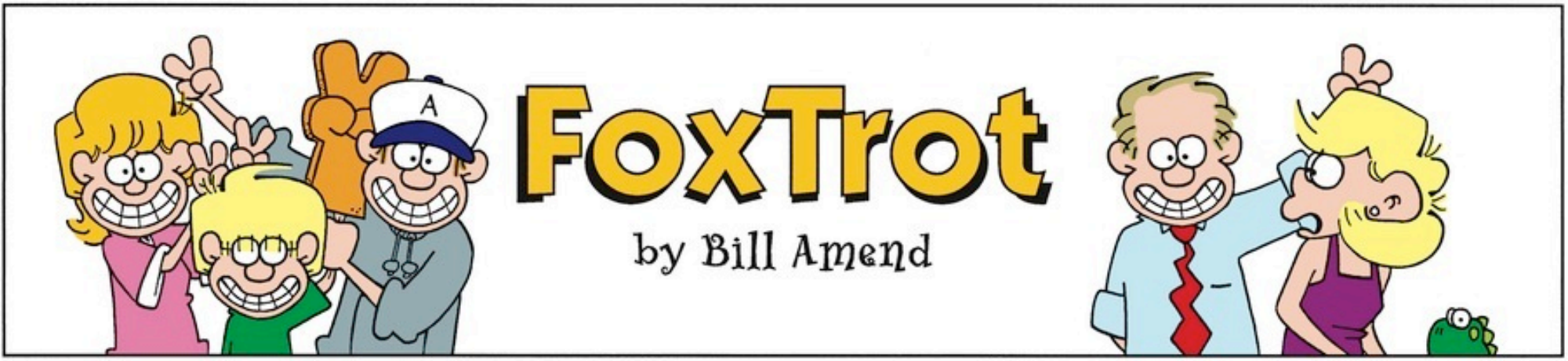

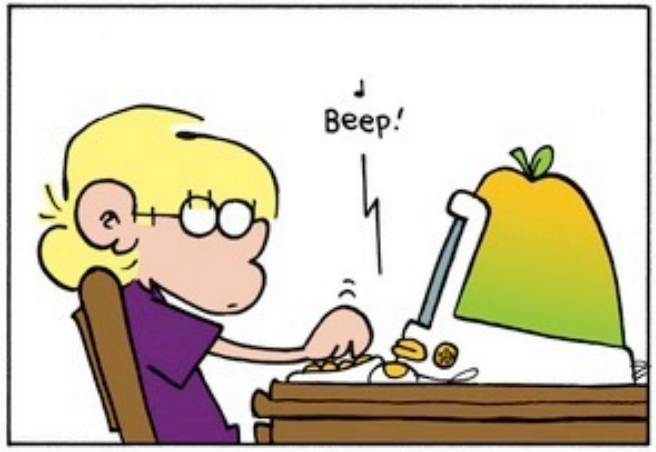

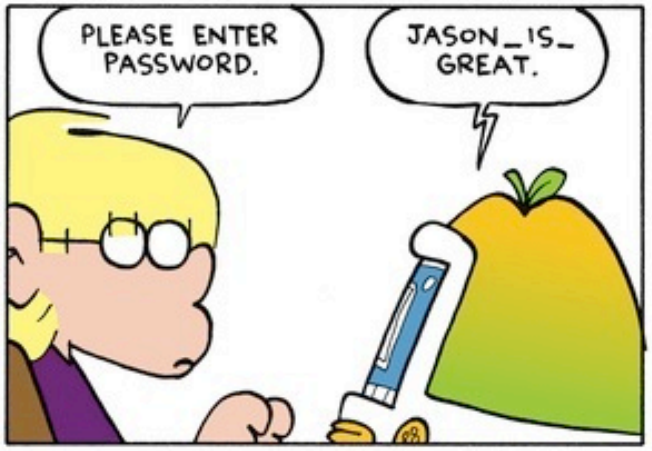

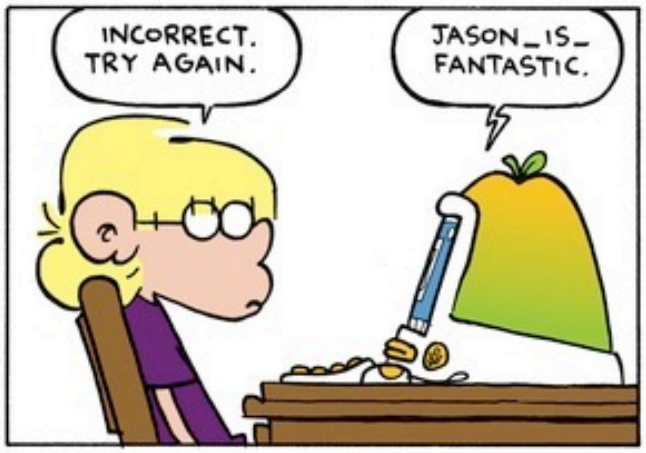

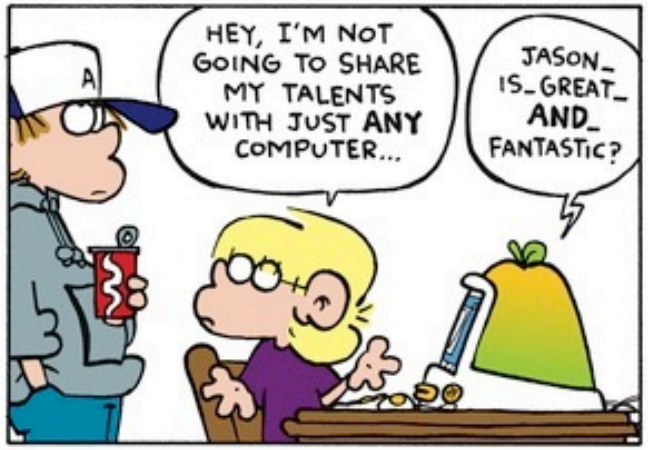

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ACTUALLY, I THINK THEY HAVE TRIED JAI ALAI AT THE OLYMPICS.
SUMMER OR WINTER?
WHOEVER IS PELTING ME WITH SNOWBALLS, CUT IT OUT!
AMEND 2-13
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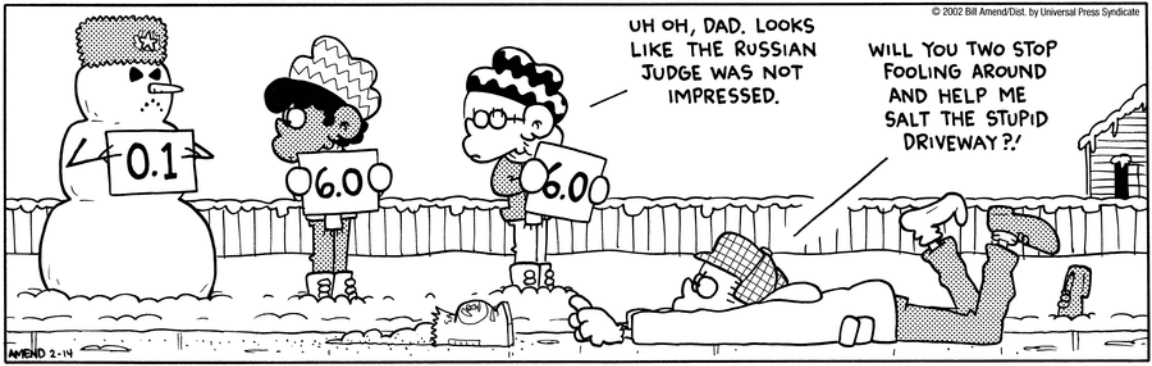
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UH OH, DAD. LOOKS LIKE THE RUSSIAN JUDGE WAS NOT IMPRESSED.
WILL YOU TWO STOP FOOLING AROUND AND HELP ME SALT THE STUPID DRIVEWAY?!
AMEND 2-14

HA! YOU DARE CHALLENGE THE KING OF ICICLE FENCING!
CURSES! DE-FOILED AGAIN!
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AMEND

IT'S NICE TO BE ABLE TO END OUR WINTER GAMES WITH FIREWORKS.
YOUR MOM'S VERY COOPERATIVE THAT WAY.
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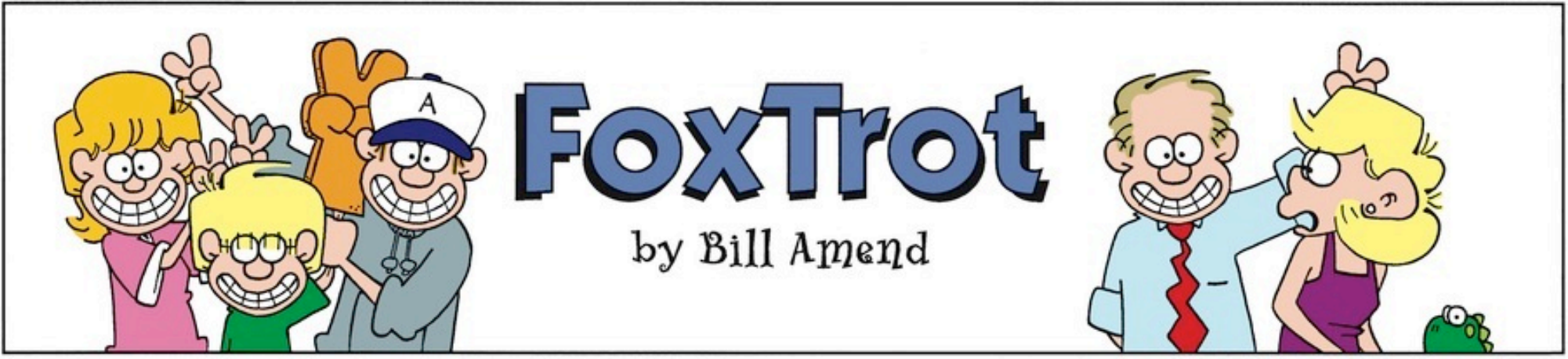
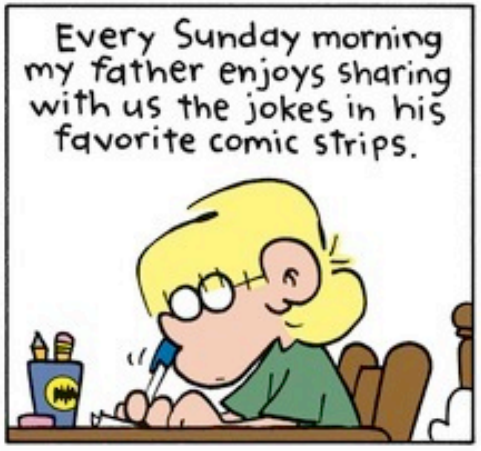
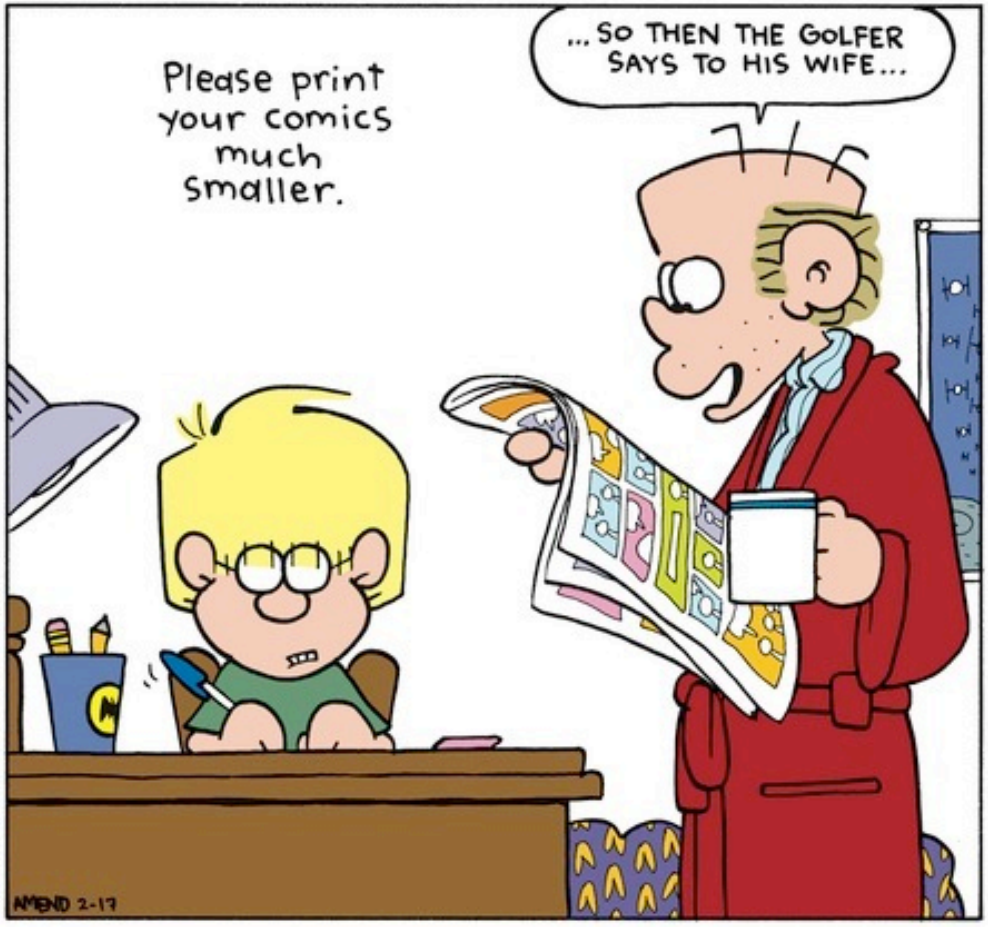
AMEND







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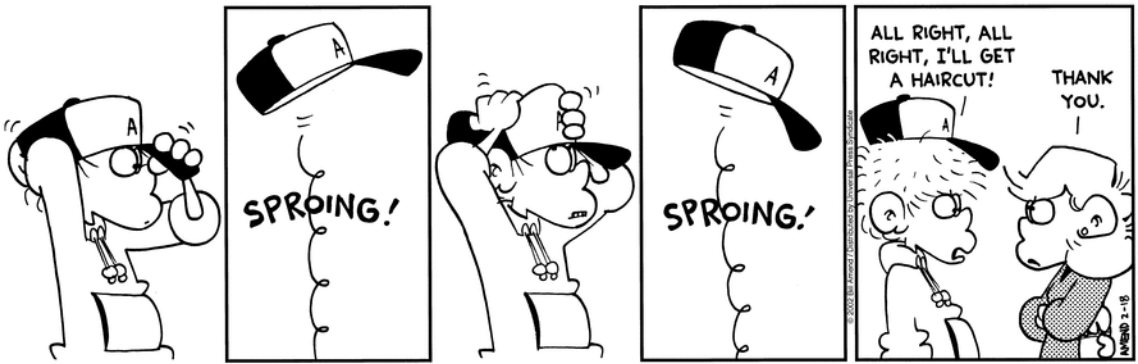
SPROING!
SPROING!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, I'LL GET A HAIRCUT!
THANK YOU.
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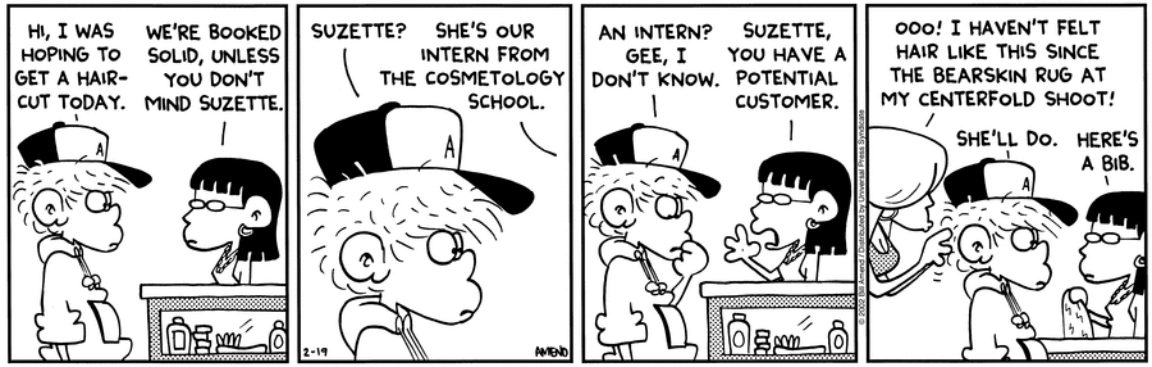
NEBD 2-18


HI, I WAS HOPING TO GET A HAIR-CUT TODAY.
WE'RE BOOKED SOLID, UNLESS YOU DON'T MIND SUZETTE.
SUZETTE?
SHE'S OUR INTERN FROM THE COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL.
2-19
AMEND
AN INTERN? GEE, I DON'T KNOW.
SUZETTE, YOU HAVE A POTENTIAL CUSTOMER.
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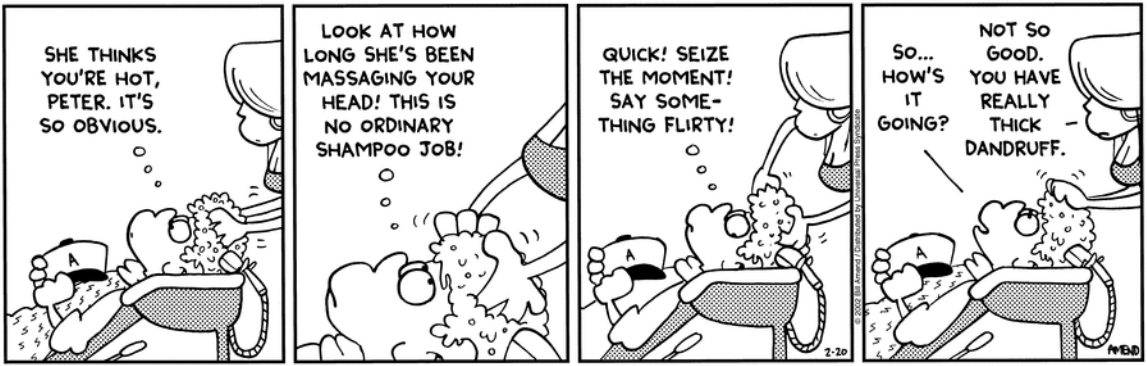
OOO! I HAVEN'T FELT HAIR LIKE THIS SINCE THE BEARSKIN RUG AT MY CENTERFOLD SHOOT!
SHE'LL DO.
HERE'S A BIB.


SHE THINKS YOU'RE HOT, PETER. IT'S SO OBVIOUS.
LOOK AT HOW LONG SHE'S BEEN MASSAGING YOUR HEAD! THIS IS NO ORDINARY SHAMPOO JOB!
QUICK! SEIZE THE MOMENT! SAY SOMETHING FLIRTY!
2-20
SO... HOW'S IT GOING?
NOT SO GOOD. YOU HAVE REALLY THICK DANDRUFF.
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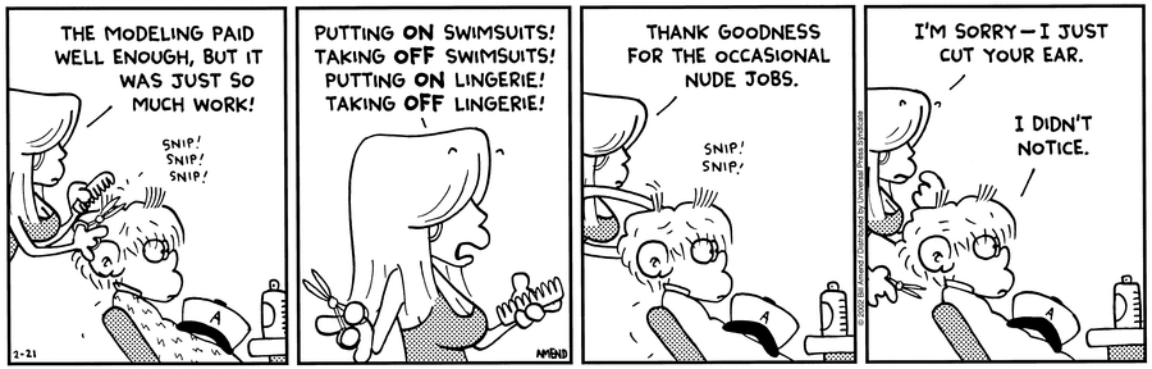
THE MODELING PAID WELL ENOUGH, BUT IT WAS JUST SO MUCH WORK!
SNIP! SNIP! SNIP!
2-21
PUTTING ON SWIMSUITS! TAKING OFF SWIMSUITS! PUTTING ON LINGERIE! TAKING OFF LINGERIE!
AMEND
THANK GOODNESS FOR THE OCCASIONAL NUDE JOBS.
SNIP! SNIP!
I'M SORRY—I JUST CUT YOUR EAR.
I DIDN'T NOTICE.
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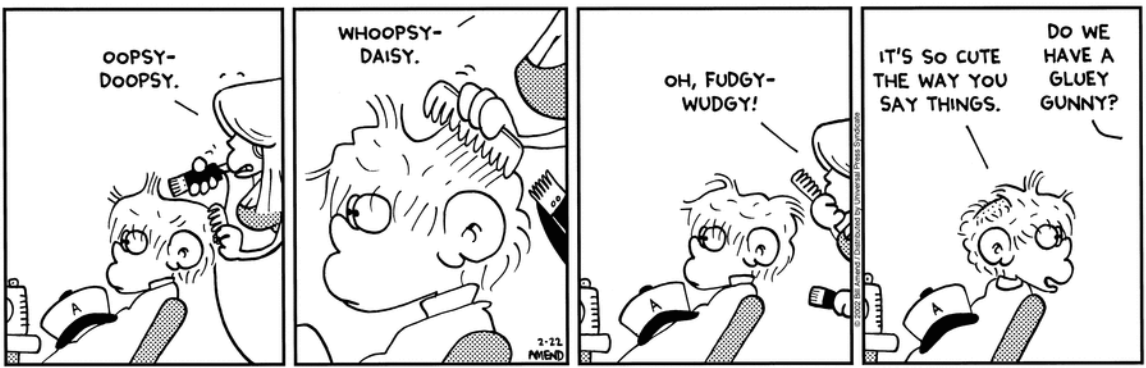
OOPSY-DOOPSY.
WHOOPSY-DAISY.
2-22
OH, FUDGY-WUDGY!
IT'S SO CUTE THE WAY YOU SAY THINGS.
DO WE HAVE A GLUEY GUNNY?
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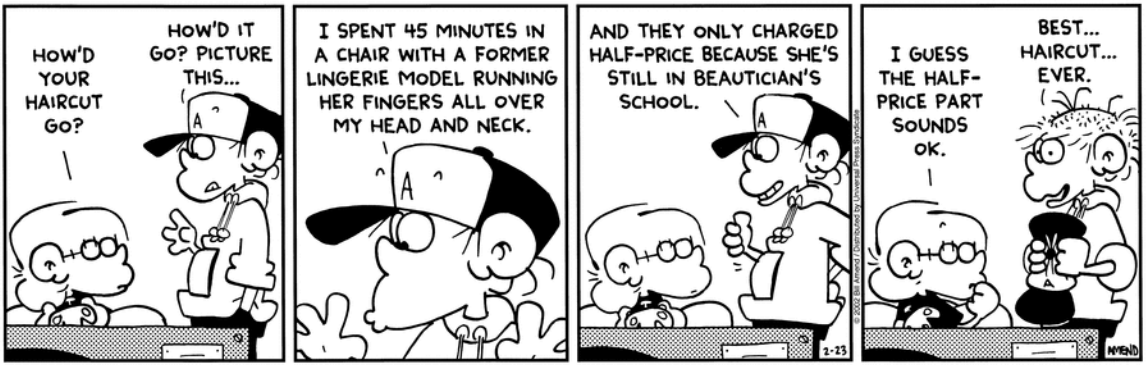

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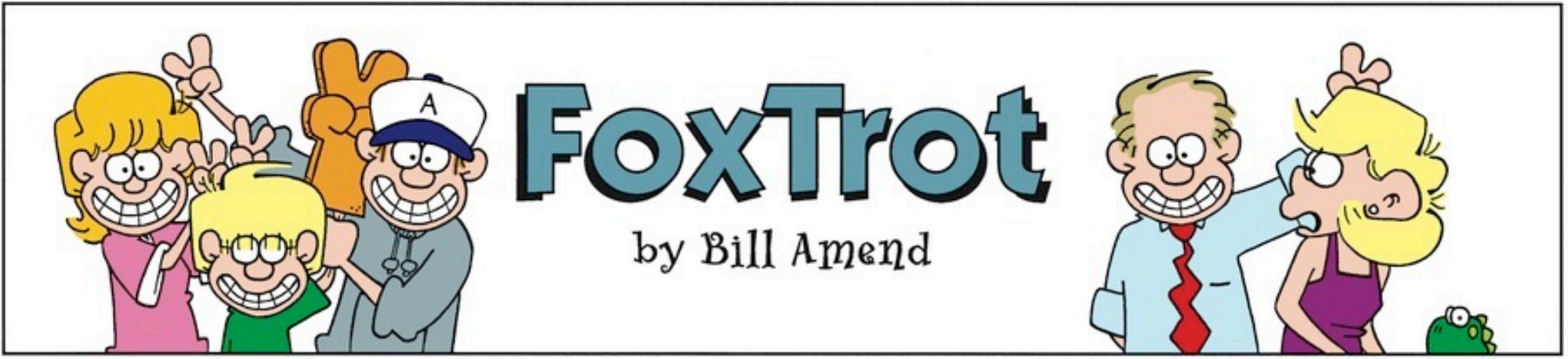

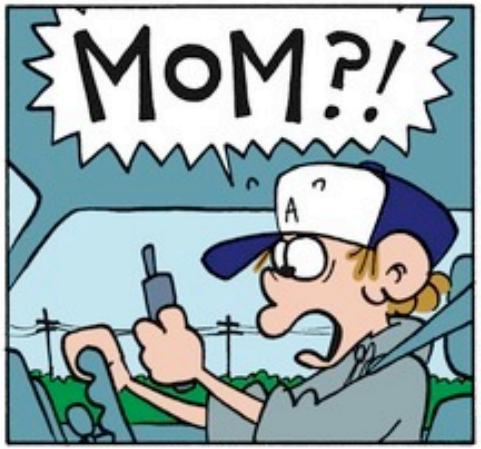

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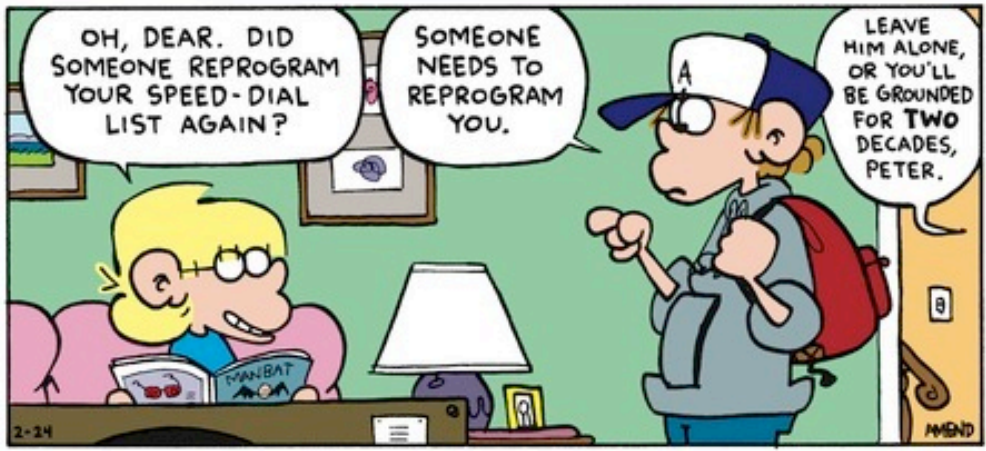

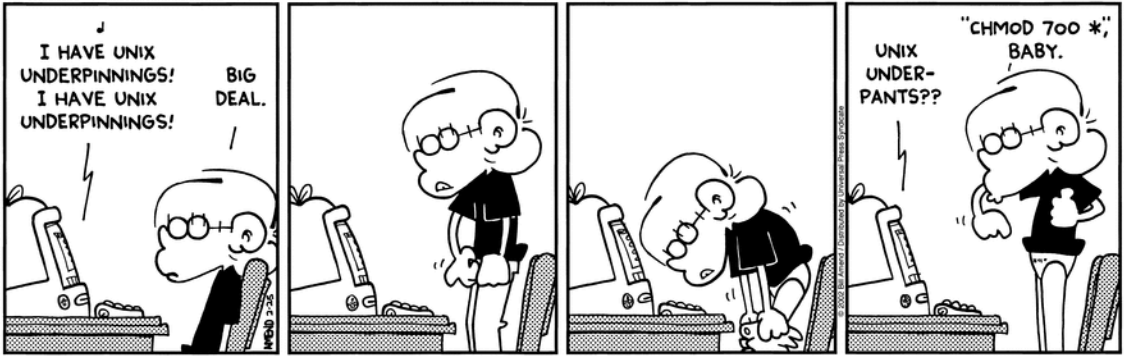
I HAVE UNIX UNDERPINNINGS! I HAVE UNIX UNDERPINNINGS!
BIG DEAL.
MEND 2-25
UNIX UNDER-PANTS??
"CHMOD 700 *", BABY.
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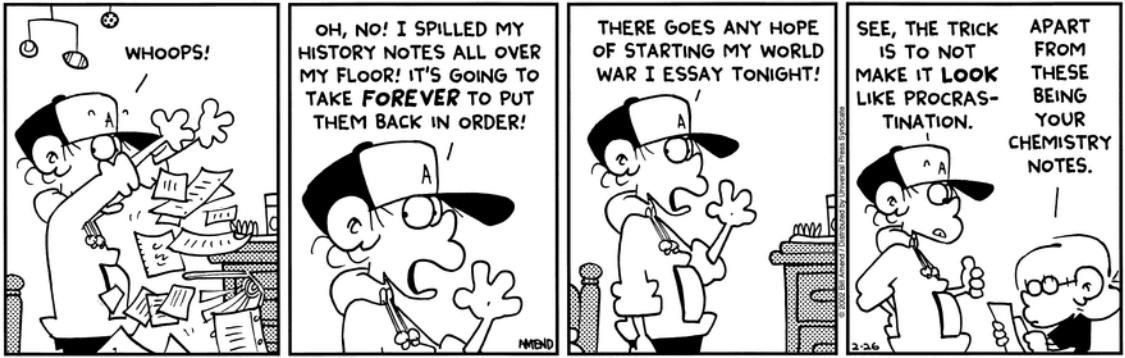
WHOOPS!
OH, NO! I SPILLED MY HISTORY NOTES ALL OVER MY FLOOR! IT'S GOING TO TAKE FOREVER TO PUT THEM BACK IN ORDER!
NMBND
THERE GOES ANY HOPE OF STARTING MY WORLD WAR I ESSAY TONIGHT!
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SEE, THE TRICK IS TO NOT MAKE IT LOOK LIKE PROCRAS-TINATION.
APART FROM THESE BEING YOUR CHEMISTRY NOTES.
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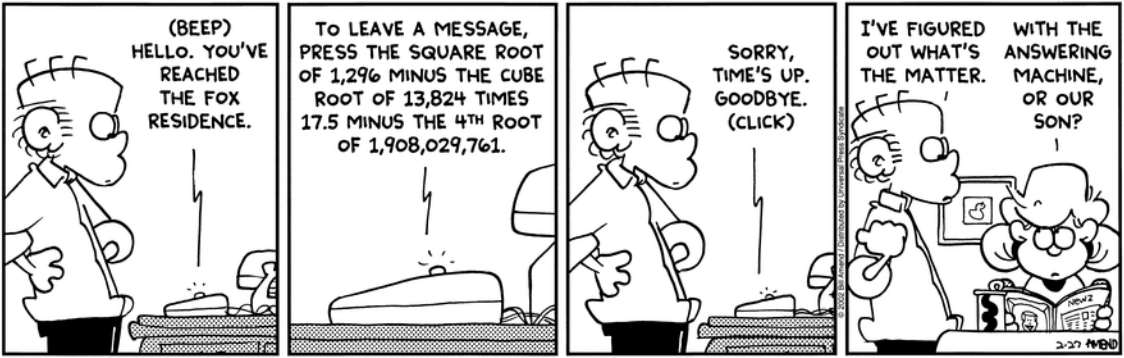
(BEEP) HELLO. YOU'VE REACHED THE FOX RESIDENCE.
TO LEAVE A MESSAGE, PRESS THE SQUARE ROOT OF 1,296 MINUS THE CUBE ROOT OF 13,824 TIMES 17.5 MINUS THE 4TH ROOT OF 1,908,029,761.
SORRY, TIME'S UP. GOODBYE. (CLICK)
I'VE FIGURED OUT WHAT'S THE MATTER.
WITH THE ANSWERING MACHINE, OR OUR SON?
NEWS
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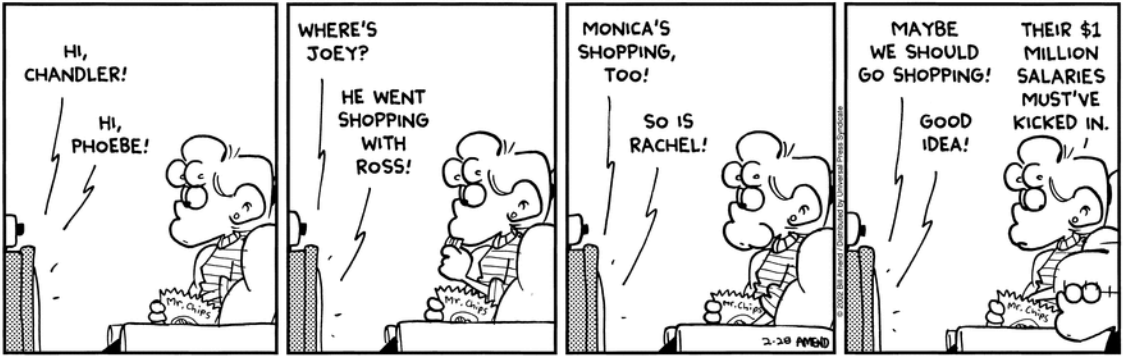
HI, CHANDLER!
HI, PHOEBE!
Mr. Chips
WHERE'S JOEY?
HE WENT SHOPPING WITH ROSS!
Mr. Chips
MONICA'S SHOPPING, TOO!
SO IS RACHEL!
Mr. Chips
2-28 AMEND
MAYBE WE SHOULD GO SHOPPING!
GOOD IDEA!
THEIR $1 MILLION SALARIES MUST'VE KICKED IN.
Mr. Chips
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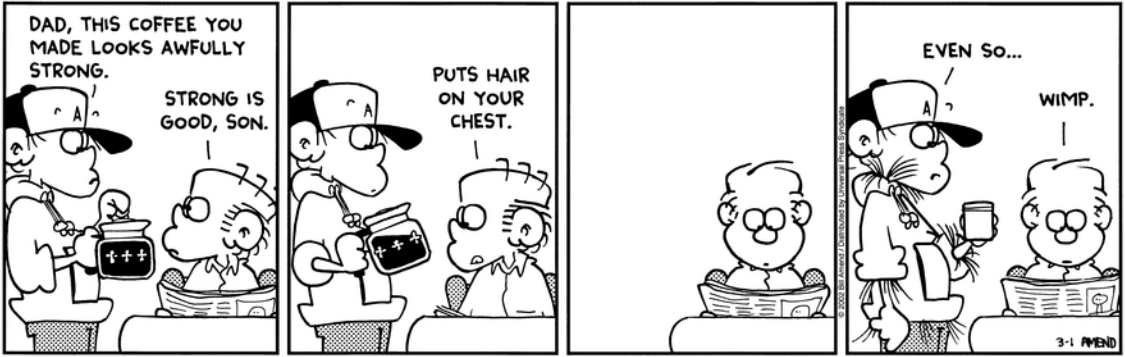
DAD, THIS COFFEE YOU MADE LOOKS AWFULLY STRONG.
STRONG IS GOOD, SON.
PUTS HAIR ON YOUR CHEST.
EVEN SO...
WIMP.
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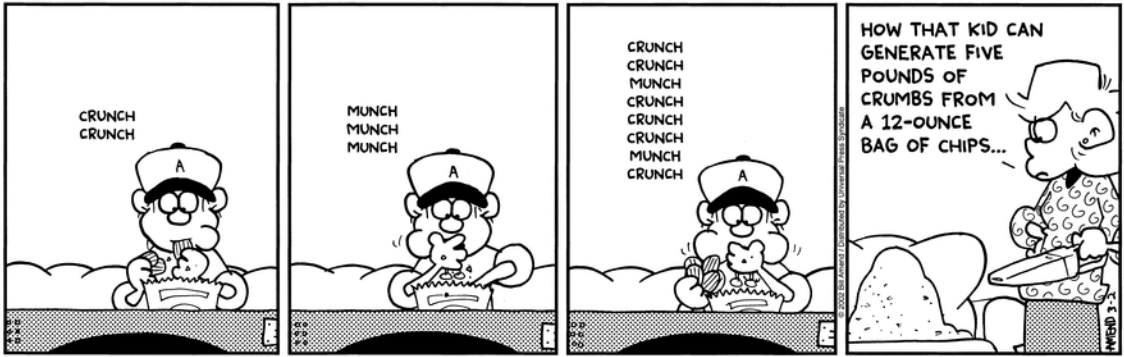
3-1 AMEND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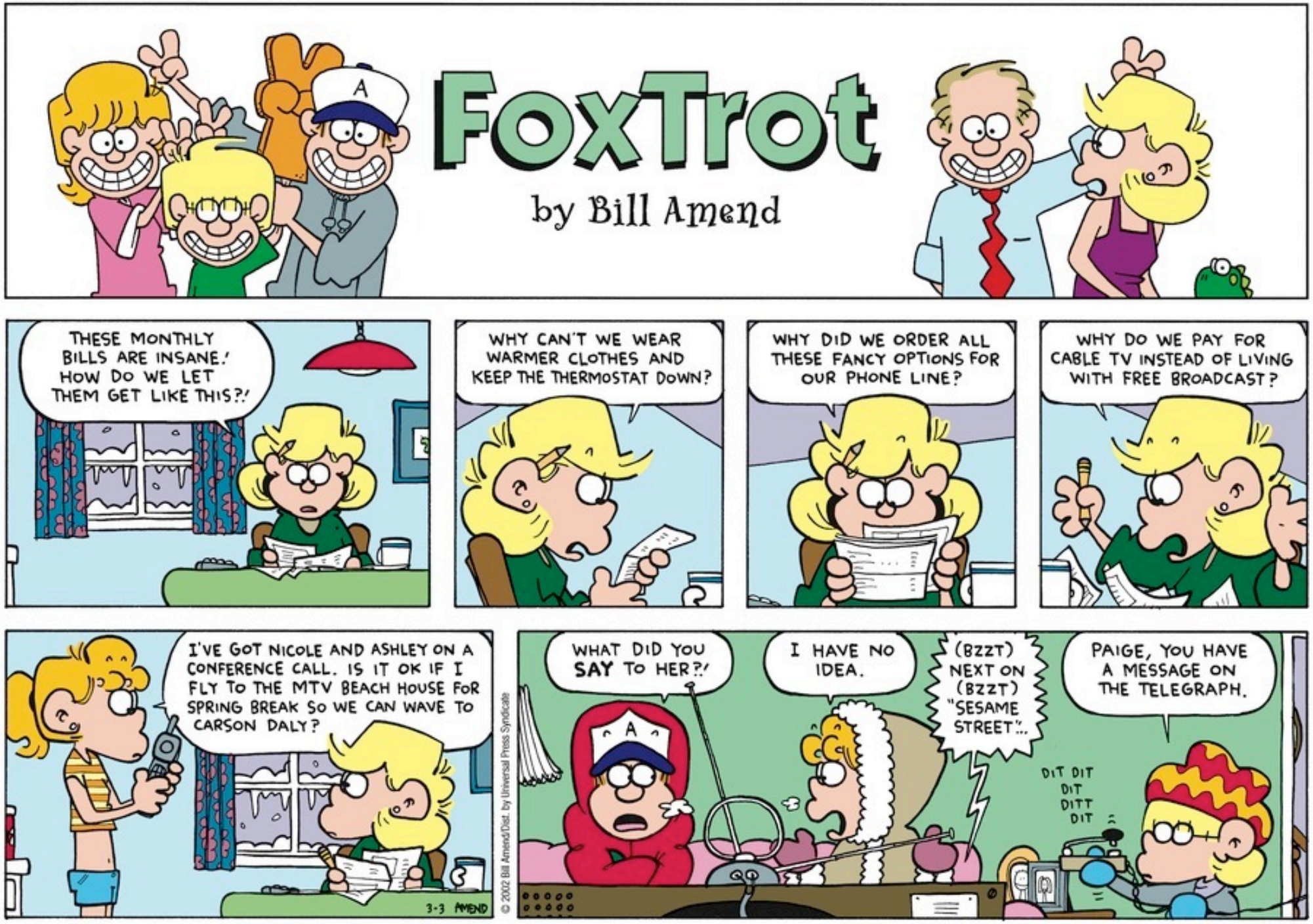
HOW THAT KID CAN GENERATE FIVE POUNDS OF CRUMBS FROM A 12-OUNCE BAG OF CHIPS...
DIANE


FoxTrot
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THESE MONTHLY BILLS ARE INSANE! HOW DO WE LET THEM GET LIKE THIS?!
WHY CAN'T WE WEAR WARMER CLOTHES AND KEEP THE THERMOSTAT DOWN?
WHY DID WE ORDER ALL THESE FANCY OPTIONS FOR OUR PHONE LINE?
WHY DO WE PAY FOR CABLE TV INSTEAD OF LIVING WITH FREE BROADCAST?
I'VE GOT NICOLE AND ASHLEY ON A CONFERENCE CALL. IS IT OK IF I FLY TO THE MTV BEACH HOUSE FOR SPRING BREAK SO WE CAN WAVE TO CARSON DALY?
3-3 AMEND
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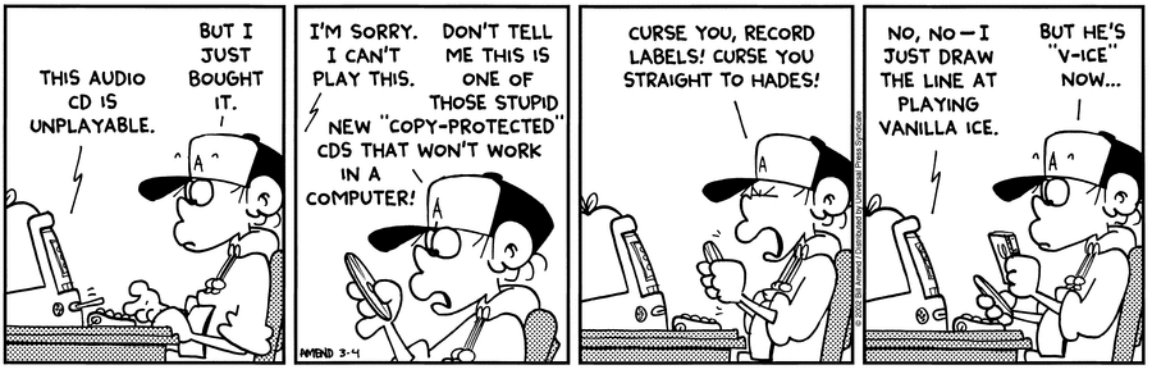
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HER?!
I HAVE NO IDEA.
(BZZT) NEXT ON (BZZT) "SESAME STREET"...
PAIGE, YOU HAVE A MESSAGE ON THE TELEGRAPH.
DIT DIT DIT DITT DIT


THIS AUDIO CD IS UNPLAYABLE.
BUT I JUST BOUGHT IT.
I'M SORRY. I CAN'T PLAY THIS.
DON'T TELL ME THIS IS ONE OF THOSE STUPID NEW "COPY-PROTECTED" CDS THAT WON'T WORK IN A COMPUTER!
AMEND 3-4
CURSE YOU, RECORD LABELS! CURSE YOU STRAIGHT TO HADES!
NO, NO — I JUST DRAW THE LINE AT PLAYING VANILLA ICE.
BUT HE'S "V-ICE" NOW...
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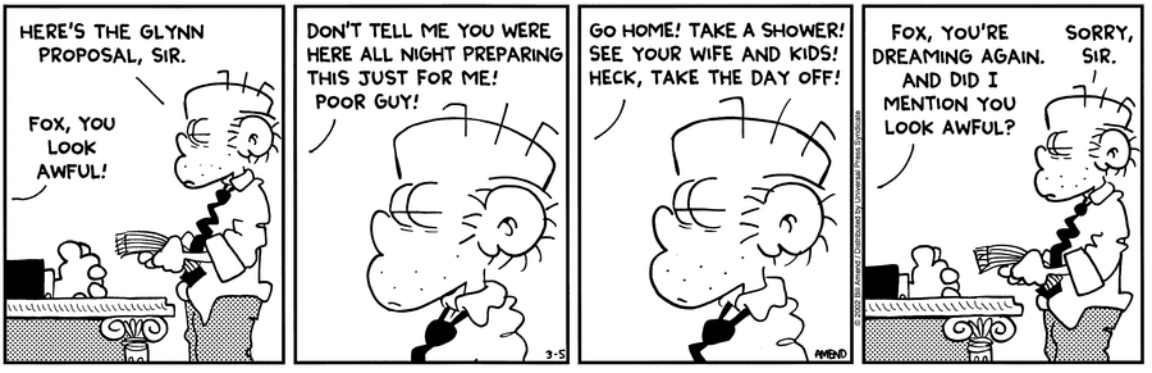
HERE'S THE GLYNN PROPOSAL, SIR.
FOX, YOU LOOK AWFUL!
DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE HERE ALL NIGHT PREPARING THIS JUST FOR ME! POOR GUY!
3-5
GO HOME! TAKE A SHOWER! SEE YOUR WIFE AND KIDS! HECK, TAKE THE DAY OFF!
AMEND
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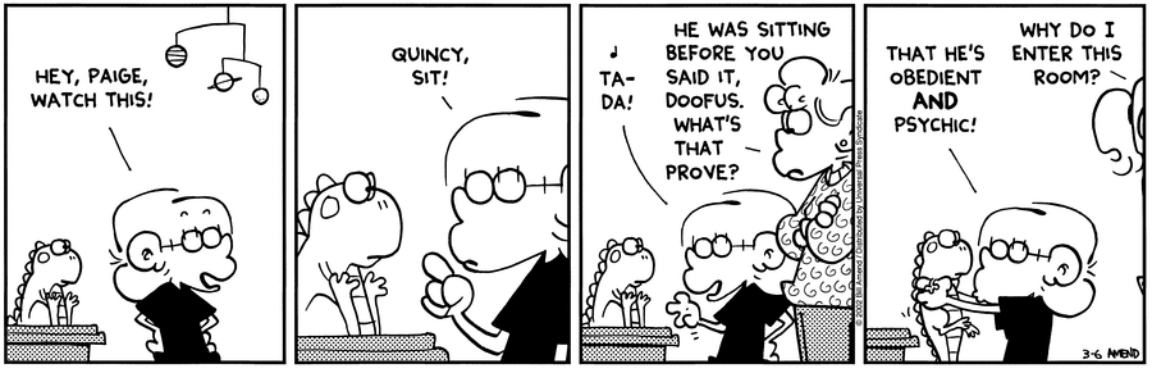
FOX, YOU'RE DREAMING AGAIN. AND DID I MENTION YOU LOOK AWFUL?
SORRY, SIR.



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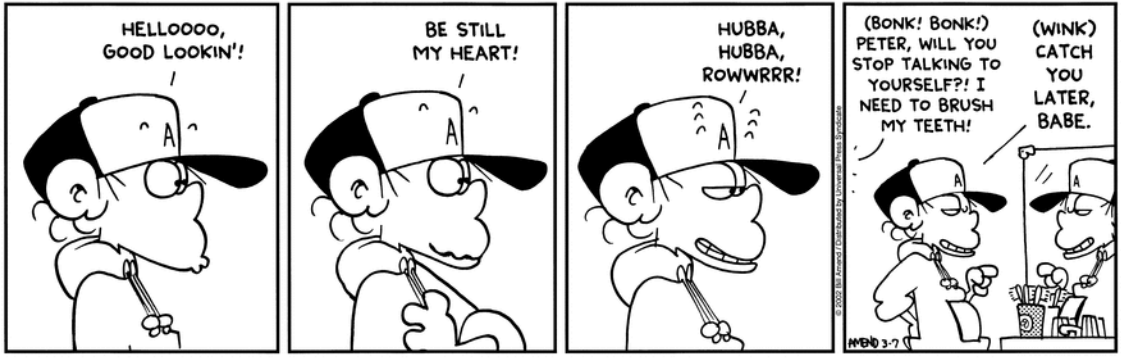
HELLOOOO, GOOD LOOKIN'!
BE STILL MY HEART!
HUBBA, HUBBA, ROWWRRR!
(BONK! BONK!) PETER, WILL YOU STOP TALKING TO YOURSELF?! I NEED TO BROSH MY TEETH!
(WINK) CATCH YOU LATER, BABE.
HEBID 3-7
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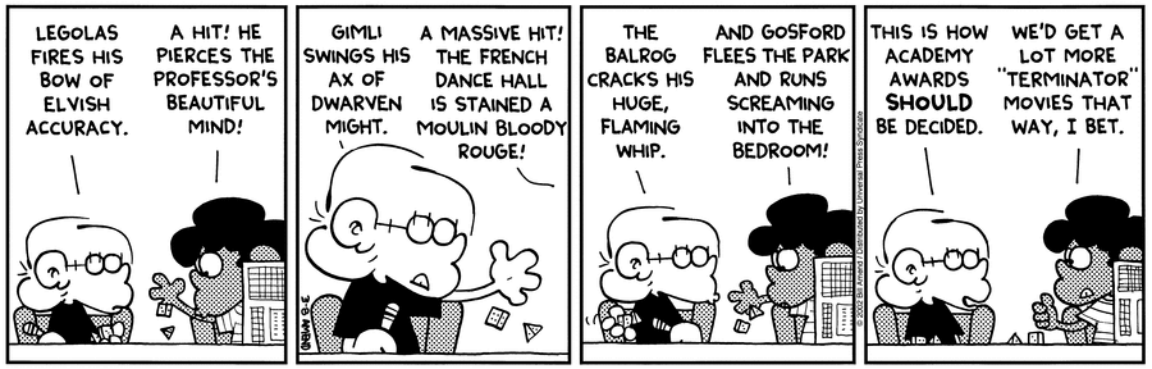
LEGOLAS FIRES HIS BOW OF ELVISH ACCURACY.
A HIT! HE PIERCES THE PROFESSOR'S BEAUTIFUL MIND!
GIMLI SWINGS HIS AX OF DWARVEN MIGHT.
A MASSIVE HIT! THE FRENCH DANCE HALL IS STAINED A MOULIN BLOODY ROUGE!
THE BALROG CRACKS HIS HUGE, FLAMING WHIP.
AND GOSFORD FLEES THE PARK AND RUNS SCREAMING INTO THE BEDROOM!
THIS IS HOW ACADEMY AWARDS SHOULD BE DECIDED.
WE'D GET A LOT MORE "TERMINATOR" MOVIES THAT WAY, I BET.
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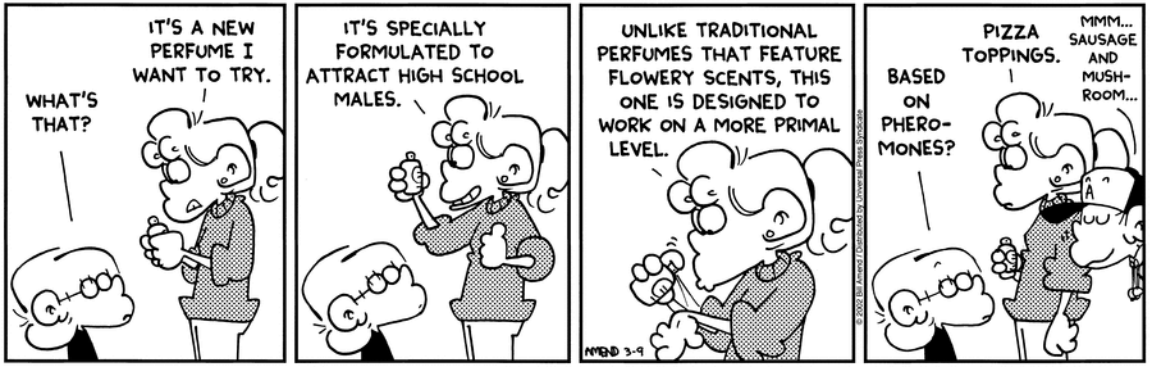
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A NEW PERFUME I WANT TO TRY.
IT'S SPECIALLY FORMULATED TO ATTRACT HIGH SCHOOL MALES.
UNLIKE TRADITIONAL PERFUMES THAT FEATURE FLOWERY SCENTS, THIS ONE IS DESIGNED TO WORK ON A MORE PRIMAL LEVEL.
MORD 3-9
BASED ON PHERO-MONES?
PIZZA TOPPINGS.
MMM... SAUSAGE AND MUSH-ROOM...
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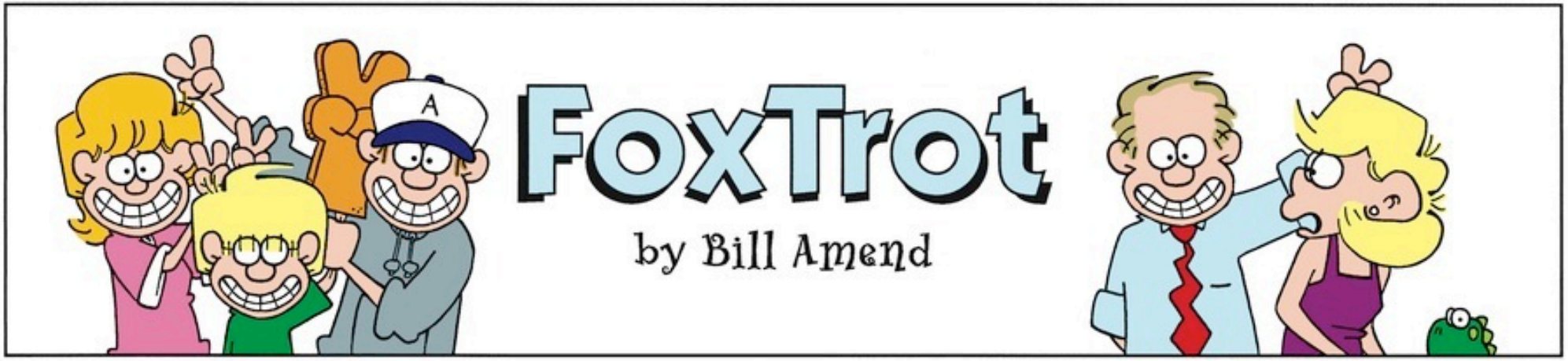

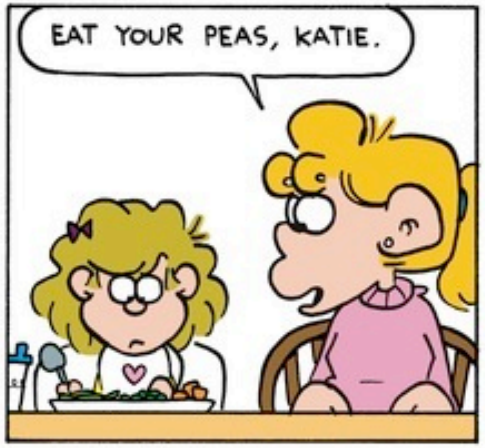

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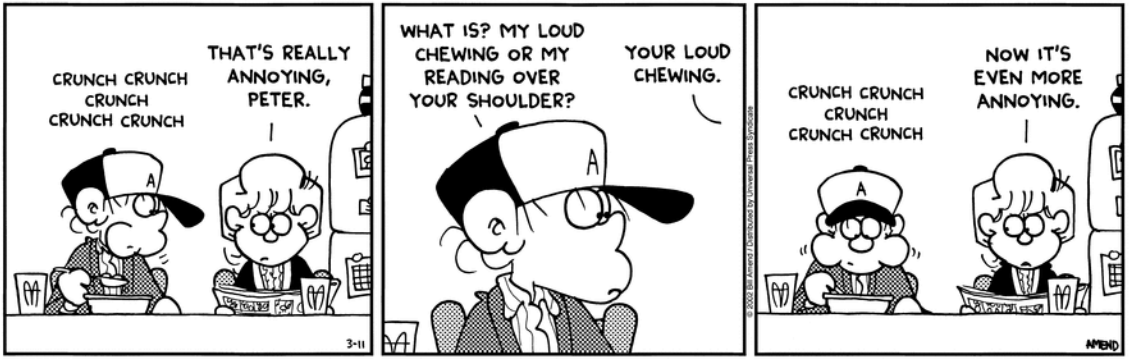
CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH
THAT'S REALLY ANNOYING, PETER.
3-11
WHAT IS? MY LOUD CHEWING OR MY READING OVER YOUR SHOULDER?
YOUR LOUD CHEWING.
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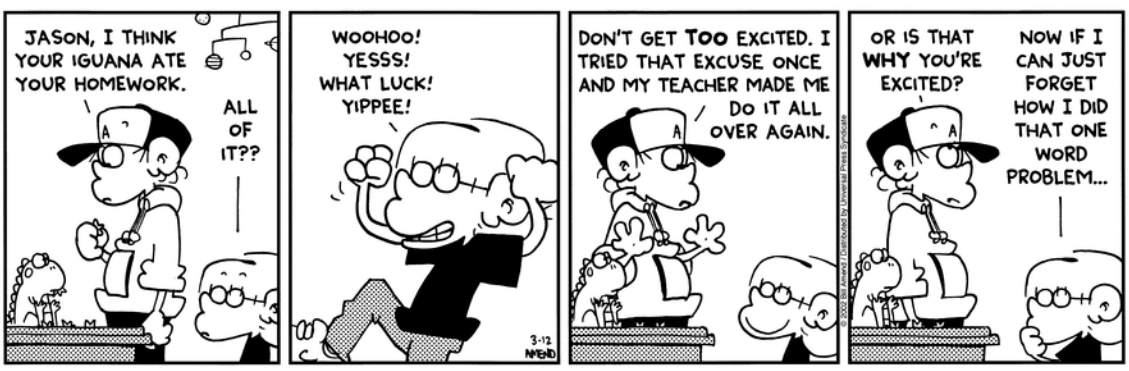
CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH
NOW IT'S EVEN MORE ANNOYING.
ANDREWS



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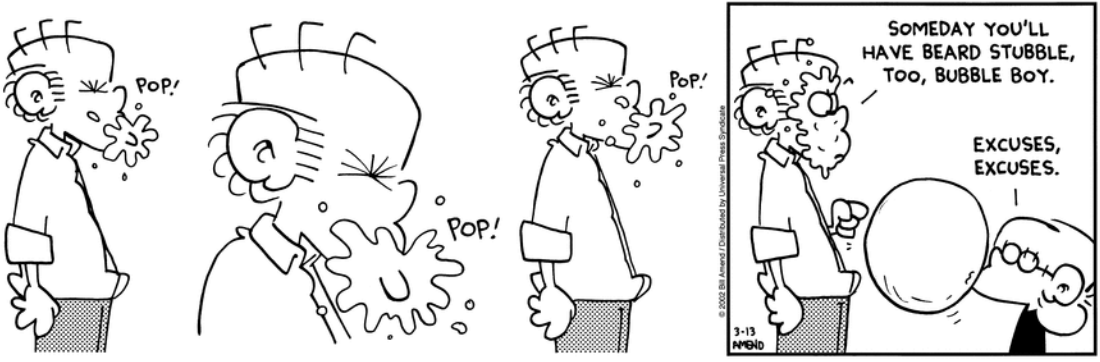
POP!
POP!
POP!
SOMEDAY YOU'LL HAVE BEARD STUBBLE, TOO, BUBBLE BOY.
EXCUSES, EXCUSES.
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3-13
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KISS YOUR FLESH-EATING ALIEN ARMY GOODBYE.
A
KISS YOUR ACID-SPEWING ALIEN TANK BATTALION GOODBYE.
3-14
MYERS
KISS EVERY ONE OF YOUR MIGHTY DEMON WARRIORS GOODBYE.
A
DREAM ON! YOU HAVE NO WEAPONS!
THIS GAME IS RATED "M"?!
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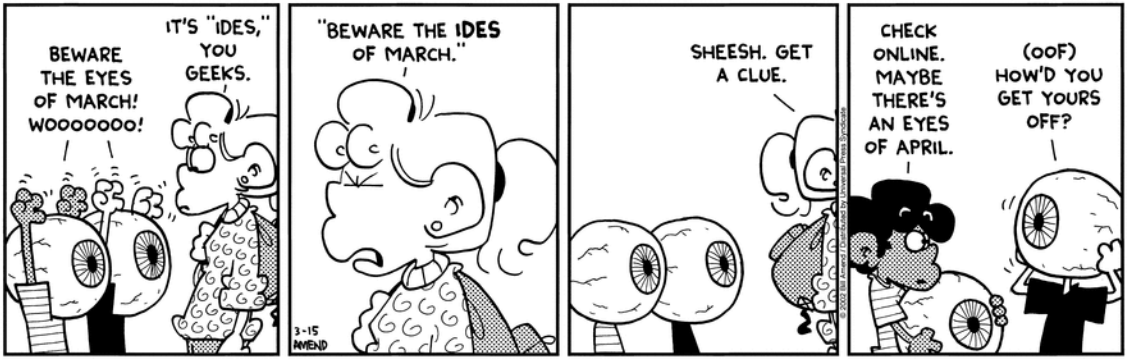
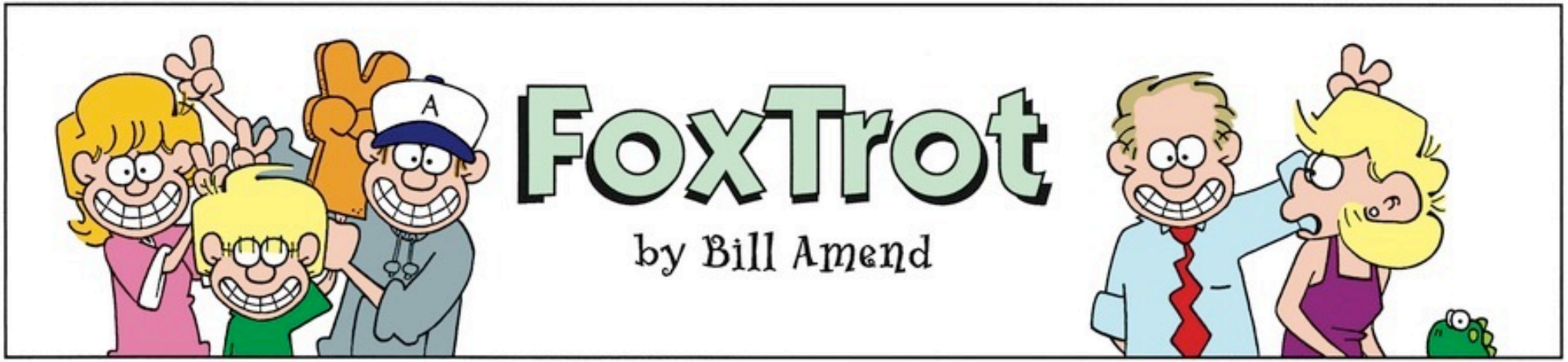

BEWARE THE EYES OF MARCH! WOOOOOOO!
IT'S "IDES," YOU GEEKS.
"BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH."
3-15 AMEND
SHEESH. GET A CLUE.
CHECK ONLINE. MAYBE THERE'S AN EYES OF APRIL.
(OOF) HOW'D YOU GET YOURS OFF?

Jason keep out!
Jason do not enter!!!
Jason go away!!!!
AND I THOUGHT IT WAS ANNOYING WHEN PAIGE HUNG THESE THINGS ON HER BEDROOM DOOR.
I'LL BET THE ONES AROUND BACK.



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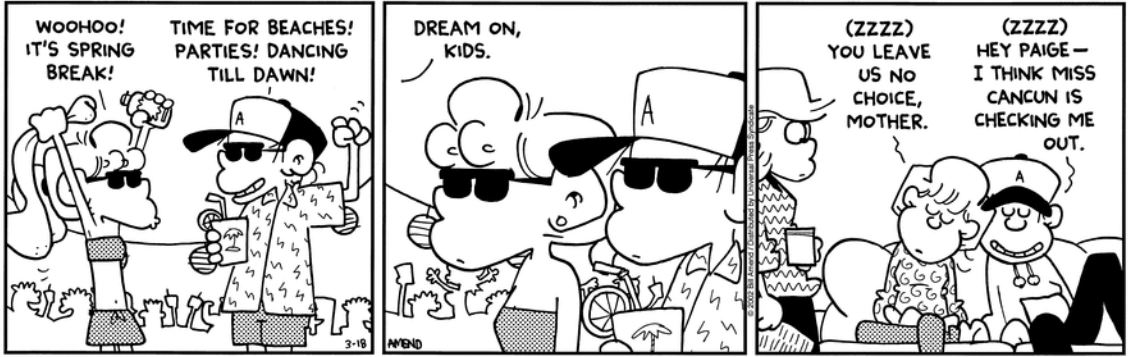

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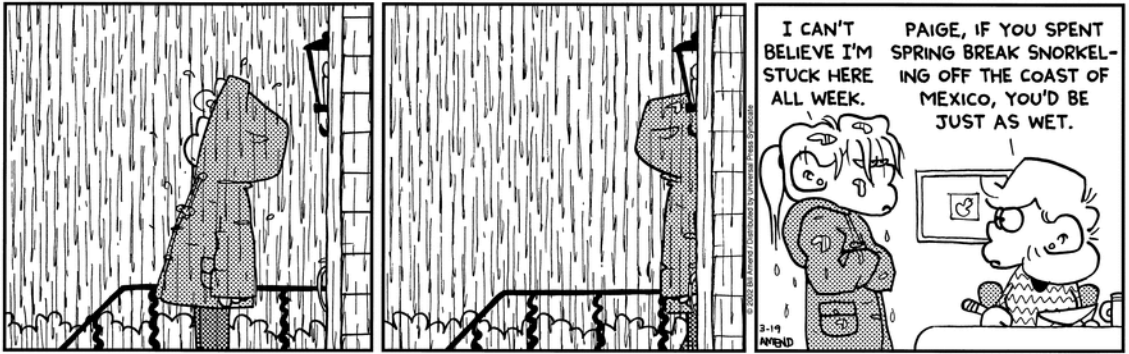
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M STUCK HERE ALL WEEK.
PAIGE, IF YOU SPENT SPRING BREAK SNORKELING OFF THE COAST OF MEXICO, YOU'D BE JUST AS WET.
3-19
ANYBAND

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SPENDING SPRING BREAK WITH NOTHING TO DO.
NOTHING? DON'T BE SILLY.
YOU COULD CLEAN YOUR ROOM... YOU COULD GET A JUMP ON YOUR HOMEWORK... YOU COULD HELP ME WITH THE LAUNDRY...
3-20
AMEND
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SPENDING SPRING BREAK WITH PRACTICALLY NOTHING TO DO.
IN FACT, I PUT TOGETHER A LIST...
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IT'S NOT FAIR, MOTHER! THIS ISN'T RIGHT!
3-21
EVERYONE GOES SOMEPLACE WARM AND FUN FOR SPRING BREAK!
PAIGE, IF EVERYONE JUMPED OFF A CLIFF, WOULD YOU DO THAT, TOO?
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COULD YOU KEEP IT DOWN? MY D&D CLUB IS HAVING ITS MEETING.
V.P. OF +2 SPELLS
IT'D BEAT STAYING HERE.
WELL, SURE, SOMETIMES...
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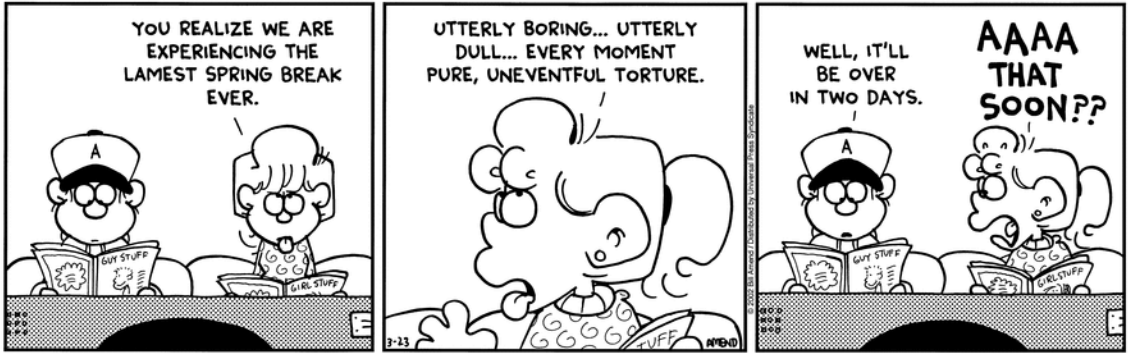
YOU REALIZE WE ARE EXPERIENCING THE LAMEST SPRING BREAK EVER.
A
GUY STUFF
GIRL STUFF
UTTERLY BORING... UTTERLY DULL... EVERY MOMENT PURE, UNEVENTFUL TORTURE.
3-23
AMEND
WELL, IT'LL BE OVER IN TWO DAYS.
AAAA THAT SOON??
A
GUY STUFF
GIRL STUFF
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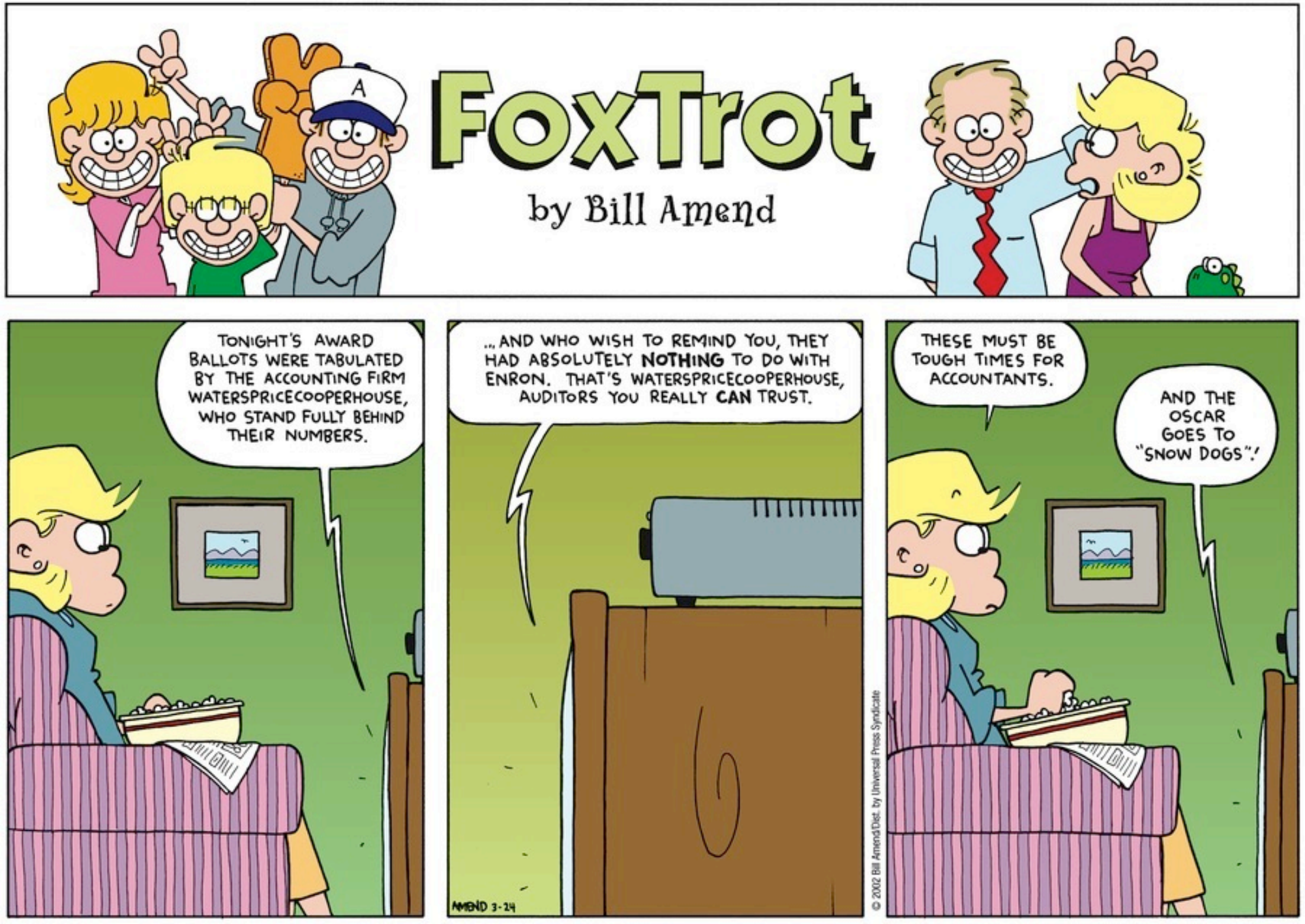
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TONIGHT'S AWARD BALLOTS WERE TABULATED BY THE ACCOUNTING FIRM WATERSPRICECOOPERHOUSE, WHO STAND FULLY BEHIND THEIR NUMBERS.
...AND WHO WISH TO REMIND YOU, THEY HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH ENRON. THAT'S WATERSPRICECOOPERHOUSE, AUDITORS YOU REALLY CAN TRUST.
AMEND 3-24
THESE MUST BE TOUGH TIMES FOR ACCOUNTANTS.
AND THE OSCAR GOES TO "SNOW DOGS".!
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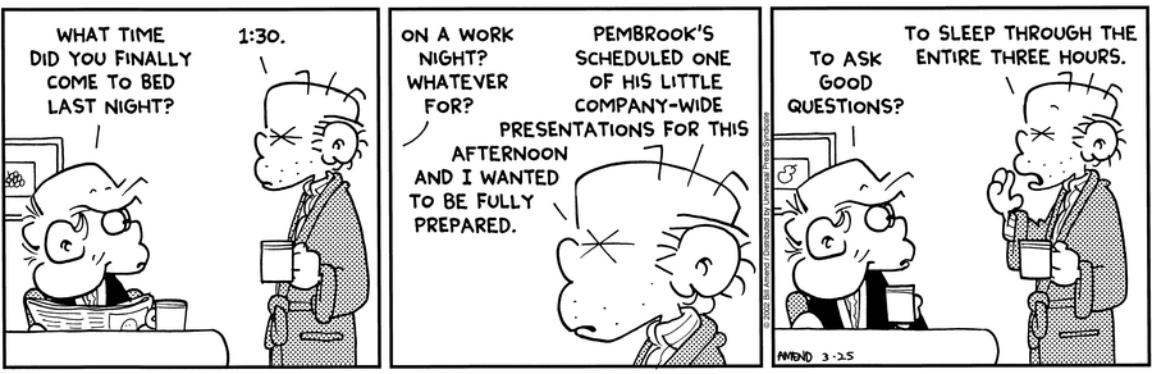
WHAT TIME DID YOU FINALLY COME TO BED LAST NIGHT?
1:30.
ON A WORK NIGHT? WHATEVER FOR?
PEMBROOK'S SCHEDULED ONE OF HIS LITTLE COMPANY-WIDE PRESENTATIONS FOR THIS AFTERNOON AND I WANTED TO BE FULLY PREPARED.
TO ASK GOOD QUESTIONS?
TO SLEEP THROUGH THE ENTIRE THREE HOURS.
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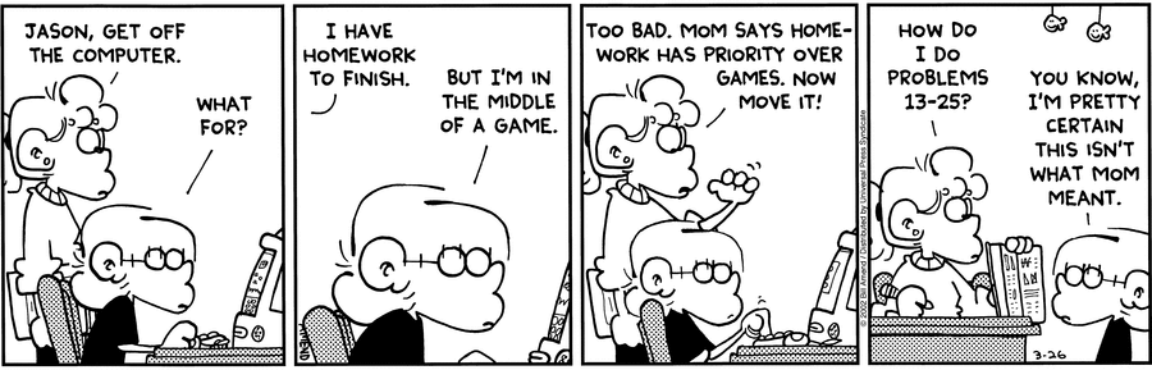
AMEND 3-25


JASON, GET OFF THE COMPUTER.
WHAT FOR?
I HAVE HOMEWORK TO FINISH.
BUT I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME.
TOO BAD. MOM SAYS HOMEWORK HAS PRIORITY OVER GAMES. NOW MOVE IT!
HOW DO I DO PROBLEMS 13-25?
YOU KNOW, I'M PRETTY CERTAIN THIS ISN'T WHAT MOM MEANT.
3-26